



THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

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**WE ARE
RESPONSIBLE
CITIZENS
OF INDIA**

#BSGResponsibleCitizens

1. Uniqueness of Indian constitution

Create awareness by spreading the below information

1. Indian Constitution is one of the longest constitutions in the world.
2. Indian Constitution is the only constitution that was handwritten in two languages, English and Hindi by Prem Behari Narain Raizada.
3. Dr. BR Ambedkar is known as the father of the Indian Constitution.
4. The constitution of India declared the country as a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic.
5. Constitution of India assures its citizen of justice, equality, liberty and helps in promoting fraternity without any discrimination based on caste, creed, religion, gender or place of birth.
6. It took nearly 2 years 11 months and 18 days to finish the constitution of India.
7. The concept of the five-year plan was borrowed by the constitution of the USA and the concept of an independent judiciary was taken from the constitution of Japan.
8. The national constitution day is celebrated on the 26th of November every year.
9. The Constitution of India was officially adopted and came into force on 26 January 1950, which is also known as the Republic Day of India.
10. The English version of the Constitution has 117369 words, 444 articles, 22 parts, 12 schedules and 104 amendments.

Activity: Discuss. What are the last 5 amendments made to the Constitution.

2. Citizenship

What does citizenship mean ?

A citizen is a person who is a legally recognized member of a country or region. All of you are, for example, citizens of India.

How do citizens participate?

- In a democracy, citizens usually participate by voting in elections to elect leaders to represent them.
- Some citizens may also decide to stand for elections and become a representative in order to take decisions on behalf of other citizens.
- In addition, citizens also participate by taking part in debates and discussions and in the decision-making process. This involves even criticising the government when required.
- If you are a citizen of a country, you are entitled to several rights within that country. At the same time, you are also required to fulfill several duties. Let's understand this in more detail.

Rights and duties-

- Rights are essential for protecting citizens against the arbitrary exercise of power by the government.
- Most Constitutions of democratic countries guarantee their citizens a set of these essential, or fundamental, rights. The Indian Constitution too guarantees all Indians a set of Fundamental Rights.
- In addition to rights, citizens also have certain duties. A duty is something that someone is expected to do. Rights only have meaning if citizens do their duties and help in running the country better.

Activity : Join U reporter and become responsible citizens of India, refer two or more friends. Follow circular No 147 for more details.

Steps to register as a Ureporter:

Step 1: Choose the social media platform	WhatsApp: Save number +91 9650 414141 as U-Report India on your phone. Go to WhatsApp, Type 'BSG' and Send. OR Facebook Messenger: Search for UReport India in Messenger. Type 'BSG' and Send.
Step 2: Register as Ureporter	Answer simple questions about yourself and get registered as a U-Reporter. You will get a U-Reporter ID.
Step 3: Participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send a 'BSG' message every Friday to check for new content and participate in latest quiz, poll or survey.• Check out the survey / quiz / poll results on https://india.ureport.in/
Step 4: Collect U-Points & Win	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer your friends with your U- reporter ID.• Collect U-Points each time you refer a friend to sign-up as Ureporter.



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3. Fundamental Rights

Introduce students to the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution and help internalize their meaning through an activity.

The Indian Constitution guarantees all Indian citizens six broad Fundamental Rights.

These rights are:



1. Right to Equality
2. Right to Freedom
3. Right against Exploitation
4. Right to Freedom of Religion
5. Cultural and Educational Rights
6. Right to Constitutional Remedies

It is also important to understand the following terms

Discrimination: treating a person or particular group of people differently, especially in a bad way, because of their skin colour, gender, religion, language, etc.

Untouchability: a form of discrimination where some people are kept at a distance from others and are denied equality because they are considered to be impure and dirty.

Exploitation: treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work.

Human trafficking: buying and selling of human beings, usually by using force.

Activity: Conduct a slogan competition and post on your twitter handle

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4. Understanding your Duties

This section talks about the importance of citizens fulfilling their duties. It aims to emphasize that rights and duties are two sides of the same coin.

Divide into groups and ask each group to have a group discussion over the duty written on their card and think of reasons why that duty is important?

The cards read as below:

1. Voting in all elections when eligible.
2. Engaging constructively with the local government officials, both elected and administrative, in addressing civic issues.
3. Segregating waste, not littering.
4. Respecting and obeying traffic rules.
5. Conserving resources such as water, power in order to conserve and nurture the environment.
6. Being responsible in consumption habits, again to conserve the environment.

De-brief

Ask each group to share their thoughts with the broader class.

Conclude by saying that a responsible and active citizen is someone who properly fulfills their civic duties/ responsibilities.

They are actively involved in the community and work for the betterment of their fellow citizens.

Activity: Make poster and display on your instagram page with

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5. Active Citizenship Pledge

**Read the Active Citizenship Pledge together in uniform
*I, take the Active Citizenship Pledge.***

I am a citizen of India and of the city I live in. I believe in democracy and the rule of law. I care deeply about my rights and duties, both to the Government and to all my fellow citizens.

I pledge,

- To vote in all elections when I'm eligible
- To actively participate in civic matters in my neighbourhood
- To engage constructively with the Government and fellow citizens
- To care for and respect public spaces and in doing that:
 - To not litter
 - To dispose garbage responsibly
 - To follow traffic rules
 - To care for the environment and reduce wastage
 - To follow queues
- To never pay bribes and to pay any taxes that are due, to know and follow all other civic duties and obey the rule of law.

I pledge to be the change I want to see, in my neighbourhood, my city and my country.

Activity: Make a video of your pledge and post it on your twitter and instagram handle and #BSGResponsibleCitizens

6. Recapitulate

Read out the situation in the left column and ask students about the right or duty that is being violated

Which Fundamental Right is being violated?

S. No	Situation	Right that is violated
1	Girl students are asked to sit inside the class and study, while boy students are allowed to go outside and play	Right to equality
2	A group of people are not given permission to open a Telugu-medium school in Kerala.	Cultural and educational rights
3	A political party is not given permission to hold a public meeting to criticise the government.	Right to freedom
4	A ten-year old is cleaning tables in a restaurant.	Right against exploitation
5	The government bans a religion	Right to freedom of religion

Which Duty is being violated?

S. No	Situation	Right that is violated
1	The percentage of voting turnout in an election was 66%.	Not all eligible voters have voted! It is our duty to vote in all elections.
2	A person on a bike was injured when he met with an accident driving at a speed of 120 kmph in the city limits	The person was violating traffic rules. Following traffic rules is important for our own safety and that of others.
3	The park was littered heavily after a political rally	Attendees did not throw rubbish in dustbins. Respecting public spaces is an important duty.
4	800 trees were to be cut for the construction of a flyover	Taking care of our environment is a civic duty. Before any such actions are taken, efforts must be made to assess if this is unavoidable.
5	India produces 1,00,000 metric tons of waste per day.	Reducing wastage as much as possible should be a goal. We should be responsible in our consumption habits.
6	Leakage in sewage lines on the main road was filling up the road	Members of the community failed to engage with government officials to fix the problem. Constructive engagement is an important

Activity : Conduct a debate in the group and highlight the outcome on all of your social media handle with **#BSGResponsibleCitizens**

7. Create a Citizenship Book

Work in groups and have students create a Citizenship Book. Get them to collect newspapers, magazine articles, or pictures throughout the month that show good citizenship.

Activity: Post pictures on all the social media handle with **#BSGResponsibleCitizens** with you abiding to the scout / guide law and portraying as responsible citizens

Let us all join hands and celebrate the month of November with various activities and competitions on the constitution. Such as mock parliament's essay writing, drawing, painting, talks, discussions and seminars to be organized at all the levels of the organization.

Report to your unit leader with pictures and what you have learned in the format provided.

Tag your photos and video with the activities on at

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