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**A gradual anomaly in citizenship: In particular reference to non-citizens/refugees in India**

**Abstract**

After India's independence (1947), the fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens and non-citizens about citizenship were described in detail in the Indian Constitution and Citizenship Act, 1955. At the commencement of the Constitution, India's citizenship policy was more inclusive for citizens and non-citizens, but the policy was seen moving towards less inclusive over the years. The article will diffusely describe these changes "from more inclusive to less inclusive" for immigrants and refugees. The article argued that India's citizenship policy regarding immigrants/refugees has been becoming less inclusive and, to some extent, exclusionary over the years.

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