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**Constitution of India Art 51A - Fundamental duties**

**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 endeavour 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.**

SYNOPSIS

The object of enacting Article 51-A(g) is to ensure that the spirit and message of Articles 48 and 48-A are honoured as a fundamental duty of every citizen, State of Gujarat v. Mirzapur Moti Kureshi Kassab Jamat, (2005) 8 SCC 534.