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Managing India's Diversities

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Abstract: India is the most diverse country in the world and the most stratified over time and space. The social dynamics of the country is bringing ever newer elements, hitherto submerged and oppressed, into the "mainstream". This mistakenly suggests growing fragmentation and negative identity politics. In fact, this unwelling from below is converting "Bharat" into "India" and has vastly strengthened the roots of democracy. How we manage this delicate and difficult transition will determine the future.