



## MULTICULTURISM IN INDIA AT CROSSROADS

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### ABSTRACT

Multiculturalism or cultural pluralism is a term describing the coexistence of many cultures in a locality, without anyone cultural dominating the region by making the broadest range of human differences acceptable to the largest number of the people. It seeks to overcome racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination. In fact it seems the ultimate failure of multiculturalism in India as it has become the land of intolerance and chauvinism. Who does care about backward people? Who does make solution for their problems? The recent events and debates concerning about beef ban, lynching of Akhlaq, Ghar Vapsi, where intolerance is the best example to understand how much it is frightening the existence of minorities in India. If truth be told the country has rather distanced herself from being the hard earned democratic setup. Another phenomenon we are facing the academic alienation throughout the country where brahmanical concepts take over, very recently the institutional murder of Rohit Vemula is the finest example. The word multiculturalism is therefore a mere word for debate, discussion, discourses and speech. Being a democratic country it is highly condemnable to witness violence, gender discrimination, sexual assault and rape cases against women which otherwise is these days a prominent topic for discussion in India recent years.

On the whole, the paper will focus mainly whether the multiculturalism is failure or successful in India? Also it will shed light upon the concerns and worries of minorities they are facing especially it will put some lines to discuss about prevalent intolerance and other rampant laws which put forward by government to distract backward people.

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