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Meaning of Fundamental Duties

- They are Moral obligations of all Citizens to help promote a spirit of patriotism and to uphold the unity of India.
- Every Right has a corresponding Duty
- They are two sides of the same coin.
- Duty for one is Right for another.

Origin of Fundamental Duties

- ❖ Part IVA Article 51A
- ❖ From USSR Constitution
- ❖ 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act 1976
- ❖ Recommended by Swaran Singh Committee
- ❖ Fundamental duties are non-Justifiable

Features of Fundamental Duties

1. Some of them are moral duties while others are civic duties.

For instance cherishing noble ideals of freedom struggle is a moral precept and respecting the Constitution, National flag and National Anthem is a civic duty.

2. They refer to such values which have been a part of the Indian tradition, mythology ,religions and practices

3. Fundamental Duties are confined to citizens only and do not extend to foreigners.

4. Like the Directive Principles ,the Fundamental duties are also non-justiciable.

Conclusion

Fundamental duties are a constant reminder to us of the national goals as well as the basic norms of political order. They inspire us to inculcate in ourselves a sense of social responsibility.