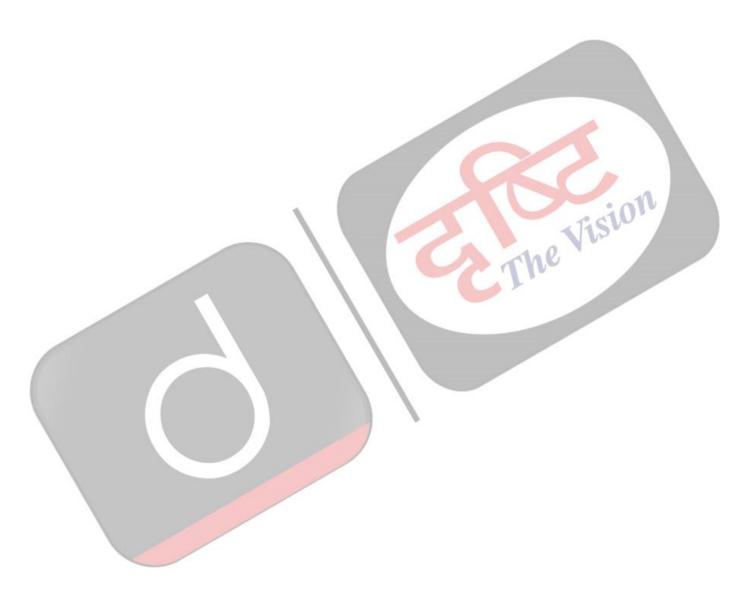


Foundational Values For Civil Service

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FOUNDATIONAL VALUES FOR CIVIL SERVICES

The foundational values for civil services represent the fundamental principles and ethics that guide the conduct and responsibilities of civil servants.

Integrity

- Integrity refers to the soundness of moral principles, uncorrupted character, uprightness, honesty and sincerity.
- Types:
 - Moral Integrity
 - Intellectual Integrity
 - Professional Integrity
- Example: Satyendra Dubey (IES officer) one of the first whistleblowers of India - exposed corruption in the Golden Quadrilateral Highway Construction Project.

■ Impartiality

- The quality of being fair, or not being biassed or partial towards anything or anyone and acting solely according to the merits of the case.
- Example: An officer should distribute funds based on the needs of the communities rather than showing bias towards their own interests.

■ Non-Partisanship

- Non-disposition towards any political party, i.e., to exhibit political neutrality.
- Example: T.N. Seshan, as Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) from 1990–96, brought changes to ensure non-partisanship in the election process.

Objectivity

- Following facts rather than personal opinions to achieve equality.
- Example: When designing social welfare programs, the focus should be on the needs of the underprivileged populations, rather than favouring the wealthy/politically influential groups.

■ Tolerance

- Respect, acceptance and appreciation of the opinions, practices, race, religion etc. different from one's own.
- Example: Ashoka's Dhamma (religious tolerance and discouraged religious persecution)

■ Dedication to Public Service

- Being committed, responsive, and putting the public interest first.
- Example: Ashok Khemka (IAS officer) known for his stance against corruption.

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Nolan Principles of Public Life

First set out by Lord Nolan in a report on Committee on Standards in Public Life in the UK (1995)
Outline the ethical standards those working in the public sector

Principles:

Selflessness Integrity Objectivity Accountability Openness Honesty Leadership

Read More: Sympathy, Empathy and Compassion