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Chapter - 1 Understanding Diversity

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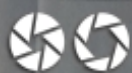
- * Different people, who come from all kinds of backgrounds, and belong to all kinds of religions and cultures help to make India so interesting and so diverse. What does diversity add to your lives? How did India become like this? Are all kinds of difference a part of diversity? Can diversity also be a part of unity? Read this chapter to find some answers.

Inequality -

- * Inequality comes about when a person does not have the resources and opportunities that are available to other persons. The caste system is another example of inequality. According to this, society was divided into different groups depending upon the work that people did and they were supposed to remain in those groups.

Unity in Diversity

- * India is a country of many diversities. We speak different languages, have various types of foods, celebrate different festivals, practise different religions.



- * In spite of diversity it is a country where all types of people live together, respect each other. They follow some rules and laws mentioned in the constitution and work together for the development of country.

Ladakh and Kerala

- * Ladakh and Kerala are two different parts of the country.
- * Ladakh is cold desert while Kerala is a coastal area.
- * Very little agriculture is possible in Ladakh while different types of crops are grown in Kerala.
- * People practise Buddhism and Islam in Ladakh while in Kerala people practise different religions such as Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism.
- * Ladakh is called "Little Tibet" while Kerala is called "God's own country".
- * Oral tradition of folk songs and Kathakali festival is celebrated in Ladakh while the boat race is an important part of the Onam festival.
- * Diversity is the source of strength for celebrating cooperation between diverse groups of people.



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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING :-

- Q.1- Draw up a list of the different festivals celebrated in your locality. Which of these celebrations are shared by members of different regional and religious communities?
- Ans- Holi, Dussehra, Eid, Christmas, Independence day, Republic day etc are celebrated in our locality. Celebration of National festivals like Independence day and Gandhi Jayanti are shared by members of different regional and religious communities.

Q.2- What

Q.2- What do you think living in India with its rich heritage of diversity adds to your life?

Ans- Diversity of India teaches us to live and adjust in a broad society and respect to all people. It makes us tolerant and just.

Q.3- What do you think Nehru is trying to say about Indian unity in the sentence quoted above from his book 'The discovery of India'?

Ans- The Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru



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is trying to say through his quotes that
inspite of differences in language, caste,
colour, food habits and clothes of people
in India, they live together happily and
respect each other's customs and belief.

Q.4. Underline the line in the poem sung after
the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which according
to you, reflects India's essential unity.

Ans. The blood of Hindus and Muslims flows together
today.

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