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Q. What is communalism? How it can be curbed in India?

Ans. Communalism is used to denote sectarianism in south-east asia, it is related with conflicts between religious groups not between regions, this phenomena is often associated with religious tensions between Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs. Communalism is a big problem in India and its adjoining countries. India being a secular country also has to face communalism where as communalism is evident in countries like Pakistan where the state is engaged with religion.

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Communalism is often profitable to certain political parties who tries to ignite communal tensions to formulate their vote bank.

Communalism often causes public nuisance because of destruction of public property and lives.

It also has an adverse effect on the economy due to 'bandh' or halt in the economy.

The victims of communalism are the least related with the cause of the tension communalism.

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Therefore communalism must be contained.

Investigation should be done properly to catch the masterminds of the riots.

People of all sections must be included equally in the nation building and also decision making.

Including people in the main economy will drastically curb the communalism in India.

Talks must be held frequently between the stakeholders.

Government must also take action against spreading of false information.

Communalism was introduced in India

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in the colonial era beginning with the Morley Minto reforms. We must get over it now and focus on our economy.

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