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CONCEPT NOTE

India being a multilingual, multicultural, multiethnic society accommodates various kinds of diversities in its fold. A close observation of the social sphere clearly brings home the point that living with diversities is the key challenge before the nation. As the progress and development of any country depends largely on the social harmony among the constituting communities, it becomes important to understand and nourish the processes that promote social harmony. India has a long history and has witnessed many ups and downs through the ages. Its accomplishments in literature, language, arts, life science, yoga and spirituality etc. are rich and astonishing. The cultural exchange with several foreign traditions have enriched its cultural evolution. In the course of time India came under the control of British empire and became a colony which continued for about two centuries. The British colonial rule had serious impact on economy, education and politics of the country. The freedom struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders engaged the entire nation to achieve the status of an independent sovereign country. In 1947 India was partitioned and two countries were created. This event was characterized by sufferings for the people on both sides of the border and led to political challenge before India and Pakistan. The political freedom came with responsibility to grow as a mature society and address the problems.

Historically the British colonial policies were divisive and obstructed the unity and integration among the different communities of India. They polarized the nation using religion as a basis. In broad terms India accepted the challenge of nation building using a strategy of nurturing the multiplicity by providing opportunities to every community and helping the underprivileged. The same however did not happen in Pakistan which has opted to become an Islamic republic..

During the post-colonial period the social diversity has shaped Indian society in numerous ways. It has created space for the poor, marginalized and deprived through evolving public welfare policies and intervention programs with a view to build a peaceful, inclusive and harmonious society. However, the disparities in many social, economic, and cultural spheres still persist. Under this framework, the Indian society has been progressing with the explicitly shared values and beliefs in the direction of national integration (NI).

As a part of social interaction NI can be understood chiefly as a psychological and educational process. It recognizes the inevitability of diversity and builds on that. It involves the feeling of unity, solidarity and cohesion among the people belonging to a nation. The practice of NI ensures maximum well-being of individuals and community. As a holistic NI attends to the complexity and diversity of various communities. It does not denote merging and losing the identity of a group or community which often prove threatening to people. Instead it respects the spirit of coexistence, mutual understanding and complementarity in relationship.

Living and enjoying social life invites functioning at two levels: community level and national level. The two should be in such a coordination that one does not interfere with the other. Rather they are expected to facilitate each other. By contributing to the national level functioning a community is going to be empowered. It's unfortunate that national integration is often perceived as a threat to a given community. In fact, the Indian constitution has inbuilt mechanisms to orchestrate the two levels of functioning and achieving a condition of such coordination. The thinking with vested interest often misconstrue the situation and create misunderstandings leading to conflicts. NE is not a onetime affair. It is a process that needs constant support and nourishment. It is threatened from malfunctioning of the factors lying within as well as outside the the entity called nation.

Therefore, it is necessary that the efforts to strengthen the process of NI get due significance in all walks of life including culture, education, health, economic processes, security, law and order etc. We need to think and plan the agenda across all these domains with a view to address the challenges for NI and take steps to ensure that the living body of nation flourishes. The proposed interdisciplinary national seminar attempts to bring together the insights of thinkers, educationists, policy makers to help mapping the existing issues and possible initiatives to facilitate NI through the processes of nation building. The seminar will have Key note addresses, thematic sessions, panel discussions as well as poster presentations.

Sub-themes

The following is an illustrative list of sub-themes:

- Models and strategies to nurture national integration
- National integration and national development
- Negotiating identities in various communities
- Threats and challenges to national integration
- Issues of inclusion and integration of the marginalized people
- Media and social integration
- Cultural roots of national integration
- Involving youth in the process of nation building
- Social diversity and mental health
- Positive education for citizenship
- National policies, inclusion and empowerment
- Psychological perspectives on social harmony

The Scientific Program:

1. Key Note address
2. Girindra Sekhar Bose Memorial Lecture
3. Invited lectures
4. Panel discussion
5. Thematic paper/poster sessions
6. Life experiences through narratives, films, documentaries, art and music.