

## CIVILIZATION VALUES : AS EQUALITY ENHANCER ETHICS TO PROMOTE NATIONAL INTEGRATION

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### ABSTRACT

Core values of Indian civilization are precious pearl to glorify the beauty of nation, as these civilization values are basic moral standards that guides citizens to maintain dignity of Indian civilization by eradicating the hostile outlook of inequality and discriminations related to caste, religion and gender which still prevailed in Indian societies inspite of constitutional provisions of equality related articles. Thus, Civilization values act as equality enhancer ethics that cut the cords of discriminative tendencies in behaviour of citizens and equalize their outlook in terms of gender, caste, and religion to promote national integration. As national integration is only uniting force to bridge distinct thoughts, beliefs, customs, rituals of varied societies in India, it needs support of moral standards of equality in frame of civilization values for developing sense of love, respect, peace, harmony among members of society. Though understanding significance of civilization values as equality advocator ethics to promote national integration the present article entitled "civilization values: as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration" highlights meaning, significance, types of civilization values. It also describe role of civilization values as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration. The role is being analyzed in depth through three-stage process. the first stage emphasize on development of concept of humanistic attitudes in citizens that in stage two leads towards bridging gaps of distinct thoughts, beliefs, customs of distinct societies which in stage three further leads to development of national brotherhood that finally promotes national integration. Civilization values act as a catalyst agent to rapidly promote national integration if accessed through frame of equality. Therefore, civilization values are remarked as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration.

**Key Words :** civilization values, Equality enhancer ethics, National Integration

### Introduction

*"We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others"*

- Will Rogers

An act of recognizing others right is possible through understanding worth of civilization values, as civilization values are equality ensuring ethics to promote national integration in current scenario. They guide citizens to cut roots of inequality sprouted from discriminative outlook of casteism, communalism, and gender differences, which leads degradation of peace and harmony in society. As India is country with 121 crore individuals, who has 121 crore brains to think diversely in context of belief system of enormous cultures, marks arousal of individual differences in citizens to perceive things distinctly in terms of gender, caste, religion. This paves way for emergence of inequality and

discrimination in India.

To control rampant of inequality and discrimination as hurdle in promotion of national integration, the fundamental rights of Indian constitution protects right to equality of Indian citizens under article 14, 15,16,17,18. Among these equality-ensuring articles, article 14 provides equality before law, article 15 prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, birth of place, article 16 provides equality of opportunities in matters of public employment, article 17 stands for abolition of untouchability but inspite of these articles gender discrimination and hostility towards others religion, caste still exist in India. To justify the increasing tendencies of gender based discrimination, casteism, communalism in attitude of Indians over the last few years, there arouses certain incidents from year 2015, 2016, 2017 to prove that still the injustice is done to Indians by Indians in name of inequality and discriminations. Let us have a look on some queries.

**Query 1:** What forced Assam government to pass Assam witch Hunting (Prohibition, Prevention, and Protection) Bill 2015?

**Query 2:** What forced Bombay high court in May 2016 to pass judgement in regard of entry of women in "Shani shingapur temple" in Maharashtra?

**Query 3:** What after 400 years forced temple management of Parsuram temple in Garhwal's jaunsar Bawar region of Utrakhhand to announce, "Everyone will in future be welcome"?

**Query 4:** why the deadly clash was witnessed between Rajputs and Dalits in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh during May 2017?

The answer to such questions is set beliefs in name of rituals, customs and superstitions makes people to discards the rights of other due to *lack of civilization values of tolerance, endurance, compassion, sacrifice paves way for emergence of discriminations in reference to gender, religion and caste in India.*

The evolution of Assam witch hunting (Prohibition, Prevention, and Protection) act is evident of fact that some citizens in Assam was discriminated and deprived of their normality with tag of inappropriate words of witch in veil of superstitions. In case of Shani Shingapur temple, prior to Bombay high court judgement in may 2016 entry of women was prohibited and they faced bulk of objections in dare to enter temple premises, reflects the traces of gender discrimination in Indian societies. In case of parsuram temple in Garhwal's jaunsar Bawar region of Utrakhhand, entry of Dalits and women were banned from last 400 hundred years, which was abolished during January 2016 and these groups were allowed to enter the temple but still there are other 339 temples in same region restricts entry of dalits and women. Further, the clash between Dalits and Rajputs in Saharanpur District of Uttar Pradesh during May 2017 shows the traces of brutal hatred still exist in India in name of casteism. It portray the sign of intolerance in outlook of people that leads to discriminate the beliefs, ritual and customs of other caste.

These incidents are just the few droplets in vast ocean of hatred and discrimination towards other gender, caste, and religion. Apart from these, there is a much, more incident, which pleads for construction of non-discriminative societies that emphasis the inculcation of core values of Indian civilizations in citizens to destroy web of discriminations, inequality in India. Thus to develop in Indian citizens respect towards other gender, caste and religion is to make them aware with civilization values, which are the soul of Indian civilization. As ancient values of Indian civilization are strong pillars to hold the monument of nation strongly. Now it's time to analyse what actually the civilization values are and how they being equality enhancer ethics can promote national integration.

### **Civilization values: meaning, types, and significance**

To ensure national integration of country it is necessary to assess " how civilization values being equality enhancer ethics can promote national integration but before that it is urgent to clear the meaning and significance of civilization values to analyze its role from frame of equality based ethics

to promote national integration.

Civilization values are core values to safeguard dignity of age-old civilization of any country. In context of Indian civilization core values of civilization are general moral standards, which every citizen should follow to preserve glory of ancient Indian cultures and adopt fair code of conduct in ensuring progress of nation in present times. These are moulders to modify barbaric behaviour of citizens to make them civilized in terms of maintaining humanitarian perspective in social relationships for not letting get burn the worth of others in fire of inequality, non-violent approach of communalism casteism and gender based discrimination.

Thus, Civilization values are equality proliferators' ethics to enhance national integration among inter cultural groups in society for purpose of reducing hostility among them. It being propagator of unity, peace and harmony makes citizens to learn avoiding themselves to get engage in violence sparking circumstances that can degrade national integration.

On analyzing, the significance and types of civilization values it is necessary to quote the words of Honourable President of India Shri Pranab Mukharjee (October 7, 2015) who said, "These core civilization values keep us together over the centuries. Many ancient civilizations have fallen. That is right, that aggression after aggression, long foreign rule, the Indian civilization has survived because of its core civilizational values, and we must keep that in mind. And if we keep those core values in mind, nothing can prevent our democracy to move." These golden words of Indian President Shri Pranab Mukharjee, proves that civilization values are key factor for preserving and enhancing national integration. Further, the President Shri Mukharjee marks tolerance, sacrifice, endurance, respect for women, and unity in diversity as major types of civilization values. These values are been evidenced from his speech dated on October 7, 2015 in context of communal riot of dadri lynching incident . shri Pranab Mukharjee said " I firmly believe that we cannot allow the core values of our civilization to be wasted and the core values is what over the years the civilization celebrated diversity, promoted and advocated tolerance , endurance and plurality. Now after analysing meaning, significance, and types of civilization values lets access the role of civilization values as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration.

#### Role of civilization values as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration

As discriminative and unequal outlook of Indians are degrading them from core values of Indian civilization , the Civilization values being equality oriented ethics plays a vital role in promoting national integration because the civilization values being enhancer of equality act as a catalyst agent to promote national integration. The role of civilization values as equality enhancer ethics to promote national integration can be reflected through three-stage process presented below:

#### How Civilization values as an equality enhancer ethics promotes National integration

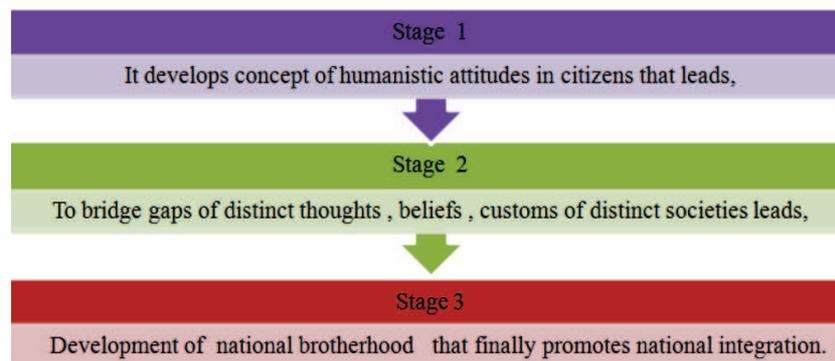


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#### Step 1: Civilization values as an equality-oriented ethics develops humanistic attitude in citizens

Civilization values as equality enhancers eradicates the weeds of discrimination from attitude of individuals and enhances the inculcation of basic values of love , sympathy , empathy sacrifice in them,

which leads citizens to consider other's rights and regard others as equal human beings. This process of transmitting values develops the humanistic attitudes in citizens, which is the first step that paves way to promotion of national integration. As the development of humanistic attitude in citizens sprout in them the power of tolerance that makes individual to easily tackle with beliefs, customs and thoughts of others different from one's own style of living and culture reduces caste, communal and gender related stress. Thus, Civilization values being intrinsic motivational force guides human beings to spread message of humanity and patriotism to promote national integration in country.

### **Step 2: To bridge gaps of thoughts, beliefs, and customs of distinct societies.**

Civilization values as equalizing agents after efficiently fulfilling its role of developing humanistic tendencies in citizen of India moves further for achieving its goal of bridging gaps of thoughts, beliefs, and customs of distinct societies. At this stage, civilization values act as a mediating force among Indian societies having distinct culture.

Civilization values by advocating the respect for pluralism of cultures make citizens of India to develop regard and equal attitude in their behaviour for varied caste, cultures and religion, leads to bridge gaps of thoughts, beliefs, customs of distinct societies. Civilization values by making citizens adopt precept of "we feeling" makes them to consider all men women as equal human being regardless of their gender, caste, and religion bridge the gaps of diverse Indian societies as key to promote national integration.

### **Step 3: To develop national brotherhood that finally promotes national integration**

Civilization values as equality enhancer ethics promotes national integration by considering all Individuals equal for uniting India as one nation. It does it through support of moral standards emerged through development of humanistic attitude and we feeling embedded in ties of peace, harmony among members of society. It leads to develop unity and national goodwill among Indians. Civilization values are accelerators of national prosperity as it integrate distinct Indian cultures in spirit of oneness through frame of equality. civilization values in role of equality ensuring ethics guides citizens to consider all human beings as equal irrespective of their gender, caste, religion, socio- economic status which automatically eliminates the traces of discrimination from their outlook of understanding social relations, that further makes them to accept inter- culture values which, in long run paves way for promoting national integration.

### **Conclusion**

Indian civilization being great heritage depends on milestones of civilization values to proliferate its honour because civilization values are valuable assets of Indian Civilization. To maintain the dignity of Indian Civilization it is mandatory for each citizen to be acquainted with civilization values. As glory of Indian civilization is sung all over the world is depicted through words of Sylvia Levi a French Scholar, who mentions, "*She (India) has left indelible imprints on one fourth of the human race in the course of a long succession of centuries. She has the right to reclaim... her place amongst the great nations summarizing and symbolizing the spirit of humanity. From Persia to Chinese sea, from icy regions of Siberia to islands of Java and Borneo, India has propagated her beliefs, her tales, and her civilization*". Thus, considering the age-old glory of India it should be first priority of Indians to safeguard and propagate the core values of Indian civilization because in current times our nation rapidly faces gender, caste, and communal riots. In such cases it is only civilization values which has immense power to preserve the soul of country from been exhausted in huge fire of discrimination and inequality in name of gender, caste, and communal issues. Therefore, civilization values by eliminating the traces of hatred and discriminations in social relations, guarantees glorification of the spirit of Indian constitution by ensuring equality for all citizens.

Civilization values entitled as equality ensuring ethics act as a key agent in promoting national integration by developing humanistic attitudes in citizens to bridge gaps of thoughts, beliefs, and customs of distinct societies, which ensures national goodwill to promote national integration. Civilization values in frame of equality assuring ethics moulds the behaviour of barbaric individuals into civilized citizens through inculcating in them core values of love, respect, sympathy, sacrifice, endurance and tolerance which boost humanistic tendencies in them to consider others rights and develop we feeling to foster harmony among social groups leads to uplift national integration. Thus, acknowledging the worth of civilization values in upholding national prosperity, every citizen of India should pursue it, as these are key to accelerate India's dignity.

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