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Introduction

National integration is the awareness of common identity amongst the citizens of a country. It means that though people of a Country belong to different castes, religions and speaks different languages but they recognize the fact that they are all same due to nation. So unity in our country is not meant oneness that comes from racial, religious, lingual and regional similarities. It is unity in spite of great difference, in other word unity in diversity.

There are great varieties in food habits costume and social customs. Geographically our land is diverse and there are differences in climate. In spite of all these differences we want to be politically united and have to be co-existed with each other peacefully, respecting the culture and religion of our fellow Indians. But we often have to face great difficulties against our national Integration due to some problems. Inequality in caste system is one of the most important problem in this context.

Caste system in India is a composite structure of different social classes in the Hindu religion or castes are the divisions, into which a certain sections of the community enjoy social status in the prestige or honor that is being attached to one's position in the society.

People of one caste support each other and oppose the progress and development of people belonging to other caste. Appointment