

Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties

Chapter 19: Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties · Topic 1

Key Concept

Directive Principles of State Policy are guidelines for the government to create laws promoting social and economic welfare, though not legally enforceable.

Examples include promoting equal pay for equal work, protecting the environment, and ensuring free and compulsory education for children.

Fundamental Duties, added later to the Constitution, outline responsibilities like respecting the Constitution, protecting the environment, and promoting harmony.

Together, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties complement Fundamental Rights, balancing individual rights with social responsibility.

Quick Revision Notes

- Directive Principles: guidelines for government policy.
- Promote social, economic welfare.
- Not legally enforceable, but guide law-making.
- Examples: equal pay, environment protection, free education.
- Fundamental Duties: citizens' responsibilities.
- Added later to the Constitution.
- Examples: respect Constitution, protect environment, promote harmony.
- These balance rights with social responsibility.

Practice Questions

- 1 List two Directive Principles of State Policy.
- 2 List two Fundamental Duties of citizens.
- 3 Discuss why Directive Principles aren't legally enforceable.
- 4 Discuss a Fundamental Duty you practice.
- 5 Research when Fundamental Duties were added.
- 6 Explain how these concepts complement Fundamental Rights.