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Does Diversity Unite or Divide?

We live in a country where people from all kinds of background reside and work together. From North to South and East to West the diversity among people is vast worth noticing. In times of great disasters and natural calamities we have seen people helping each other whether they are from a Urban area or from a village or even from the forest. The people didn't care about their cultural backgrounds.

Diversity can be seen in our Festivals, Arts, ideas, clothing and even food. Festivals are a great example for 'Unity in diversity'. Whether it be Eid, Onam, Diwali or Christmas we all come together as one and celebrate it as if we are ~~same~~ brothers and sisters born from the same mother, which makes those festivals even more splendid.

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The diversity in the various art forms is just astonishing. Take Dance, for instance: There are many forms of it like breakdancing, mohiniyattam, kuchipudi, ballet, hiphop etc... but the core of each and every one of these is same. Many people express themselves through their talent in dancing in sync with the music, it is their identity as a dancer regardless of what kind they perform.

Another instance where the diversity among people is seen in their clothing: From modern suits to traditional dhotis, sarees and the Sikh's main feature - their turban. Their clothing at times represent who they are.

The most important thing to consider while talking about diversity is the 'diversity in ideas'. In politics there are

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people of both extreme left and right in the political spectrum. Even in a class the diversity can be seen in the way students approach their assignments and project.

Diversity is what can be seen every anywhere and at all times in our life. The idea that even though there are differences in ideas, arts, clothing, festivals at the end of the day we are all same and equal is just an astonishing truth of life. The diversity among our Peers let us have new experiences and give us insights as to how to become a better human.

Even though there are a great number of examples where we have seen 'unity in diversity' there are ~~many~~ as many ~~much~~ cases where diversity has caused inequality, discrimination and

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division of members of a society. There are many factors that leads to us.

The media, education and political system, our associations all play a crucial role in how we deal with the differences and diversity among the members of our society.

people who are greedy for power and authority uses this diversity to split the people and causes them to spread hatred toward the 'other' segment of people which in turn leads to political unrest and in fact affect the stability of state.

Kids should be taught to treat everyone with respect and kindness. Teachers play a major role in determining how each of the student as a citizen of the state deals with the diversity. Failing in this results in

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bullying and abusing of student who comes from a different background.

Parents should instill in their children the idea that each and every person on this world is equal and that ^{they} should be treated with dignity and respect.

During the early times of hollywood industry certain characters were only given to specific people. Now things have took a turn for the better and the film nowadays are just as diverse as a person can imagine.

Anybody and everybody can play whatever character they want if they are talented enough. This is a huge win in terms of accepting the diversity around us and make sure that everyone gets equal opportunity.

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Diversity is a fact and it will remain so until our death whether we like it or not. Diversity on its own doesn't unite or divide the people. It is our approach towards the diversity among us that determines whether 'diversity unite or divide'. We are successful as a society only when we embrace diversity and realise the fact that each person is unique in their own way but that doesn't make them more or less important than the other citizens of the society.

Only when people from diverse backgrounds live in harmony and co-operation can we reach the full potential of our society. Each human is a unique thread that is woven together to form a beautiful and strong fabric - that is, the society.

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