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Q. What can France learn from Indian Constitution's approach to Secularism? (150 words)

Indian secularism can be defined as a state which is non-religious, neither favours nor discriminate any particular religion and the state will interfere in the matters of religion only for the purpose of social welfare & social reforms.

On the other hand, France follow strictest form of secularism highlighted in its laïcité policy. As per the policy, people in France are discouraged from showing their religious values & beliefs in public space.

Challenges in France's' secularism

- i) No respect for multi-religious society
- ii) Threat to Individual's right to freedom of religion
- iii) Isolation of religious minorities
- iv) In order to protect the state & the individuals from excessive interference of church, the policy has resulted in atheism in the Society.

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To overcome the above mentioned challenges, France
can learn the following from India —

- The concept of 'Sarva Dharma Sambhar' i.e. equal respect for all religions & sects.
- Watchful Ambivalence : Non-interference policy except for the purpose of social welfare and for social reform.
- Right to Freedom of Religion : ^{Profess} practice and propagate any religion freely.
- Protect religious minorities (ex A29)
- Reasonable Restriction on the rights of the Individual
- Multi-religious Society : Peaceful co-existence of various communities.

Indian secularism, thus recognises religion as an important aspect of Individual's life. At these factors France need to ponder on the above mentioned factors to build a better society.