UNITY IN DIVERSITY

The phrase “Unity in Diversity” refers to peace, harmony and unity. The word diverse refers to something that is in a wide variety or things that are completely different from each other. Thus, “Unity in Diversity” refers to people of different culture, language, ideology, religion, sect, class, ethnicity, etc. living together in harmony. Political and physical differences are also included in Unity in Diversity.

It has been a part of Indian culture and ethics since time immemorial. Even after several invasions by foreign countries, Mughals and British, India is still a diverse country, and maintains healthy relationships with all countries. India is a plural society, and has unique mosaic of cultures. Although, it wasn’t always like this. Just after independence, it was sort of a chaos but over time, our characteristics have evolved.

Celebrating differences, we have people from religions like Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, only to mention a few. We have people from all religions, creeds, castes, dialects, cultures, beliefs, food, habits, customs, values, lifestyles, dressing sense, faith in God, rituals of worship, and so on that coexist peacefully under one roof. This means that no matter how many differences divide us, we will always stay united.

It is a great part of our ethics and morality. There must be no feelings of racism, discrimination or oppression among the people, only then it is possible to live together in peace. There can be no such feelings at any level, let it be local, private, or public.

When a country has “Unity in Diversity”, it has better chances of leaving a powerful impression on the world. This is because when a country is united even though the differences, the people have a better understanding of things and have a more psychological outlook towards issues.