

Fundamental Duties

It shall be the duty of every citizen of India, -

- ★ to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
- ★ to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
- ★ to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
- ★ to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
- ★ to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practice derogatory to the dignity of women;
- ★ to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
- ★ to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures;
- ★ to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
- ★ to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
- ★ to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity, so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.