

# Fundamental Duties of Indian Citizens

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 practices 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 wildlife 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