

## Golden Research Thoughts

### Abstract:-

National integration means to develop an attitude of working towards a common goal. It is also the coming together with an attitude of oneness irrespective of caste, religion, language region and income according to R S Radha Krishnan the feeling of nationality and unity cannot be built with bricks and mud .it should come from the hearts of the strength of the people there is no greater strength and inspiration for a nation than this ,the national festivals are useful to develop an idea though that India is our nation and that we, the citizen of India are one development of a feeling of nationality an attitude filled with through hard work self confidence a desire to uplift the society itself is a feeling of unity.

## NATIONAL INTEGRATION : IMPORTANCE, INFLUENCE FACTORS AND CHALLENGES.



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### INTRODUCTION :

National integration refers to national unity and a sense of belonging to the nation. It is an essential aspect in the making of a nation. Integration means that all the individuals of the society feel that they are an important part of the society every member of the society identifies himself with the society state and nation in which he resides and inculcates the societal values rules and regulations and behaviour of that society even though every individual has his own aims and ambitions behaving in a way that his own welfare depends on the welfare of the society is called integration. A society and such a state comprises individuals and communities associations institutions groups families etc.. built on the basis of race ,colour, religion, caste, etc... In this article tells about the importance of national integration factors influencing and challenges.

### OBJECTIVES :

1. Meaning importance and necessity of the national integration.
2. Factors influencing of national integration.
3. Challenges of national integration.
4. Suggestions, How to people integrate in the society.

### Meaning of national integration :

National integration refers to the process wherein a feeling of togetherness a sense of national unity and above all a sense of national belongingness are developed among people.

According to Benjamin national integration refers to the 'assimilation of the entire people of a country to a common identity.'

### Importance :

1. Importance and need for national integration in a democracy integration is as important as diverse ideas and behaviour. Tolerating and respecting the culture, traditions, behaviours likes and dislikes beliefs is the essence of national integration this attitude is an important aspect of democracy only through tolerance and mutual respect can the importance of individual freedom and human rights be safe guarded.
2. Another important characteristic of national integration is mutual faith and belief which eliminates the feelings of fear hatred and suspicion in others.
3. If the associations and institutions related to different languages and religions could develop their aims and objectives. It could develop the efficiency and will power of the nation.
4. Diverse ideas and interests lead to convergent thinking. Convergent thinking encourages creativity in the society and there by leads to the progress of the society. This is possible only through an integrated society. Therefore national integration will result in a prosperous nation.

### Factors which influence national integration.

**1. Cultural factors :** The different communities of a country have their own system of expression. Language way of dressing, traditions, food habits, architectural system, rules and regulations, religion, beliefs, differ from community and from place to place. In every community there are people with varied beliefs and attitudes. The narrow minded attitude of such communities societies and regions. That their own culture religion language policies is better. Ales prestige egoistic attitude bear a negative influence on social and national integration developing and broad minded attitude of identifying the good qualities in and the similarities among different cultures and a bringing about a positive attitude among the citizens of a nation Should be done through education.

**2. Mental development factors :** Depending on the opportunity that he gets every individual in the society, institution, association, group acquires different mental characteristics his intelligence level. Level of perception and understanding problems solving ability will vary. These differences can be seen among the people of cities and rural areas. This should not cause differences among the people of a nation. Therefore providing equal opportunities to all the citizens is every one's duty and responsibility.

**3. Physical Factors :** Though a human being is similar in all aspects. People belonging to different races and religions develop different physical characteristics. These characteristics are inherited genetically. These physical differences also can prove to be a hurdle to national integration. But all the physical processes in a human being are the same among all the people. The water, air and food required for substance is the innate tendencies of everyone is the same. It these is the feeling that no one is superior or inferior in any race or caste then national integration is developed.

**4. Economic factor :** Intellectual development and a question of like skills influence the economic difference among difference people. And different communities these economic differences among different people and communities affect not only national integration but also influence education ,mental development and potent ion opportunities of future generations these fore it is the responsibility of the

society to reduce the economic difference between the rich and the poor.

**5. Geographical factors :-** thought the world human beings live in different geographical areas. They consider that the region in which they live is their personal property and the natural resources available in those areas are meant only for them. They resist transgression from outsiders, every nation divides its regions into different states for administrative conveniences the people of different states of the nation do not encroach upon each other the borders of a state are merely imaginary the natural resources of a nation are public property.

Everyone has got equal right over them misuse of such resources denies the others the right to use them. It is every one fellow citizens. National integration is possible only through such an attitude.

**Communal harmony :**

The culture of India reflects unity in diversity to make this possible our ancestors showed live way by strengthening the belief that in every living things there is the almighty if we believe in this there will be many changes in our life. We will ignore the differences in caste, creed, language, religion, etc and start respecting people this will result in these being a real meaning to life it will create a desire in everyone to be more cultured and tolerant.

Our country is India. The feeling that we all are 'Indian's indicates our respect for our nation here family, society, city, state and finally nation these are all the steps leading to development as we climb these steps systematically. It enables us to see the real picture of a unified nation from this point of view every citizen should respect his country and also have pride in being called its citizens.

In today's society we can see a variety of religions culture. Language, dressing and so on to combine all these difference in a nation is called integration to view all these in a secular manner is called national integration. With regards to integration to bring together people of different communities can be called 'national integration'. In the national educational sector various circumstances experiences and activities should help us in developing a feeling of brotherhood.

**Challenges for national integration**

**\* Communalism :**

"The antagonism practised by the members of one community against the people of other community and religion can be called communalism"

**Effects :**

- Communalism caused rivalry and violence among masses.
- It leads to communal riots and clashes and destroys peace and derides in society

**\* Challenge of Casteism :**

- Casteism is understood as a partial or one sided loyalty in favour of any particular caste.
- Casteism plays an ugly role in elections rise in casteism leads to the weakening of national unity.

**Challenge of Regionalism :**

Regionalism is expressed in the desire of people of one region to promote their own regional interest at the expense of the interests of other regions. It has often led to separatism and instigated separatist activities and violent movements. Its linkage with linguism has worsened the situation regionalism challenges the primary of the nationalistic interests and undermines national unity.

**Regional political parties :**

Strong regional feeling interest in intra-state politics and regional aspirations have given birth to regional political parties, linguism also encourages the formation and development of regional political parties regional political parties can focus their interests only to their regions and fail to understand and appreciate things in a national perspective they are narrow minded and their way of approach may endanger the national interests.

**Programmes to develop national integration :**

- National festival and celebration
- Special programmes to inculcate national pride. (air shows presentation of historical and ancient famous events etc)
- Fairs which reflect different cultures
- Encouraging shows dialogues and skills reflecting songs of bravery etc..
- Processions created with banners of bravery exhibitions of costumes and skill pictures.

- Folk songs of a particular region or community identifying group action songs musicals dances .shows etc. As well as organising such programmes
- Singing in groups as well as enacting regional songs patriotic songs folk songs etc...
- Singing the national song together with respect pride in a clear and loud voice.

**Additional suggestions :**

- All India level one language should be developed as link Lang use to help proper communication among people.
- All India level educational policy is to be evolved with a view to bring about uniformity and to achieve unity.
- Role of teachers teaching at all levels and in different fields must be property made use of in promoting emotional integration.
- Special programmes must chalked at to promote national unity.
- Due importance is to be given to develop inter cultural understandings to promote unity. Like religious linguistic regional tribal caste etc....
- Gov't Ngoc's efforts are also necessary in this regard it must have sincere dedicating towards achieving the goal of national unity.

**CONCLUSION :**

To conclude national integration or unity is a psychological process in evolving the development of the feeling of oneness .solidarity and cohesion in the hearts of the people and sense of common citizenship and national loyalty. National integration has to be a may movement where people of all religions castes classes and occupations should work initially in safeguarding and promoting the unity integrity and oneness of the country for this the forces of regionalism parochialism and communalism will have to be strongly and sternly suppressed through legislation and public opinion.

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