

CELEBRATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY - 26TH NOVEMBER 2020



CONSTITUTIONAL AWARENESS AWARENESS ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES	
Introduction When the Constitution was adopted in the year 1949, there were no provisions regarding Fundamental Duties to the Citizens though there was a Part III for Fundamental Rights. The Fundamental Duties of citizens were added to the Constitution by the 42nd Amendment in 1976, upon the recommendations of the Swaran Singh Committee that was constituted by the Government. By way of the 42nd Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1976, a new Chapter IV-A which consists of only one Article i.e. 51-A was added which dealt with a Code of Ten Fundamental Duties for citizens. Fundamental duties are intended to serve as a constant reminder to every citizen that while the Constitution specifically conferred on them certain Fundamental Rights, it also requires citizens to observe certain basic norms of democratic conduct and democratic behavior because rights and duties are co-relative. Originally ten fundamental duties were listed. Later on, by virtue of 86th Constitution Amendment, in the year 2002, 11th duty was added.	
PART IV A	
Article	Fundamental Duties
51A	It shall be the duty of every citizen of India: a To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem; b To cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom; c To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India; d To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so; e 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 practices derogatory to the dignity of women; f To value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture; g To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures; h To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform; i To safeguard public property and to abjure violence; j To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavor and achievement; k Who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years.
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