

If America is a melting pot, then to me India is a thali – a selection of sumptuous dishes in different bowls. Each tastes different, and does not necessarily mix with the next but they belong together on the same plate, and they complement each other in making the meal a satisfying repast.

In the world, America and India are two different and diversified country but in their own ways. While America is diversified due to immigration of people from different parts of the world, India has been a land of mixed culture from ancient time.

In the 20th and 21st century, the United States of America became famous as the great melting pot which is the centre of the its immigration system. The “melting pot” comes from the idea that all of the cultural differences in the United States merge together, as if they were metals being melted down to become a stronger alloy. Immigrants come to this country with the idea in their hearts and minds that they can be Americans no matter what their origins are. As immigrants come from all over the world to the United States, they bring a part of their own culture with them. Their music, food, fashion, religion, and much more slowly becomes part of America’s culture. All these diverse cultures mixed together to form a culture which can be compared to an alloy made of different metals mixed together.

India, on the other hand, has its own diversified culture in itself. From ancient time people of different types, culture, creed, religion is residing in India preserving their own culture in a unique way. Different types of festivals, events are celebrated all round the year. India also has a picturesque natural landscape. Here, every existing group has their own culture but all these cultures are being followed separately while living unitedly in the same country. People from all over the world do not immigrate to settle here. The word “Thali” is an Indian word which means different types of food served separately but in a same plate. India can be compared to thali because here people of different languages, religion, groups such as Bengali, Marathi, Gujrati, e.t.c. live together but their cultures remain uniquely preserved by themselves. For this reason, India has been a diversified country itself beforehand.

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India is a multilingual, multicultural and diversified country where people of different religion caste, creed, views live united in a harmonic way. As there are multiple languages active in India, English is more often used as a common connecting language for people living in India. But this English is used rather in impressing than expressing one's own opinion.

India, being a multilingual country, English and Hindi are mainly used as a common language medium for conversation between people of different states. Though Hindi is used as a usual medium but the use of English is generally to impress rather than expressing thoughts. Here, people knowing English well are considered upper class or level than general people. For this people here try to learn English for not expressing their opinion or thoughts but to impress others and create a good image of him/herself in front of common people.

Besides, people knowing English also get more facilities than others and people look in a different way if anyone cannot speak in English. As a result, learning English nowadays is not considered a skill enhancement rather a tool for remaining in a good level in society. This English is liable by manifold to break the peace and tranquility among the people of India and has created a barrier in interaction among people. For this now people who are knowledgeable in their respective field are also sometimes being mocked/ embarrassed if they cannot communicate in English.