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A Good Citizen

LET'S FOCUS

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Let's Begin



Study the picture and answer the questions.

- What do you see in the picture?
- What would you do if you see your neighbour doing this?
- Why do we need to keep our surrounding clean?
- Narrate a similar situation that you witnessed in your neighbourhood.



Citizen

A citizen is a person who is a legal member of a particular country. Anybody born in a particular country can enjoy all the rights as a citizen of that country. The position or status of being a citizen of particular country is called citizenship.

A good citizen

A good citizen is one who:

- respects others.
- is helpful and considerate.
- thinks before speaking.
- works hard.
- is well behaved.
- is willing to learn.
- takes care of public property.
- respects the environment and does not cause any damage to it.

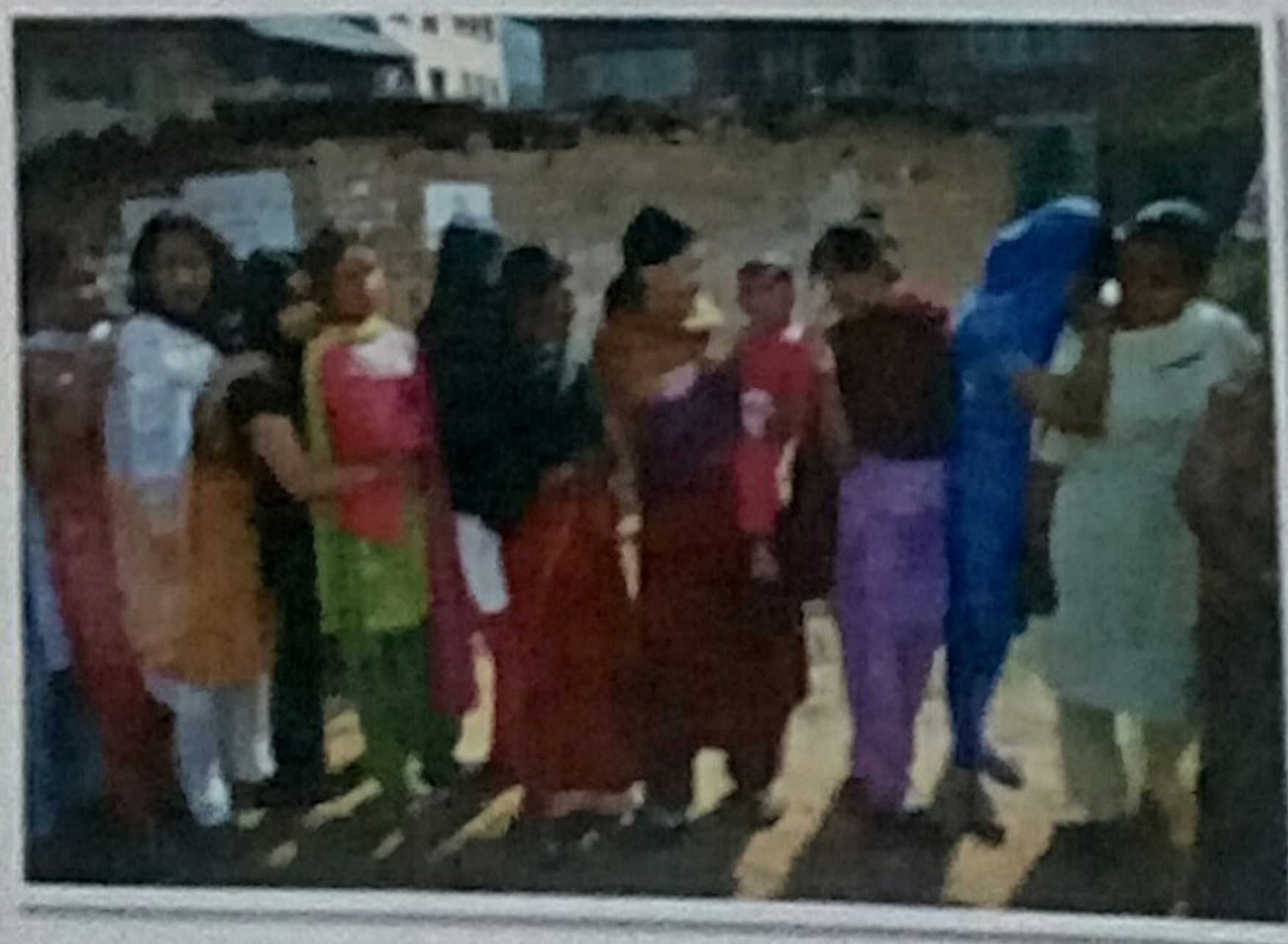
A good citizen contributes to the community and helps in the betterment of the fellow citizens. A good citizen always tries to make the community a better place. We can all become good citizens with a little thought and effort.

Fundamental Rights

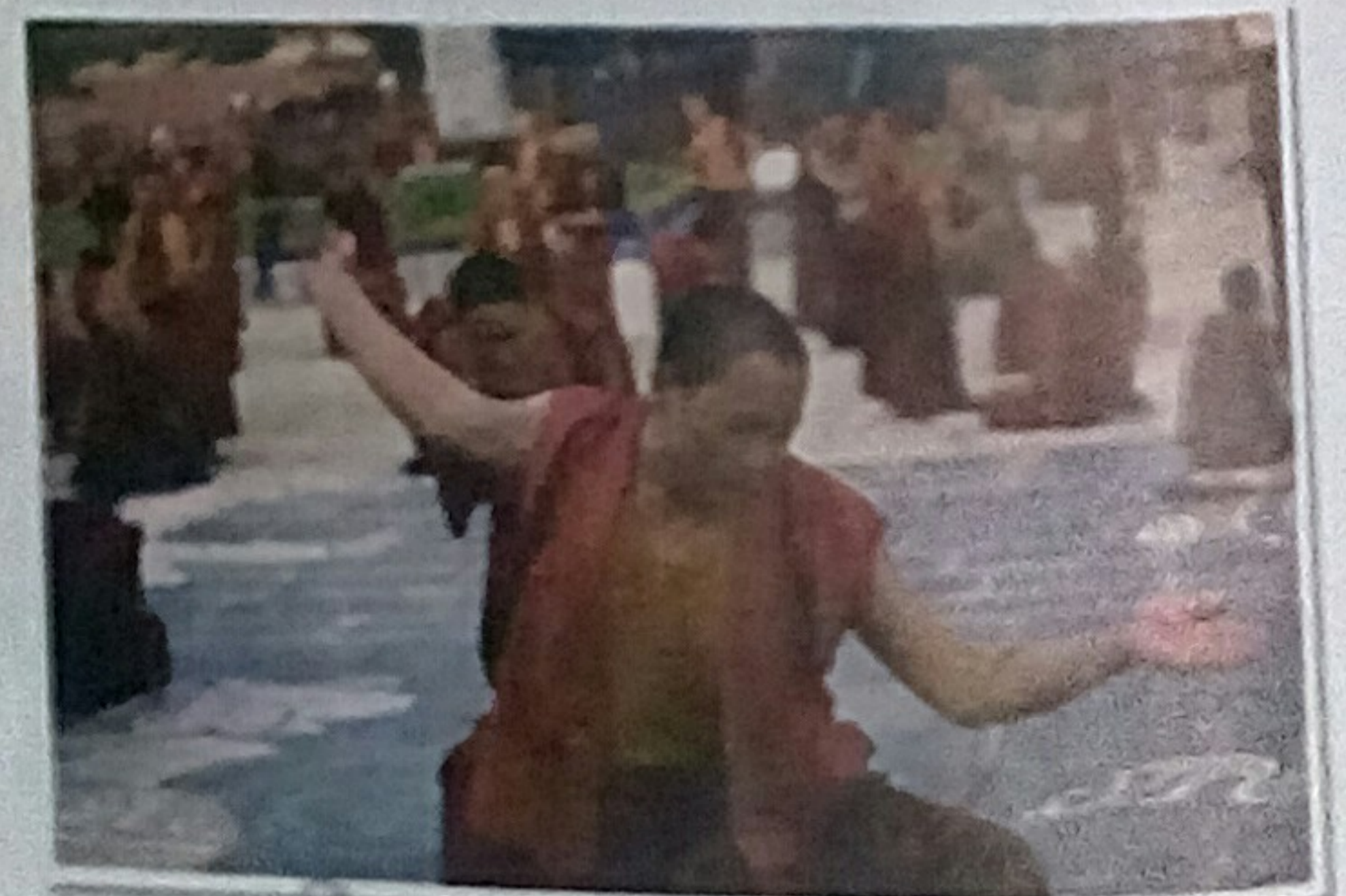
We are citizens of our country because we were born here. The **Constitution** of India provides some basic rights to all its citizens. They are called the Fundamental Rights.



2) ^{Smile & Fill up} Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the 'Father of the Indian Constitution'



▲ Women waiting for their turn to cast vote



3) ^{Try to fill} The Constitution of India guarantees the Fundamental Right to follow any religion

20 The six Fundamental Rights enjoyed by all Indians are:

- Right to equality
- Right to freedom
- Right against **exploitation**
- Right to freedom of religion
- Cultural and educational rights
- Right to constitutional remedies

Fundamental Duties

We have certain duties towards our nation and countrymen. Rights and duties are two sides of a coin. To enjoy our rights, we must ensure that we perform our duties well. For example, it is our duty to respect the national symbols. These are called Fundamental Duties. Let us read more about them.

Some Fundamental Duties are: *as follows*

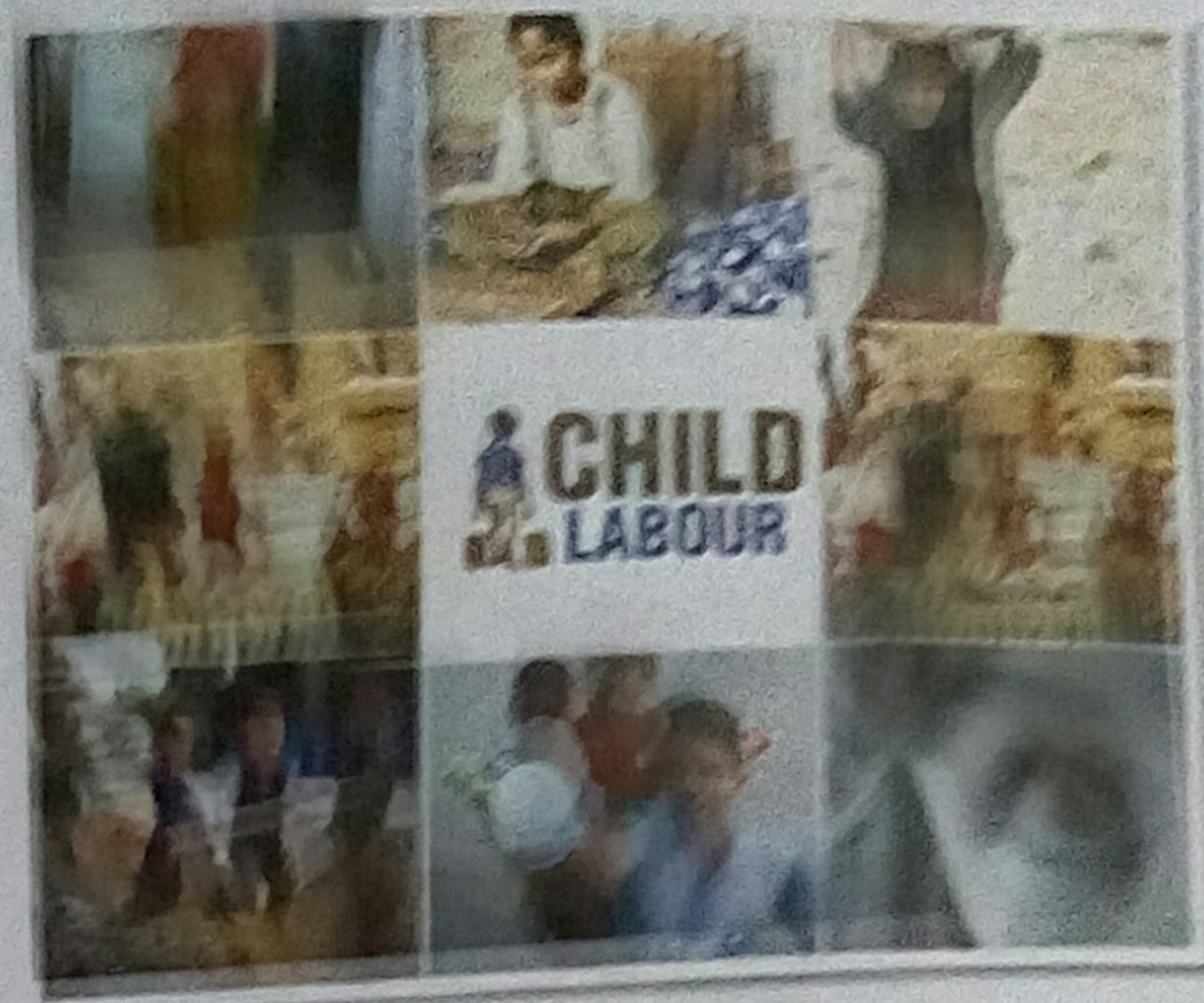
- to respect and follow the ideals of the Constitution.
- to respect the National Flag and National Anthem.
- to stand in attention position whenever the National Anthem is sung.
- to spread peace and **harmony** among all Indians.
- to preserve the forest, lakes, rivers and wildlife.

As good citizens we must fulfill the duties laid down by the Constitution.

Importance of being a good citizen and a good neighbour

Before being a good citizen, ^{Inside Fillup} it is very important to be a good neighbour. A good relationship with the neighbours makes a strong and healthy community which benefits us all.

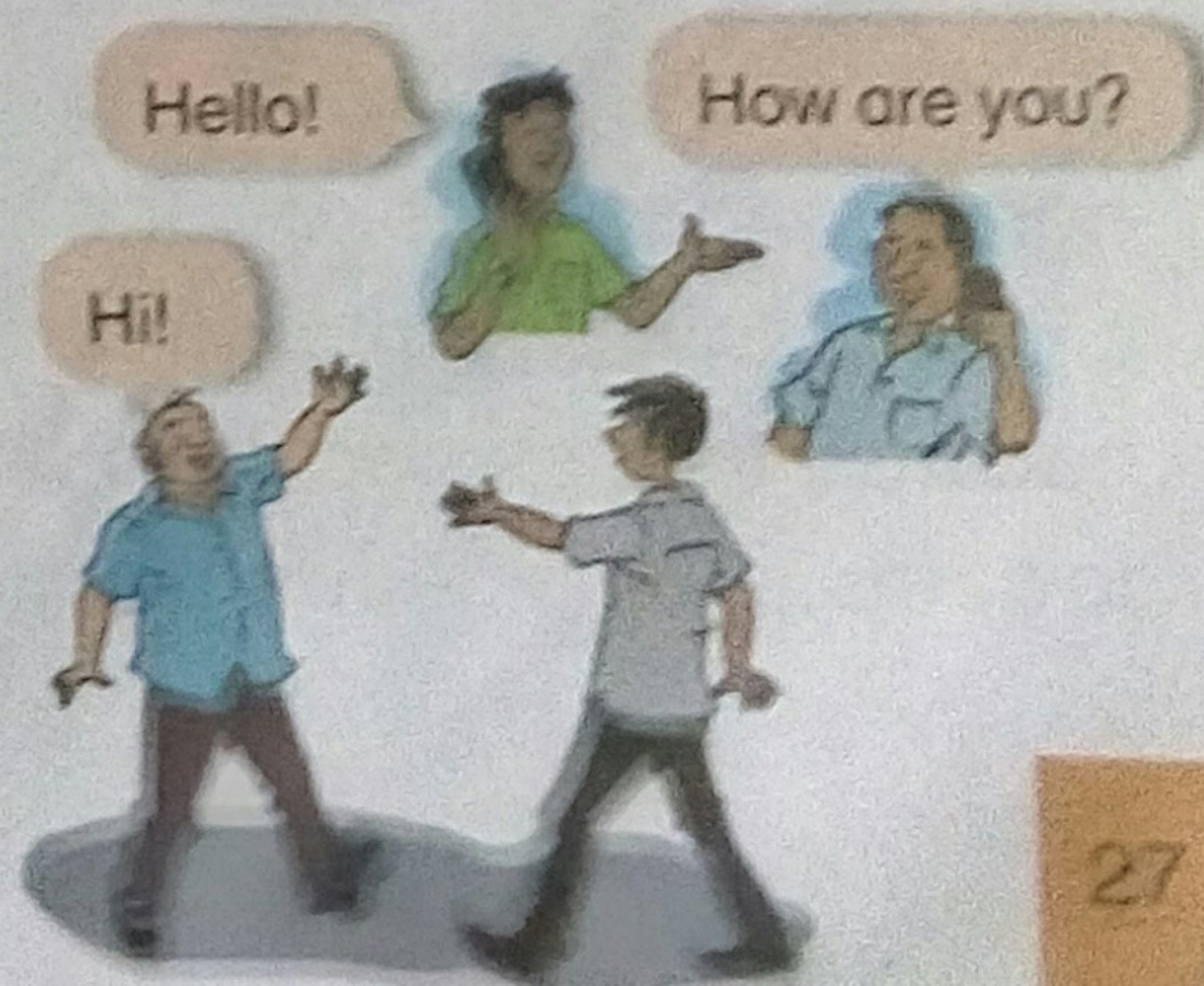
So, what is the key to being a good neighbour?



▲ Child labour

Let's Dig Out

Dig out the details of all these Fundamental Rights and Duties in the class.



- exchange the phone numbers and email address
- be direct in your hopes and expectations
- be nice, smile, say hello or wave when your neighbours pass by
- show support in good and bad times
- lend a helping hand
- help the elderly and sick
- keep your neighbourhood clean
- do not disturb your neighbours



A good neighbourhood, community and society contributes towards the progress of a nation as they have good citizens. A good citizen loves the country, respects the freedom and rights of others, and appreciates his/her countrymen. Voting in elections is the responsibility of a good citizen.

Elections

The process of electing our leaders is called election. It is a process in which people elect one person to be a leader from the given candidates. In India, we have elections for each state and for the country. Sometimes we elect our leaders in school also.

Civics

Civics is the study of the rights and duties of the citizens. Civics is important

Let's Do It

Conduct class elections to choose a class monitor

- Choose one candidate from each row to contest the elections.
- Make them understand their responsibilities (ensure that every selected candidate should have good leadership qualities and innovative ideas)
- Every candidate has to design a logo with mission and campaign for the class election.
- On the day of the elections, the students will cast their votes. The votes will be counted and the candidate who gets the highest number of votes will become the monitor.



because it helps people to understand how the government works and their duties towards each other and their nation as well.

Civic sense is the way we behave in public and be conscious to the needs of the society. It is an unspoken way to run the society smoothly. Just as we learn other lessons of life from our adults, we need to learn civic sense also. We need to inculcate civic sense in our general behaviour. Lack of civic sense can prove very harmful for the society.

Let's Know More

The word 'Civic' comes from the Latin word *Civis*, which means 'of a citizen'. It is also a root word for 'city', so Civic can also mean anything related to a city.

Let us develop our civic sense by doing the following:



- keeping roads, parks and other public places neat and clean
- respecting fellow citizens, ladies and elders
- waiting in a queue
- by being considerate, polite and courteous
- preserving our resources and using them sensibly
- recycling and reusing things



▲ Keeping your city clean

- taking care of our flora and fauna

Disregard for the law is a primary cause for poor civic sense in our country. (We need to join hands to improve civic sense of our countrymen.)

Let's Recap

- A citizen is a person who is a legal member of a particular country.
- The position or status of being a citizen of a particular country is called citizenship.
- A good citizen contributes to the community and helps in the betterment of the fellow citizens.
- ^{Inside Fillup} The Constitution of India has provided some basic rights to its citizens. These are called the Fundamental Rights.
- Citizens have certain duties towards their nation and countrymen. These are called the Fundamental Duties of the citizens.
- Civic sense is the way we behave in public and be conscious of the needs of the society.