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COMMENTS



Diversity may be the hardest thing for a society to live with & perhaps the most dangerous thing for a society to be without.

The debate of diversity versus uniformity resembles with the debate of relativism versus absolutism. Jainism believes in 'Anekantवाद' means 'Truth is relative', while many scholars like Socrates and Plato believed that 'truth is absolute'.

Diversity or relativism challenges our core self, beliefs and practices and that's why may find it hardest to adjust.

On the other hand 'uniformity' is more predictable and easy to Comprehend. Despite this, absence of diversity may be a dangerous thing. Dangerous as it makes us "Koopmanduk" (frog of the well) where we consider only ourselves to be true.

"Koopmanduk" also means that we lose the urge to evolve and grow. It breeds Intolerance and degradations in the society.

In this essay, we are going to see various ways in which diversity manifests, the hardship it poses, the

benefits it brings, and the
Consequences in the absence of
diversity

Diversity manifests itself
at Ideological, Cultural, Ethnic,
economic, political, Geographical
e.t.c levels. Let's explore
it in detail.

At the ideological level,
the ancient adage of "Ekam
Sat, Vipra bahuda vadanti" (Truth
is one, Saints tell in various
ways) beautifully captures the
essence of diversity.

The above diversity,
as per Amartya Sen's book

'The Argumentative Indians', is visible in debates and discussions in Sabhas and Samities during ancient period.

Multiple ideologies like Right wing, leftist, Communist, liberals etc. can be seen in any political system. They 'Confront' with each other & Sometimes even make it hard to live together as can be seen during dictatorial regimes in Africa & west Asia. (eg: Arab Spring).

However, through this Confrontation & hardship the Society evolves. 'Hegal'

has give Concept of Thesis,
Antithesis and Synthesis which
is a way of finding middle
path in diversity of ideas.

Absence of diverse ideas
is more dangerous. 'Dark Age'
in Europe perfectly represents it.
In Dark Age only Biblical
ideas were Considered true and
any dissent Considered Blasphemous.
It led to degradation of
society. when 'Galileo'
challenged Church's 'Geocentric
theory' with his 'heliocentric
theory', he was put to death.

At the Cultural level, Diversity is Considered Hardest to digest. Scholar G. Sumner calls this 'Ethnocentrism' when a society considers its own culture superior to others. It causes intolerance, breeds regionalism, communalism and other forces of cleavage in the society.

Hence, in this Confrontation we forget to see the beauty of other cultures. Absence of other cultures is dangerous as it takes away from us the 'diverse'

learning opportunities.

We can learn music, art, science, generational wisdom etc. from other cultures. many tribal cultures have huge knowledge of traditional plant based medicines like Iroquo tribes about 'Cure of Snake bite'.

At the Ethnic or Racial level, the diversity has caused many historical injustices and hardships. Britishers followed "White man's burden" due to such racial diversity. Similarly Hitlers programme of creating

a pure Aryan Race shows how hard it has been for diverse Ethnicity to coexist

At the same time, History presents us with cases where absence of this diversity of races proved dangerous.

Instance of Epidemics of diseases wiping out entire races from a Continent like Black plague in Europe is a testament to it. Diversity in Race acts as Shock absorber in case of pandemics. Many

Anthropologists believe that 'Neanderthals' got extinct from

earth because of Racial Similarity.

At the Economic and Political level we have seen ideologies of Capitalism and Communism caused 'Cold war' and posed great threat to world be it Cuban Crisis, Vietnam war or Brinkmanship in Korea.

These differences made many third world countries like India to adopt 'mixed model' of economy & polity which made India more resilient to shocks like 'financial crisis of 2008'.

Despite the challenges

in different & diverse Economic & political models it would have been more dangerous in its absence. It would have promoted 'Unipolar world' which could have been undemocratic and non-inclusive.

At the level of Geography, the earth is hugely diverse. Varying terrains, climates, resource distribution etc are testament to it.

'Jared diamond' in his book 'Guns, Germs and Steel' highlights the role of Geography

in shaping the history of world.
He highlights that ~~reason of~~ winning
of Spain over INCA empire in
South America is due to
geographical disadvantages
faced by INCAs:

Indian SubContinent was
attacked from North western
passus and gave geographical
advantages to attackers. Huns,
Kushans, Sakas, Greeks, Mughals
etc. Constantly caused hardships
in Indian Society.

Though hardships exist
but geographical diversity is
important. Himalayas save
India from Cold Siberian

Winds and Rockies in America
helps in Agriculture in 'Great
Plains'.

In the Contemporary
times, we have to grow out
of the mindset of uniformity.
Accepting that 'Diversity is
Beautiful' can make our lives
easier & better.

Same ~~can~~ can be concluded
from the Einstein's 'Theory of
Relativity'. It can help us in
tackling modern problems of
Radicalization, Character
assassination on social media,
Terrorism, climate change etc.

Hence we need to learn to
Coexist, to appreciate others
, to grow together as diversity
Ultimately means 'diverse
opportunities'.