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What are major obstacles to the process of national integration in contemporary Pakistan. Suggest remedies for the success of the process.

Answer -

Introduction

"National integration is an essence of the nation."

(-Reza Rabbani)

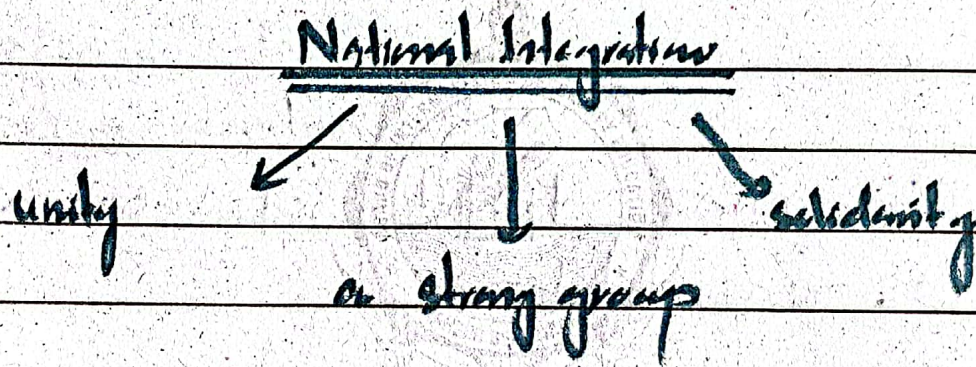
National integration is unity of the nation and for the state. Unfortunately, Pakistan faces obstacles to the process of national integration. Therefore, some steps be adopted to make national integration as a successful process.

2 - An overview of 'National Integration'
"Solidarity of the nation for common interests"

known as national
integration."

(-Oxford Dictionary)

National integration is
unity of the nation. In fact, whole
nation has focus on a single
interest. Therefore, national integration
is solidarity of the nation.



3- Major obstacles to the process of
national integration in Pakistan
Following are
major obstacles:

a) Uneven distribution of resources
between provinces

Uneven distribution

of resources between provinces is an obstacle. Provinces are divided deeply for their self provincial share.

"Sindh has claim over uneven distribution of resources on the NFC share due to large revenue generating power."

(Faisal Bari, life style re-balancing, 2023)

Thus, uneven distribution of resources is an obstacle.

b) Disharmony between center and provinces

Moreover, disharmony between center and provinces is threatening to integration. Division of political parties weakens national integration.

"Sindh refused to

accept the SNC in its
province as claiming
right over subject-
"education"

(Hussain Salama,
Transforming education,
2023)

Hence, disharmony between center and
province also poses threat to integra-
tion.

9) Lack of Quality of education

Further, lack of
quality of education also leads to
obstacle. In fact, public education is
lack of quality in Pakistan.

"Pakistan ranks at the
second most bad in
quality of education."

(The UNICEF Report,
2023)

Thus, lack of quality of education

also affect integration process.

d) Centralized provincial autonomy in Pakistan

Furthermore, centralized provincial autonomy is also an obstacle to integration. State has less control of center and more of provinces.

"Pakistanis are more divided in provincial phenomena that leads to horizontal tug of disharmony!"

Zubair's Madhya

Challenges to solidarity (p. 10)

Thus, centralized provincial autonomy is also an obstacle.

e) Deep-rooted ethnicity among nations

Deep-rooted ethni-

city is leading to obstacle in integration. Pakistan is a multi-cultural state where people are also divided on the basis of culture.

"Pakistan is multi-cultural country and people follow regional culture rather than national that creates separate ideology".

(Hina Saleem,
Pakistan's culture,
2019)

Thus, deep-rooted ethnicity in culture leads to obstacle.

4- Some measures to make national integrative process successful

Following are remedies:

a) Promote social awareness among

public in Pakistan

Social awareness enhancement will lead to smooth process of integration. In fact, people are unaware of integrity profits.

"Democracy in integration can be promoted by increasing social awareness among public."

(Ayub Khan, 1959)

Thus, Pakistan should increase awareness among public.

b) Focus on quality of education

Pakistan should also focus on quality of education. In fact, education will lead to common interests of public.

"Education is a powerful tool that we can use to change the world."

(Nelson Mandela)
Thus, Pakistan also focus on
quality of education.

c) Formation of students' union

Moreover, Pakistan
also focus on students' union.
In fact, educated group of young
will enhance the essence of integ-
ration nationwide.

"On 9th February, 1984

Zia banned Students'
union for personal
political interests."

(Pakistan in crisis,
Farid Bani, 2023)

Hence, Pakistan also focus on stud-
ents' union.

5- Conclusion

"Unity is in reflection
of integration; integration

is in reflection of
unity?"

— (Shahid Hussain)

National integration is unity of the nation. In fact, whole nation is united as a strong group for common interests. Unfortunately, Pakistan faces obstacles in the process of national integration. Therefore, some steps be adopted to make national integration process successful.