

ABSTRACT

Language and Integration of India

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Abstract: India is a multi-cultural society, people speaking many languages and dialects. Since time immemorial many individuals and groups of people invaded India and became part of it. When these people came to India, they also brought with them their language. The rule by the Mughals and the British had a lasting effect on India. Urdu and English have ruled India. Even in precolonial India, there was consciousness of a common nation. India is also a polyglot country. Though the eighth schedule includes the recognition of 22 languages, there are more than 1,500 languages and dialects. In spite of this the people of India are united. Now, the Constitution of India further unites us. There have been many discussions in the Constituent Assembly regarding language problem. Now, both Hindi and English are the official languages of India. In addition, states have their own official language(s). Most of the states of India have adopted the three language formula for educational purposes.

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