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UG Semester II

MDC

Sociology

Topic - Features of Indian Society

Indian society is known for its ability to tolerate acceptances, and social cohesion making it unique in sustaining its culture.

The importance of fraternity enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution makes it a duty of every citizen.

Indian society is extensively diverse in cultural and regional aspects and it is pertinent that it is posited in each individual the realization of ideas and objectives in the Preamble concerning every other individual.

India from ancient times has thrived to create a nationality that is neither governed by universalism nor by exclusivity to its interest groups. The multi-cultural conundrum is a salient feature of Indian society that has been a boon and a bane over the history of the country.

Jawahar Lal Nehru wrote in The Discovery of India- “Indian Society and Culture are like some ancient palimpsest on which layer upon layer of thought and reverie had been inscribed, and yet no succeeding layer had completely hidden or erased what had been written previously”.

It is rather difficult to make pointers on what are the features of Indian society as the essence of Indian society lies in harbouring diverse and distinct identities, ethnicities, languages, religions, and culinary preferences. History stands witness to the fact that

the societies that have struggled to hold differences were shattered in such an attempt.

But for understanding and simplifying the conundrum, the salient features of Indian society can be listed down as-

Multi-ethnic Society

Multi-Lingual Society

Multi-Religious Society

Multi- Caste

Unity In Diversity

Patriarchal Society

Tribes

Family

Kinship System

The balance between spiritualism and materialism

The balance between Individualism and collectivism

Co-existence of traditionalism and modernity