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### THE CONCEPT OF NATIONALISM IN INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract: Nationalism is the concept of loyalty towards a nation. In Nationalism, this sentiment of loyalty must be present in every citizen. This ideology certainly has been present in humanity since time immemorial. Above all, it's a concept that unities the people of a nation. It is also characterized by love for one's nation. The essay "the concept of nationalism in India: issues and challenges" is an attempt to analyze and introspect on the very sense of nationalism among the Indians. It also further focuses on, how since the days of independence until the present times, we Indians as nationals of this great country, India, have carried the legacy of our nationalism. The essay further develops into the various challenges that have hurt our sense of nationalism and how we have sometimes fumbled and at the same time later grasped with both our hands the legacy of Indian nationalism.

#### Introduction

India, the land of diversity is a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic nation. The world's second-most populous and the most populous democracy, India is characterized by diversity. It is the homeland for a multi-cultural and multi-religious group of people. In spite of all that diversity, there is still unity among the people. The unity among the people comes from the sense of nationalism. It is the feeling of love and pride for the nation that binds the people together.

The supreme law of the land that is the Constitution of Indian upholds the social, economic and political JUSTICE; LIBERTY of thoughts, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation.

In the Hindi film, Chak de India (2007), the coach, who is determined to assemble a winning women's hockey team, asks the team members where they were from. When they mention their home state ("Andhra Pradesh", "Punjab"), he refuses those answers and makes they say instead that they were from India. . "Why would the players identify as Indians to a coach who knew it already?" The answer is simple because the coach wanted to engraft

The feeling of nationalism among the teammates to bind them together. The identity of the Nation-state matters above all else.

In a general sense, nationalism means - oneness, feeling the goodness of the nation and its people, unity in diversity and respect, love and pride towards the nation by its citizens. To understand nationalism - a profound feeling for one's nation - one must know the meaning of what constitutes a nation.

The concept of a nation first emerged in Europe. During the 17th century, a model is known as - 'THE NATION STATE MODEL' was developed in Western Europe. The model suggests that it is natural for a group of people who shares a common territory and culture (language, religion) to have their own state. Thus, the feeling of nationalism led to the formation of nations.

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