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## CULTURAL DIVERSITY IS INDIA'S IDENTITY TO THE WORLD

With a population of over 1.3 billion its not a surprise the Indian sSub-continent is a juggernaut of diversity, a secular nation united by their common values of mutual respect and tolerance. To the world, India is known as a country of diverse sensory experience; from the colourful costumes, variety of cuisine to the vast array of languages and religions. Thus, Indians are known to not only respect diversity within India but also respect diversity of foreigners visiting India and during their own travels to other countries. It is common for Indians to go out of their way to ensure every visitor is treated with highest hospitality as the traditional philosophy "AtithiDevoBhava" which means "The guest is equivalent to God" is prevalent across the country. Imagine what a beautiful future it would be if all citizens of the world lived with the essence of this philosophy!

I believe, that having grown up in a country as diverse as India, Indians are well equipped to integrate into any community with ease.

## GENDER DIVERSITY IS AT THE CORE OF INDIAN SOCIETY

Both men and women bring different perspectives to our lives and there is a need for both to work together as a team to solve problems. This is prevalent in every aspect of life, social or professional. However, it is no