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## Chapter 5:

### THE CHALLENGES OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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- What is meant by Community Identity?** 4
1.
    - i. It is commonly based on birth & belonging rather than on some form of qualifications. It is what we are rather than what we have become.
    - ii. It is Ascriptive & universal
    - iii. We are often emotionally attached to our community identity
    - iv. People generally react emotionally or even violently wherever they perceive threat to their community identity.
  
  2. **Why is it difficult to define a nation?** 4  

This is because many nations do not share a common language, religion, ethnicity etc.No specific community can be guaranteed to make a nation. Nations are communities which have a state of their own. States need a nation as much or even more than nations need States.
  
  3. **What is Regionalism?** 4
    - a) It is rooted in Diversity.
    - b) It is rooted in different languages, region & religion.
    - c) It is supported by patterns of beliefs.
    - d) It is also deeply embedded in ethnicity & ecology, especially in relation to ecology which might result in statehood. E.g.-Jharkhand.
  
  4. **Who is a Minority? Why do Minorities need protection from the state?** 4
    - a) They are a group of people because of their specific physical or cultural features find themselves in situations of inequality in society.

- b) They are protected by Article 29 & 30 of the constitution, where it is declared that they have a right to conserve their socio-cultural identity, maintain & run educational institutions & all aid will be provided by the government.

5. **What is the relevance of Civil Society today?**

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- i. It is a non-state, non-market part of the public domain in which people get together voluntarily to make institutions & organizations
- ii. It is a sphere of active citizenship having voluntary associations which fight for public benefits .e.g. is the Right to information bill passed by the government in 2005.

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