

Fundamental Duties

The Fundamental Duties are eleven in number, incorporated in Art. 51A [Part IVA], which has been incorporated by the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976.

Under this Article, it is the duty of every citizen of India :

1. to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
2. to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our National Struggle for freedom;
3. to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
4. to defend the country;
5. to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India;
6. to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
7. to protect and improve the natural environment;
8. to develop the scientific temper and spirit of inquiry;
9. to safeguard public property;
10. to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity.
11. to provide opportunities for education to his child or ward as the case may be between the age of six and fourteen years.

Note : The 11th Fundamental Duty was added by the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002.

There is no provision in the Constitution for direct enforcement of any of the Fundamental Duties nor for any sanction to prevent their violation.