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**Diversity of religion is both India's strength and weakness. Examine. (250 words)**

## Approach

### Approach

- Mention about Indian values and its religious diversity in introduction.
- Explain how religious diversity is India's strength.
- Mention how religious diversity creates problems and can prove to be its weakness.
- Conclude how India can achieve constitutional goals by utilizing its religious diversity.

### Introduction

Indian civilization values of **tolerance, cosmopolitanism and multiculturalism** gives a unique character to Indian culture. We have people belonging to a variety of ethnicities and religions. While 94% of the world's Hindus live in India, there are also substantial populations of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and adherents of folk religions. They all have the fundamental right to freedom of religion (Article 25-28) as well, making India a secular country.

### Body

This religious diversity is India's strength in the following manner:

- It adds to India's rich **cultural heritage**. Diverse traditions and festivals like Eid, Christmas, Diwali give India a unique way of life. This diversity leads to rich music, dance, art and literature as well.
- It leads to **diversity in intellectual viewpoints** which helps to make laws more adaptable to societal values.
- India represents a model for international society in the current era marked with religious intolerance. Indian value of '**Vasudeva Kutumbhakam**' can lead the world to peace and prosperity.
- Religious diversity gives opportunity for India to increase **people-to-people contacts** across the globe. This not only helps in expanding India's trade frontiers but also acts as backchannel diplomacy in crisis situations.

However, religious diversity creates a lot of **challenges** as well. Few of them are:

- It increases the chances of **communal disharmony**. Few people use hate speech to spread communal hatred which may lead to riots and tensions among people of different religions.
- Certain anti-national elements use **religion for illegitimate interests** like radicalizing youth to indulge in terrorist activities in the name of religion.
- **Accommodating diverse religious practices** that may not be suitable for the rest of the country. It may open a Pandora's Box to legitimize different religious practices.
- State interference in religious practices of minorities may disturb their autonomy and may hamper their belief in constitutional principles. Thus, the **conflict between constitutional morality and religious morality** poses difficult questions for the judiciary.

## Conclusion

India represents the most complex amalgamation of various cultural identities. Religious diversity can be a boon or a bane depends upon the maturity of the society. If the citizens adhere to the constitutional principles of fraternity and brotherhood, only then India can truly achieve '**unity in diversity**' and '**Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, sabka Vishwas**'.

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function openPopup() { var modal = document.getElementById("myModal"); modal.style.display =
"block"; } // Added the code - If user click on anywhere outside the popup $('body').click(function(e) {
$('#myModal').hide(); }); $('#popclose').on('click',function(e){ $('#myModal').css('display','none'); }); //
automatically open the popup on page load window.onload = openPopup; $(document).ready(function(){
if(screen.width { button.addEventListener('click', btnEvent => { // console.log(button.id); $.ajax({
method: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/search/", data:{ 'id': button.id, 'search': search },
headers: { 'X-CSRF-TOKEN': $(''[name = "_csrfToken"]').val() }, success: function(result){
$('body').html(result); }, error: function(error){ console.log(error) } }) }) } $(document).ready(function(){
//alert(getCookie('isLogin')); if(getCookie('isLogin')==1) { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','inline-block');
$('#loginLink').css('display','none'); $('#registerLink').css('display','none');
$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','inline-block'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','none');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','inline-block'); } else { $('#myAccountDiv').css('display','none');
$('#loginLink').css('display','inline-block'); $('#registerLink').css('display','inline-block');
$('#makeNoteLoginLink').css('display','none'); $('#makeNoteLink').css('display','inline-block');
$('#makeNoteOptionDiv').css('display','none'); } }); function getCookie(name) { var match =
document.cookie.match(RegExp("(?:^|\\s*)" + name + "(=([^;]*))"); return match ? match[1] : null; } var
regex = /^[a-zA-Z0-9_+]+@[a-zA-Z0-9-]+\.[a-zA-Z0-9]{2,4}+$/; var phonex = /^[0-9 ]+$/;
$('#newsletterfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true; var txtname=$('#txtname').val(); var
txtname=$('#txtname').val(); $('#nmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove(); if(txtname.trim()==){
$('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#txtname').removeClass('input-error'); }
if(txtname.trim()==){ $('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!regex.test(txtname)){ $('#txtname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtname').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#newsletterfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({
type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/pages/newsletterfrm", data: form, success: function(data){
if(data=='already'){ $('#nmsg').html('Email address already in use'); }else if(data=='add'){
$('#nmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. '); $('#txtname').val("");
$('#txtname').val(""); }else{ $('#nmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
//$('#nloader').hide(); }, error: function(error,errorType,errorStatus){ alert(errorType);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#smsalertfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
var txtmobile=$('#txtmobile').val(); $('#nmmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtmobile.trim()==){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else
if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){ $('#txtmobile').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#txtmobile').removeClass('input-error'); } if(msg){ var form=$('#smsalertfrm').serialize();
//$('#nmloader').show(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishtiiias.com/pages/smsalertfrm", data:
form, success: function(data){ if(data=='already'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Phone number already in use');
}else if(data=='add'){ $('#nmmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our SMS Alerts. ');
$('#txtmobile').val(""); }else{ $('#nmmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); }
}
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//$('#nmloader').hide(); }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype);
//$('#nmloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#subscriptionfrm').submit(function(e){ var
msg=true; var txtname=$('#name').val(); var txtemail=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
txtmobile=$('#phone').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtname.trim()==""){ $('#name').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#name').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtemail.trim()==""){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtmobile.trim()==""){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){
$('#phone').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phone').removeClass('input-error'); }
if($('#dailyupdates').prop("checked") == false && $('#examnewsletter').prop("checked") == false &&
$('#fullnewsletter').prop("checked") == false && $('#sms').prop("checked") == false) {
$('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('No
option selected, please select at least one option. '); msg=false; } if(msg){ $('.loader').css('display','block');
var form=$('#subscriptionfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishitias.com/subscription", data: form, success: function(data){
$('.loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for subscribing to our
subscription. You will hear from us soon. '); $('#name').val(""); $('#emailaddress').val(""); $('#phone').val("");
}else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block'); $('#contactmsg').addClass('error');
$('#contactmsg').html('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('.loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('#testseriesfrm').submit(function(e){ var msg=true;
var txtname=$('#firstname').val(); var txtemail=$('#emailaddress').val(); var
txtmobile=$('#phonenumber').val(); $('#contactmsg').html(""); //$('.input-error').remove();
if(txtname.trim()==""){ $('#firstname').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{
$('#firstname').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtemail.trim()==""){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-
error'); msg=false; }else if(!regex.test(txtemail)){ $('#emailaddress').addClass('input-error'); msg=false;
}else{ $('#emailaddress').removeClass('input-error'); } if(txtmobile.trim()==""){
$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(txtmobile.trim().length!=10){
$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else if(!phonex.test(txtmobile)){
$('#phonenumber').addClass('input-error'); msg=false; }else{ $('#phonenumber').removeClass('input-
error'); } if(msg){ $('.loader').css('display','block'); var form=$('#testseriesfrm').serialize(); $.ajax({ type:
"POST", url: "https://www.drishitias.com/test-series-registration", data: form, success: function(data){
$('.loader').css('display','none'); //alert(data); if(data=='success'){ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').removeClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html('Thank you for choosing our test series. You
will get an email and message soon. '); $('#firstname').val(""); $('#lastname').val("");
$('#emailaddress').val(""); $('#phonenumber').val(""); }else{ $('#contactmsg').css('display','block');
$('#contactmsg').addClass('error'); $('#contactmsg').html(data); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('.loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype);
//$('#nloader').hide(); } }); } e.preventDefault(); }); $('.allnotes').click(function(){
$('.fixbtn.notes').removeClass('open'); $('.fixbtn.mynotes').toggleClass('open'); });
$('.mynotes,.notelist').on('click','.readmore',function(){ var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid');
$('#note_id').val(noteid); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishitias.com/articles/setnote", data:
'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){ if(data){ tinymce.get("mynote").setContent(data);
$('#mynotemsg').html(""); $('.fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went
wrong, Please try again'); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('.notelink').click(function(){ $.ajax({ type: "POST", url: "https://www.drishitias.com/articles/removenote",
success: function(data){ if(data=='removed'){ $('#note_id').val(""); tinymce.get("mynote").setContent("");
$('#mynotemsg').html(""); $('.fixbtn.notes').toggleClass('open'); $('.fixbtn.mynotes').removeClass('open');
}else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ alert(errortype); } }); });
$('.mynotes,.notelist').on('click','.removenote',function(e){ if(confirm('Are you sure want to remove
note?')) { $('.loader').css('display','block'); var noteid=$(this).attr('data-noteid'); $.ajax({ type: "POST", url:
"https://www.drishitias.com/articles/deletenote", data: 'note_id='+noteid, success: function(data){
$('.loader').css('display','none'); if(data=='removed'){ $('#note-list #' +noteid+',.notelist
#' +noteid).css('display','none'); }else{ alert('Oops! something went wrong, Please try again'); } }, error:
function(error,errortype,errorstatus){ $('.loader').css('display','none'); alert(errortype); } }); }
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e.preventDefault(); }); $("#commentfile").change(function(){ $("#file-name").text(this.files[0].name); });
$(document).ready(function(){ $(".list-toggle").click(function(){ $(".list-category").toggleClass('active');
$(this).toggleClass('active'); $(".value").text(function(i, text){ return text === "Hide Menu" ? "Show Menu"
: "Hide Menu"; }); }); $(".aside button.close").click(function(){ $(".list-category").toggleClass('active'); $(".list-
toggle").toggleClass('active'); }); $(".fixbtn .btn").click(function(){ $(".fixbtn
.btn").not(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); $(this).parents('.fixbtn').toggleClass('open'); });
$(".fixbtn a.close").click(function(){ $(this).parents('.fixbtn').removeClass('open'); }); $(".note-
btn").click(function(){ $(".fixbtn.notes").toggleClass('open'); }); $(".viewmore a").click(function(){
$(".hide").slideToggle('active'); $(this).text(function(i, text){ return text === "View More" ? "View Less" :
"View More"; }); }); $(".learning-program .subheading").click(function(){ $(this).next().slideToggle();
$(this).toggleClass('open'); }); $(document).ready(function(){ $(".a.register-btn").colorbox(); });
$(".interview-slider").slick({ autoplay: true, arrows: false, dots: true });
$("#bookSession").on('click',function(e) { $.ajax({ type: "POST", data: { 'course':
$("#bookSession").data('course') }, url: "https://www.drishtias.com/book-online-session", success:
function(json){ var obj = JSON.parse(json); if (obj.status===200) { alert(obj.message); } else {
alert(obj.message); window.location.reload(); } }, error: function(error,errortype,errorstatus){
alert(errortype); } }); e.preventDefault(); }); $(".popup").colorbox({iframe: true, innerWidth: 790,
innerHeight: 530}); if(screen.width = 500) { $("#scroll-top").addClass("show"); } else { $("#scroll-
top").removeClass("show"); } }); function showarchive(year,month,day=null){ // alert('be-mains-ready-
daily-answer-writing-practice-question'); return; var
url='https://www.drishtias.com/archives/'+year+'-'+month+'-'+day; location=url;
//alert(url+'/archives/'+year+'/'+month+'/'+dat); }

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