

MULTICULTURALISM IN INDIA: ISSUES AND ASPECTS

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ABSTRACT

In Indian society, unity among diversities becomes the remarkable aspects from time immemorial. Today, the same trend follows in societal structure with sufficient incorporation of cultural diversifications. Lots of efficiencies in technological field along with an excellent combination of experience and new knowledge, India is proceeding towards a real development focusing on multicultural identity in front of globalized world. The objectives of the study are – 1] to define the conceptual understanding of multiculturalism and 2] to discuss the nature of multiculturalism in Indian context. In the practical understanding of multiculturalism, there are very significant three theoretical backgrounds. These theoretical constructions are linked with theory of cultural hybridity, concept of salad bowl and melting pot. Simultaneous existence of difference as well as equality becomes the core idea of driving force of Indian multiculturalism. Multiculturalism thus promotes multiplicity over amalgamation, variability over homogeneity. The significance of multiculturalism has holistically complicated in practical arena. The level of acceptance of multicultural features has definitely increased due to conscious thought process of common people.

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