



Daily Mains Answer Writing

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State the three basic values, universal in nature, in the context of civil services and bring out their importance. (UPSC 2019 PYQ)

Structure –

- Intro - Reference about any Govt. or Public document where these values are listed, this would give a relevance/back up to your points that you will write in body.
- Body - Write about the three basic values but do remember to give examples alongside, as they will make you fetch extra marks.
- Conclusion - Any concluding line just to sum up your answer.

Answer -

2nd ARC in its 4th report has mentioned several foundational values for civil services like dedication, objectivity, impartiality etc. However, the three most basic and core universal values among the range of values for civil services include –

Integrity: Integrity is complete consonance of thought, speech and action. It is best risk management preparedness against internal and external pressure for doing corruption.

- It is morally uplifting in nature and inspires a public servant to dedicate his life for public cause. Integrity is about doing right things even when nobody is watching you. Such officers with integrity don't even need rules to guide them as they have internal locus of control.
- Examples include officers like Saryendra Dubeyand, S. Manjunath, who derived intellectual courage from integrity to fight against injustice.

Compassion: Yudhishtira in Mahabharat proclaimed that compassion is the highest Dharma.

- Compassion helps a public servant to be kind and empathetic towards the needs of citizens. It also helps them to stay in touch with people and make realistic policies which are in line with ground realities. It also prevents ego to get developed among bureaucrats.

Wisdom: is the charioteer for all other human virtues.

- Wisdom helps a public servant to make an informed decision. Justice is also not possible without wisdom as it guides a bureaucrat to make an inclusive, sustainable choice. It also helps them to balance national, social and international goals and remain fair to all. Vinod Rai showed wisdom while playing proactive role as the CAG of India.
- Thus, a civil servant must always express these basic and universal values. They are the core values and all other virtues can be regarded as their manifestations.