

Abolition of titles [article 18]

- **Article 18(1)** prohibits the state to confer any title except military or academic distinction.
- **Article 18 (2)** to provide that no cry citizen of India shall accept any title from any foreign state.
- **Article 18 (3)** provides that non citizens holding any office of profit or trust under state shall not accept any title from any foreign state except with the consent of president.

- **Article 18(4)** provides that no person holding any office of profit or trust under the state shall, without the consent of the president, accept any present emolument, for office or any kind from or under any foreign office.
- In **Balaji Raghavan vs. Union of India 1996** Supreme Court held that 'national awards' would not amount to title within article 18. The court also held that national awards shall not be used as suffixes and prefixes.