

Fundamental Rights and Duties

It is not enough to merely love India. Every child must remember that great men and women have made sacrifices for this country. There is no more patriotic act than to protect a nation's soils, water and air. The tiger, our national animal, is a symbol for nature.

AIM: To encourage children to relate the protection of nature with patriotism. To convey that nature must be above self.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce children to the Ten Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution. To specifically point out PART IV A 45 [51A]: Fundamental Duties - (g) *to protect and improve the natural*



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INTRO: Talk about India's freedom movement. Lead into the celebration of our natural heritage and diversity embodied by the National Anthem.

CONTENT: Ten Fundamental Duties. It shall be 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 and render national service when called upon to do so;
5. 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;
6. to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture;
7. to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures;
8. to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
9. to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
10. 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.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM: *Jana-gana-mana-adhinayaka, jaya he/harata-bhagya-vidhata. /Punjab-Sindhu-Gujarat-Maratha, Dravida-Utkala-Banga/Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga Uchchala-Jaladhi-taranga./Tava shubha name jage, Tava shubha asisa mage, /Gahe tava jaya gatha, /Jana-gana-mangala-dayaka jaya he Bharata-bhagya-vidhata./Jaya he, jaya he, jaya he, Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he.*

Rabindranath Tagore's English translation of the national anthem:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people, dispenser of India's destiny. Thy name rouses the hearts of Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha, of the Dravida and Orissa and Bengal; It echoes in the hills of the Vindhya and Himalayas, mingles in the music of the Jamuna and Ganges and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea. They pray for thy blessings and sing thy praise. The saving of all people waits in thy hand, thou dispenser of India's destiny. Victory, victory, victory to thee.

METHODOLOGY:




-  The tiger is our national animal. It represents the spirit of India. Protecting the tiger and its forests is our duty.
-  Fundamental rights, come with responsibilities.
-  By saving the tiger we also save our natural resources, water sources, cultures and thus ourselves.
-  Thus saving the tiger is a patriotic duty and is in our national interest.

AIDS: Poster of a tiger, tiger art works undertaken by students.

BLACKBOARD: ○ Ask a child to write out Section 45 [51A]: Fundamental Duties - (g) *to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures*. ○ Ask a child to write out the National Anthem with the translation.

EVALUATION: Random questions to concretise the association between the letter, the concept of fundamental duties... all related to saving the tiger.

ACTIVITIES:

-  Visit the website <http://alfa.nic.in/const/const.html> and make a poster for the class about fundamental duties, with a focus on protecting nature.
-  Discuss the National Anthem. Does it celebrate water and earth? Ask children to consider for a moment that the "Thou" in the first line of the anthem is "Nature". Does the anthem then take on new meaning?
-  Write an essay on: a) A clean environment: a fundamental right. b) Saving the Tiger: a fundamental duty.