



MULTICULTURALISM AND EDUCATION

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MULTICULTURALISM:

- Multiculturalism is the way in which a society deals with cultural diversity, both at the national and at the community level.
- Sociologically, multiculturalism assumes that society as a whole benefits from increased diversity through the harmonious coexistence of different cultures.

Levels Of Integrating Multicultural Education into the Curriculum:

- James Banks provided four different levels of integrating Multicultural Education into the curriculum, which includes-

- 1. Level- I: The contribution approach:** Most commonly used approach. Entails adding discrete cultural elements into the mainstream curriculum, such as heroes and holidays. The curriculum remains unchanged.
- 2. Level- II: The Additive Approach:** Special units and topics of various groups are added to the curriculum, but the content of the curriculum stays the same.

3. Level- III: The Transformation Approach: The curriculum is changed from the Eurocentric nature (European influenced) to the perspective of various groups. Different frames of reference and content material from various groups are transformed into the curriculum. This helps the students to understand the development and complexity of American society.

4. Level: IV: The Social Action: The curriculum includes all of the elements from prior levels but also encourage the students to make decision and to act socially with the concepts, issues and problems that they have studied from the various groups.

Multiculturalism and Education:

- Multicultural classroom or education system has a great impact on whole teaching learning process. Here we can see impact of multicultural education system through the following heads-
 - i. There will be no discrimination irrespective of caste, class, gender, creed, colour etc.
 - ii. Enhance equal opportunity to all the students.
 - iii. Scope of knowledge integration.
 - iv. Transmission of knowledge takes place.
 - v. Exchange of knowledge takes place.



VI. Modification of existing ideas.

VII. Respect to everyone's ideas.

VIII. Creation of friendly classroom.

IX. Makes learning environment more flexible.

X. Scope of sharing ideas.

XI. Reduction of fear.

XII. Reduction of ignorance.

XIII. Development of universal brotherhood.

XIV. Maintain social and religious harmony.



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