

Subject:- History and Civics

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Chapter 3 Salient Features of the Constitution II

Good Morning Students!

This lesson is of Class IX for the subject of History and Civics Chapter 3 Salient Features of the Constitution II starting on Page No. 136 of your textbook titled Total History & Civics ICSE 9 and is being submitted to you on

In this chapter we will study about the Directive Principles of State Policy. Given in Part IV of the Constitution, the Directive Principles are in the nature of directions or instructions or guidelines to be followed by the government in the governance of the country. These have been taken from the Constitution of Ireland. Apart from it, Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, Charter of Human Rights and most important the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi are the source of inspiration for the Directive Principles.

In the Directive Principles one finds a clearer statement of Socialist aims, Gandhian principles and the ideals of a welfare state. The Directive Principles are non-justiciable, meaning one cannot move to a court of law for their violations. It shall be duty of the State

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to apply these principles in making laws. Even the judiciary has to keep in mind in deciding cases. These principles are more important than the Fundamental Rights as the welfare of the people is important. We can judge about the government's performance if we are aware of these principles, as they are guidelines for the government.

Through it the concept of welfare state can be realized. They provide an element of permanence in a democracy as general elections are held every five years and new government is formed.

Concept of a Welfare State:- It is a state which seeks to provide maximum happiness to maximum number of people living within its territory. Thus it refers to a state which assumes broad responsibilities in the field of health, education, housing and social security. The Directive Principles lay down the foundation on which the Welfare State is sought to be built in India.

We may briefly discuss here some of the Directive Principles.

Gandhian Principles.

1. Promote interest of weaker sections of people
 2. Preventing the consumption of liquor.
 3. Organizing village panchayats.
- Principles which promote economic equality

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are :-

1. Provide adequate means of livelihood.
2. Fair distribution of wealth.
3. Protection of women and children against exploitation

Let us take a short break. You are requested to kindly pause for 3-4 minutes after reading carefully the questions and write the answers in your notebooks.

1. Which Part of the Constitution lays down the Directive Principles of State Policy?
2. Write one characteristic of the Directive Principles.
3. What is a welfare state?

Answers.

1. Part IV
2. Non-justiciable.
3. A state that seeks to provide maximum happiness to maximum number of people.

Let us study about some steps taken by the Union and the State Governments towards the realisation of the goals of a welfare state.

1. Several Land Reform Acts were enacted to provide ownership rights to the poor farmers.
2. The Equal Remuneration Act, 1946 provides for equal pay for both men and women for the work of similar nature.
3. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment

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Guarantee Act, 2005 provide 100 days of employment in a year to each rural household in the country.

4. A social upliftment scheme, Jan Dhan Yojana, provides for opening of bank accounts for the poor.
5. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana provides for LPG connections, (five crore) to Below Poverty Line households.
6. Similarly Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana provides for financial assistance for the construction of pucca houses to the homeless.
7. Panchayati Raj System established in 1992.
8. The Right to Education Act provides for free and compulsory education for every child between the age of six to fourteen years.

So we can see that over the decades steps have been taken for implementation of Directive Principles and establishment of Welfare State.

Please give a reading to the chapter focussing on things covered in this lecture.

Home Assignment

1. Short Answer Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2. Structured Questions 1(a, c) ; 2(a, b, c)