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## **INDIAN CULTURE**

Mark Twain once said, "India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of tradition." Have you ever wondered what makes Indian culture so unique and captivating? Indian culture is a beautiful mosaic of various religions, traditions and languages. India is the perfect example of "Unity in Diversity."

In India all religions of the world are practiced here such as Hinduism, Jainism, Christianity and many more. The spirit of Indian culture can be found in the way we celebrate our festivals whether it's Diwali or Eid. The culture is inclusive of various attires for different cities and states. Indian cuisine is known for it's variety of flavors. From the spicy curries of the north to the coconut infused dishes of the south.

Joint family is the backbone of Indian culture. The arts and crafts of India are equally mesmerizing with traditional forms like Bharatanatyam and Kathak telling ancient stories through movements. Indians strongly believe in the philosophy of "Atithi Devo Bhava" which means that the guest is equal to God. India's scientific contribution are remarkable from the invention of Zero by Aryabhatta to the ISRO Mars Orbiter Mission.

Even though I am an Indian I am at a loss of words when I start speaking about my culture. As Indians we need to ensure that the richness of our culture is not left in shambles.