

Federal coalition is required to preserve the idea of plurality in country. Do you agree with this view.

~~Answer~~ Comment (200 Words)

India is known for its unique federalism, where plurality is its keystone.

Now it is a high time for democracy where it is facing extreme centralisation.

Government is systematically centralising by encroaching the state domains of the domains where state has a more responsibility like Health, Education, Agriculture.

Eg : Framing of farm laws, central sector health schemes like PM Jan Aarogya Yojana, One Nation One Ration etc.

Government has also started favouring business that aligns with central government only. This has led decline of small and medium enterprises.

Central Government introduces more schemes on state subject which has widened the gap between the revenue that state government are allowed to generate and expenditure they are expected to incur.

This has affected states like Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal.

Institutional transgression has also increased. Some are direct transfer to beneficiary of schemes bypassing states, ignoring the elected representatives of state government in decision making, direct indulging in appointment of vice chancellors of state owned educational institutions.

Many regional cultures, identities are interpreted by the union government as belonging to a pan Indian tradition.

Too much of centralisation has affected → autonomy of states
→ regional identities & culture
→ effectiveness of elected government.

Thus need of hour is Federal coalition that looks beyond constitutional aspects of federalism to preserve plurality of India.