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CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS

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Hajjabba

Established a panchayath school at Newpadappa village near Mangalore and provides opportunity for thousands of children to pursue studies. He is an illiterate street vendor selling oranges. Hajjabba is an exemplary personality who tries to provide education get to the whole society which he could not.



Kallen Pokkudan

Kallen Pokkudan, born at Pazhayangadi village in Kannur district, was a famous environmentalist. Pokkudan, who had his schooling only up to second standard, devoted his life to the protection of mangroves. Pokkudan, who planted thousands of mangroves became an excellent model in creating environmental awareness.

What is a civic Consciousness?

-Civic consciousness is the recognition that each citizen is for the society and the genuine interests of the society are the interests of the citizen.

- Those who have civic consciousness will always be ready to work for the society.

-The basis of civic consciousness is the recognition that if the activities of each individual are for the well being of the society, social problems can be solved.

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Summer heat intense :Acute shortage of drinking water.

City under pollution threat : possibility for epidemics.

Poison in vegetables : Food security department for vigorous steps

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How can civic consciousness help to solve problems faced by the public? Provide examples.

-Citizen consciousness helps to nurture and maintain a sense of community.

-Civic-minded individuals are characterized by common sense, fundamental sense, selflessness, service readiness, compassion, natural love, purpose and sincerity.

-Therefore, civic-minded individuals are working honestly against the problems of the public, such as water shortages, environmental pollution and corruption.

Problems	What can we do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water scarcity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective utilisation of water••
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Garbage treatment at source••
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shifting the residence in safe zone••
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness against corruption••

Factors determining civic consciousness

- Family
- Associations
- Education
- Political system
- Social system

Explain the role of the family in the promotion of civic consciousness.

- We learn to respect the elders and to engage in social service from the primary social institution of family.**
- Family has an important role in fostering and maintaining sense of responsibility among its members.**
- Inspiration and encouragement from the family will develop civic Consciousness.**
- The concept that each individual is for the family and the family is for the society should be developed in the family atmosphere.**

Explain the role of the Education in the promotion of civic consciousness.

- The primary aim of education is to equip the individual to effectively utilise the knowledge gained through the learning of different subjects for the betterment of society.**
- Education will help to develop value consciousness, tolerance, leadership qualities, scientific temper, etc.**
- Through education, science and technology can be effectively utilised in a useful manner to the society.**
- Through value- oriented educational approach we can instill civic consciousness among the people.**
- Government formulates educational policies with this aim.**

Role of the Associations in the promotion of civic consciousness.

-There are several political, social, economic and cultural associations in our society.

-Such associations many a time equip the individuals to work voluntarily with a service mind.

-Several voluntary associations are working in the fields of protection of environment, protection of human rights, charity, etc.

-These associations can create awareness among individuals about environment and human rights.

Role of the Media in the promotion of civic consciousness.

-Media plays an important role in the formulation of civic consciousness.

-Print and electronic media influences the society tremendously.

-News and information reach the masses through the media.

-Judicious and objective information lead to the formulation of creative ideas.

-Media should be independent and impartial. -The information from the media should be evaluated critically.

Explain the role of the Democratic system in the promotion of civic consciousness.

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-It is a way of life more than a form of government.

-All our activities should have a democratic approach.

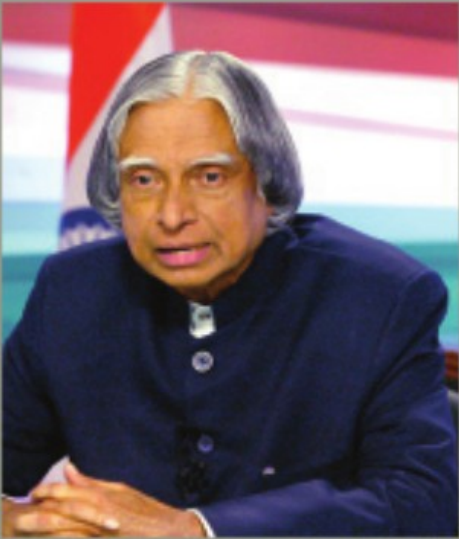
-Living in co-operation is essential for a democratic society.

-Giving back the co-operation and support received from others is a great sign of democratic consciousness.

-Democracy prompts individuals to think about fellow beings and to work for the protection of their freedom, equality and rights.

-Democracy believes in the rule of law which mean all are subject to law in a democracy.

Familiarisation of Role Models



*A.P.J. Abdul
Kalam*



Mother Theresa



Mayilamma



Dasaradh Manchi

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List out the activities that can be undertaken in schools for developing civic consciousness.

- Organic farming,**
- Traffic Awareness,**
- Anti-drug activities,**
- Benevolent activities,**
- Relief efforts.**

Civic Consciousness and Morality?

What role does morality play in promoting civic consciousness?

-Morality means the ability to recognize virtues from vices, accept virtues and to perform duties with utmost responsibility.

-It is the moral responsibility of each individual to perform the duty towards the society and the state.

-Morality helps civic consciousness, whereas immorality destroys it.

-Creation of moral consciousness in all walks of life is the most effective way to foster civic consciousness.

-Civic consciousness is a creative state of mind.

Gandhiji's view on Morality



- Politics without principles
 - Wealth without work
 - Science without humanity
 - Commerce without morality
 - Education without character
 - Worship without sacrifice
 - Pleasure without conscience.
- All these things are extremely dangerous

Gandhiji

Certain activities with civic consciousness and without civic consciousness are given below. Put a tick mark (✓) against the statements which reflect civic consciousness and a cross mark (✗) against the statements without civic consciousness.



Statement	Civic Consciousness	Absence of civic consciousness
• Obey traffic rules even if you are busy.		
• There is nothing wrong in disposing garbage in public places.		
• It is my duty to protect historical monuments.		
• It is my duty to protect nature.		
• Don't complain against injustice.		
• Corruption is permissible during crucial situations.		
• Respect and protect aged people.		



We can also undertake certain activities

The student community with civic consciousness can undertake many ideal activities. Some of them are given. Find out more activities.

- Giving consent letter for organ donation
- Blood donation
- Participation in the activities of SPC, NCC, Scouts and Guides, clubs, etc.
- Keep public places clean.
- Give first aid to victims of accidents.
- Help the differently abled and the aged.
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What are the main challenge faced by civic consciousness

-The main challenge faced by civic consciousness is the mindset to do anything for the sake of one's own personal interest, by negating public interest.

How can we overcome the challenges faced by civic consciousness

- Each one should evaluate his activities critically.
- Should work for one's interest without going against public interest.
- Be the change which you expect from others.
- Equal weight should be given to both rights and duties.
- Individuals should act democratically and tolerably.

How social science learning help in the formation of civic consciousness.

- Equips the individuals to respect diversity and to behave with tolerance.**
- Helps to understand the different contexts of political, social, economic and environmental problems.**
- Equips the individual to suggest comprehensive solutions to different problems.**

-Disseminate the message of peace and co-operation to the society.

-Makes the individual civic conscious and action oriented by familiarising the ideal models and activities of civic consciousness.

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