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## Cultural diversity and multiculturalism

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization-Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic-Chalcolithic), Protohistoric (Indus Civilization). Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan cultures. Contributions of the tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

### Core demand of the question

- Write a note on cultural diversity and multiculturalism
- Keep the note to a 10-mark length of about 150 words

### Revision summary

Diversity is the fact of many Indian cultures.

Multiculturalism is the policy of housing them as equals.

**Articles 25** to 30 and 29 to 30 are the main shields.

**Sixth Schedule** and linguistic states add territorial group rights.

Civic equality remains the limit on closed group vetoes.

### Introduction

Cultural diversity is the fact of many languages, faiths, and customs on Indian soil. Multiculturalism is the political choice to house that fact as equal cultures, not as a queue toward one official culture.

### Body

#### Diversity as fact

- India stacks caste, tribe, sect, and region. **Irawati Karve's** kinship zones already mapped that plurality as structure, not as folklore.
- **Census** religions and unscheduled tongues show diversity that the state must name.

#### Multiculturalism as policy

- **Articles 25 to 30** protect conscience, manageability of religious affairs, and minority educational institutions.
- **Articles 29 and 30** specifically conserve language and minority schools. That is multiculturalism in constitutional clothes.
- **Sixth Schedule** councils and linguistic states are territorial multiculturalism: group rights with a map.

### Tension

- A republic also claims a common civic roll. Multiculturalism fails if group rights cancel **Articles 14 to 16** equality.

- Hindu majoritarian politics reads diversity as hierarchy. A melting-pot reading reads it as delay. Anthropology keeps both the fact and the equal-house rule.

### Flow diagram

Cultural diversity -> Languages faiths tribes

Multiculturalism -> Articles 25 to 30

Multiculturalism -> Civic equality 14 to 16

### Conclusion

Diversity is India's ethnographic given. Multiculturalism is the constitutional project of equal cultures. The strain is group right versus civic equality.

### Facts & figures

#### Article 25

Freedom of conscience and free profession, practice, and propagation of religion.

#### Articles 29 and 30

Culture conservation and minority educational institutions.

#### Sixth Schedule

Autonomous councils that house tribal-territorial diversity in parts of the North-East.

#### Karve zones

Kinship map showing that Indian diversity is regional structure, not random custom.

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