

STUDY NOTES

SUBJECT: CIVICS

STD: VI

Chap:-2 DIVERSITY, PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION

DIVERSITY

- It refers to differences in physical, social and economic conditions of human beings.
- Diversity in India 'called as the museum of cults and creed, and cultures.'
- In India more than sixteen hundred languages are spoken.
- Different religions of the world are found, they are:- Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists etc.

PREJUDICE

- Diversity gives rise to prejudice and Discrimination.
- It means, a biased opinion based on insufficient knowledge.
- It comes from the words ' pre' and 'judge'.
- Making a judgment before knowing any detail.
- People hold prejudices about many things for ex:- complexion, language, the region they come from, education etc.
- Prejudice is bad for a society which leads to division in the society.

STEREOTYPE

- It is a generalised, or assumption, people make about a person or groups of persons.
- It is like forming image about something without a proper knowledge.
- Some examples are only men join the army, boys don't cry etc.
- Stereotypes stop us from looking at each person as a unique individual.

EFFECTS OF PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPES

- Prejudice and stereotyped thinking causes differences in society.
- Both the thinking lead to hatred, bitterness & enmity amongst the people.
- It becomes dangerous for peace and progress of the country.
- It can leads to violence and conflicts.

DISCRIMINATION

- Discrimination happens when people act on their prejudices or stereotypes.
- It is the practice of treating one person or group of people less fairly than other people.
- The inequalities give rise to discrimination.
- People can be discriminated against on the basis of colour, caste, race, religion, gender, ability.

DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF COLOUR & CASTE

- Prejudice against people with dark skin creates discrimination.
- The caste system in India which was originated in the past gave rise to casteism.
- Differentiation between people on the basis of 'superiority' and 'inferiority'.
- The lower caste or outcastes people were considered as 'untouchables'.

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

- The unequal distribution of property and wealth in a society causes economic inequality.
- This inequalities divide the society into a class of rich and poor persons.
- People who are poor do not have the money to meet their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter.
- Many welfare schemes and employment programmes have been started by the government to remove unemployment.

WELFARE SCHEMES OF THE GOVERNMENT

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2. PMRY-Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana
3. PMSY-Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana
4. PMKSY-Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
5. PKVY- Paramparagat Krishi Vikash Yojana

GENDER INEQUALITY

- It is a form of discrimination in which the men and women are treated differently.

- In our society women are treated as unequal in many areas, such as education, health care, their basic needs and economic rights.
- Two social evils:- Female foeticide and female infanticide.
- In India, women are not given their share of their father's property even today.

STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

- Equal wages for equal work
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign
- Health programmes for women
- Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme
- Laws to prohibit dowry and child marriage
- A reservation of 33% for women in parliament.

CONSTITUTION PROTECTS DIVERSITY

- What is a constitution?
- Constitution is the book of law that lays down the principles according to which the country is governed.
- What is a Preamble?
- It is the introduction of the constitution.
- Constitution has declared India a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic.
- Our constitution has abolished untouchability, and its practice is a criminal offence.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- Indian Constitution also guarantees fundamental rights to the citizens.
- Fundamentals rights are basic freedom given to the citizens which can make life significant.
- The Rights are:- Right to equality, Right to freedom, Right to freedom of religion, Right to educational and cultural rights, Right against exploitation & Right to constitutional remedies.
- These rights can be enforced in a court of law.

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR

- He was the father of the Indian Constitution.

- He was an eminent lawyer and social activist.
- He fought against the prejudices of the caste system and ill treatment of women.
- He introduced Hindu Code Bill in Parliament which tried to give women equal rights