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Dedicated to

My source of motivation
My father
Late Vinay Kumar Singh,
a great teacher, nationalist visionary, dutiful Indian,
and Generous person.

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From the Editor's Desk……

Culture shows the excellence of any society. Culture reflects the progress of human creation, the journey of development, the ability of innovation through mental and spiritual thoughts. Culture is the art of living of our life. It is the music of our lives that has been inherited from our ancestors and has been passed on from generations to generations. Culture is life style , humor, mental appeasement, music of life, the anthem of evolution and excellence, society's collective contribution to humanity. It is the normative point of characterization of a nation. Culture is a socially consensual process that nurtures, develops, promotes and preserves human values. Our culture includes foods, lifestyles, customs, folk traditions, festivals, scientific innovations, religions, philosophy, literatures, music, arts, mental and spiritual ideological contributions. In a way, culture is a reflection of the progress made by humans in the field of mental abilities. Culture is a factor of self satisfaction.

India is considered to be one of the world's oldest and greatest cultures. In ancient times, India was awarded the metaphor of Vishwa Guru. Our country attained this pride due to the great and enriched culture developed and established by the eternal sages of ancient time. Many cultures developed from time to time at the global level. The flow of time was such that after reaching the pinnacle of highness, it also got destroyed. But Indian culture is the only culture in the world that is still alive and moving.

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Change is an eternal truth. Indian culture also saw many changes in its journey of development, but never let negative effects on its original nature. Indian culture has always been virtuous. Unaffected by the external influences, Indian culture gladly accepted the positive influences present in them, embracing everyone moving forward and giving everyone the right to live a dignified life respectfully.

The Indian culture, endowed with qualities like co-existence, tolerance, acceptability, proclaimed 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' by supposing whole world as a family and emphasizing the spirit of world brotherhood. With the spirit of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' it showed its generosity, comprehensiveness and magnanimity by adopting people from other country and culture. By making 'Sarwe Bhavantu Sukhinah; Sarwe Santu Niramaya' its core value, it gave a glimpse of its wishful image for world peace, public welfare and well being.

Indian culture is a culture beyond geographical boundaries that contains a sense of global peace and well-being, at the core of which there is total humanity and not only human but also a sense of service, respect, dedication and harmony towards the entire nature including all beings.

Today our Indian youth is eager to adopt Western lifestyle. He perceives backwardness in the values of Indian culture. The luxurious lifestyle of the West is appealing to Indian society today. But at global level conditions created due to the Corona epidemic, the entire world, including the western world, is turning towards the Indian culture. Under these circumstances, the importance and relevance of Indian culture is proved itself. But it is a matter of great regret that the Indian youth is still far from their culture.

Today it is the duty of society and all responsible persons of our society to make aware our present and future generation about Indian culture, its basic elements and its importance.

It is the duty of every Indian to imbibe the Indian culture in his life and understand its importance and relevance so that India can regain its lost glory in the future. The edited book entitled as

"Indian Culture - An Everlasting Relevant Base for Global Peace, is only a small effort in this direction.

The present edited book compiles of the research articles based on different aspects related to Indian culture. This book is a repository of total articles received from different regions of India.

Thanks and gratitude to the all authors for supporting by their articles. Thanks and gratitude to Akhand Publishing House for expressing these ideas of various authors in the form of a book about Indian culture.

With heartfelt gratitude to all the associates and friends who have directly and indirectly helped to form the proposed idea in the shape of book.

Through this book, an attempt has been made to see the importance and relevance of Indian culture in the current global context. Certainly this book will be proved useful for scholars and researchers interested about the study of Indian culture.

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Preface

Culture is the way of life. It is a manifest form of our mental and spiritual creation. Culture is that invaluable fund of a nation or society which is the result of the continuous study, experimentation, experience and creativity of our ancestors from time to time and which we have inherited from our ancestors as a rich heritage. Culture is the fundamental source and inspiration of human life.

Indian culture is a culture of world welfare, which has always tried to unite the whole world with the announcement of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Indian culture, inspired by the wish of Public welfare as 'Survey Bhavantu Sukhinah, Survey Santu Niramaya' has always moved forward with the basic mantra of the ideal of global peace.

Indian culture is the cornerstone, regulator, determinant and guide of humanitarian society. Indian culture has always paved the way for cooperation, tolerance, coexistence, mutual affection and brotherhood, compassion, equality, respect, public welfare and all wellbeing. Indian culture paved the way for the human life style by staying beyond the boundaries of geographical boundaries, language, religion, community, community and caste etc.

Indian culture reflects the ideological and mental excellence of humans. Indian culture is the byproduct of the highest ideological thinking of the great Indian sages, not only for Indian society, but for the entire world community, which rejects a narrow mindset, tradition and system. Indian culture reflects the liberal, comprehensive, equitable, practical and dignified approach of ancient Indian sages.

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Indian culture has always attracted the attention of the entire world including the western world. India has been known as 'Vishwaguru' all over the world since ancient times. The vision of Indian culture has always been fair, honest, egalitarian and coexistence, equality and brotherhood. The gates of India were always open to all. India's wealth, prosperity and rich knowledge tradition invites the global world directly and indirectly. Sometimes someone came India for greed of wealth and sometimes someone came here for greed of knowledge. Sometimes robbed the splendor of India and returned back to native places, sometimes some settled here. But the Indian Sanatan tradition never despised anyone, always embracing everyone with a free heart and adopting with open mind. Indian culture assimilated all external influences and other cultures into itself. No other example of coordination of Indian culture is found elsewhere in the world. This is only a small example of the liberal greatness of Indian culture. Indian culture has many unique abilities that make it the greatest of all.

Today, the global situation has worsened due to the corona epidemic. An atmosphere of fear, tension and unrest has been created all around. Most business activities are at a standstill. People are being instructed to follow the social distancing.

The western world is losing its fascination with the dazzling, luxurious and busiest lifestyle. Today people from all over the western world are getting oriented towards Indian culture. But it is a matter of bad luck that Indian society is still not able to give up the fascination of Western culture. Today Indian youth are moving away from their roots. They are not aware of about India's enriched culture & cultural heritage.

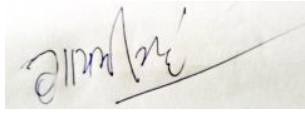
While on the one hand the entire global society is admiring the importance of Indian culture, on the other hand Indian youth is engrossed in the fascination of Western culture and their lifestyle. In such circumstances, the book entitled 'Indian Culture - An Overview' edited by Dr. Dhiraj Singh will surely be able and helpful to make aware the young generation of the present Indian society about Indian culture.

Culture is not an attainment or product but a process of continuous modification, enhancement and change. The significance and relevance of Indian culture lies in its application and assimilation into our day to day life. Today every Indian needs to understand and re-interpret it again. This accumulation, compiled by Dr. Dhiraj Singh, is a good effort in this direction, which will help in re-understanding and establishing the ancient regulatory traditions, customs, lifestyles, norms, etc. of Indian culture in the current changed circumstances.

I congratulate Dr. Dhiraj Singh for the efficient editing of this book, as well as all the research scholars, academicians and faculty members, whose supports have made this concept in concrete form.

With greetings and best wishes.....

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