



Welcome to **NVRSfoundation.org** to embark on a fulfilling journey of **APPLIED CIVICS** around Public Discipline and Behaviour.

APPLIED CIVICS has its roots from the term CIVICS that deals with the duties, responsibilities and rights of a citizen. While these parameters may vary in different contexts of political systems that govern a territory / nation, it is important to note that certain common value systems prevailed across communities all over the world at all points in time.

Value Systems and CIVICS

It is said that an individual is groomed in equal proportions by parents, teachers and the surrounding social circle (ecosystem). While the grooming continues at places of work in many cases, the basic personality traits take shape during various stages of grooming - while being an infant, a child, an adolescent, youth and even later.

While certain extreme personality traits of an individual may be inherited from an ancestor of many generations ago, these may be refined through proper grooming..

Common influencing factors

In a democratic set up with a secular outlook such as India's, the factors that influence the value systems and behaviour patterns of individuals are manifold. The challenges are humongous and might take the efforts of a few generations to transform itself into a refined / civilized society.

Politics

The corner pillars of Indian democracy are its Legislature, Executive, Judiciary and Press. With economic development and uncontrolled urbanization scuttling the core values of the society, it is only natural that value erosion has severely impacted the four pillars.

If we add the influential private sector (Corporates) to the mix of the four elements, the recipe of disaster is complete in the space of civic sense, public behaviour and public discipline.

The unlimited freedom of expression has resulted in chaos in public space and bloodshed on the roads.

The role of politics and politicians peak during elections. It is considered that the political ecosystem in India generates over 10 million jobs during election seasons, including temporary work in campaigning, marketing and logistics.

In certain states of India, politics is a way of long term employment where the active politicians groom the next generation of politicians at a very young age while they are in the schools or colleges. This has made political affiliation mandatory for average citizens to avail service delivery in the "corridors of power", although this has considerably reduced since the introduction of e-Governance. Notably, this has helped curtail financial corruption to a large extent.

Religion

India is considered the holy land that has given birth to more than one religion. This is one of the key factors that has deterred creation of common value systems that are adhered to by all the citizens. While all the religions preach and practise a major number of value elements, there are a few practices that could cause potential disharmony in the society. This happens due to the differing interpretation of religious doctrines and other influencing factors.

Education

Education is ideally the balancing element that can contain the excesses of politics and religious influences to bring about moderateness. However, in reality, it has worked in the reverse order.

The ecosystem provided for education is a blend of political system, religious and cultural systems. This has made the education system weak to stand on its own and make progress in certain territories. This is evident from the fact that value systems that the education process tries to inculcate are never allowed to take deep roots in order to protect certain, ulterior interests of the ecosystem. The casualty has been the practice of public discipline and public behaviour - summarized as Applied Civics. ***The end result is that Civility or Civilized behaviour is unlearnt faster than it is learnt in the books as it is never practised.***

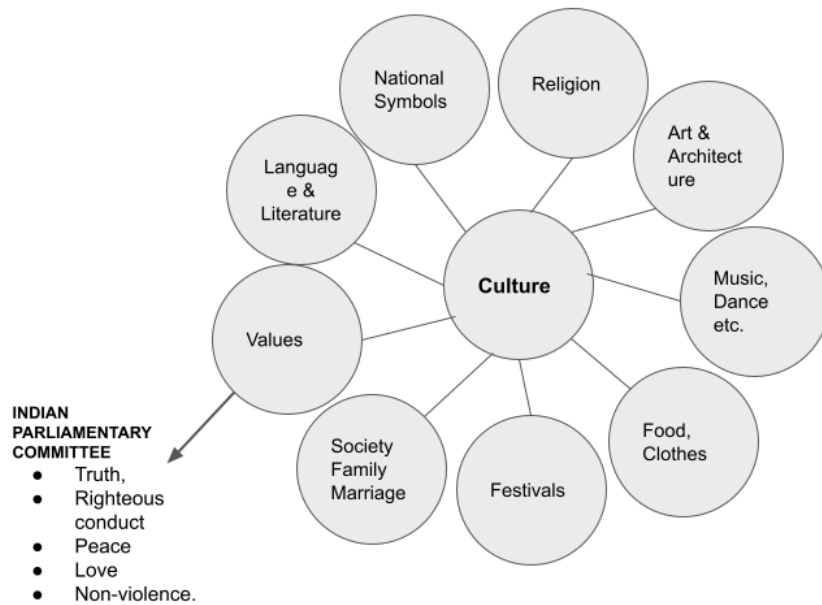
There is however consolation, given the fact that there are territories where the education system has stood its ground inculcating values that are common in nature.

Cultural influence

Culture is defined as a foundation of various practices. However, with economic and social progress made, the culture within communities tends to evolve and with it, evolve the value systems. Such evolution has resulted in a very complex ecosystem where it is found difficult to separate one system from the other - best example being religion and culture.

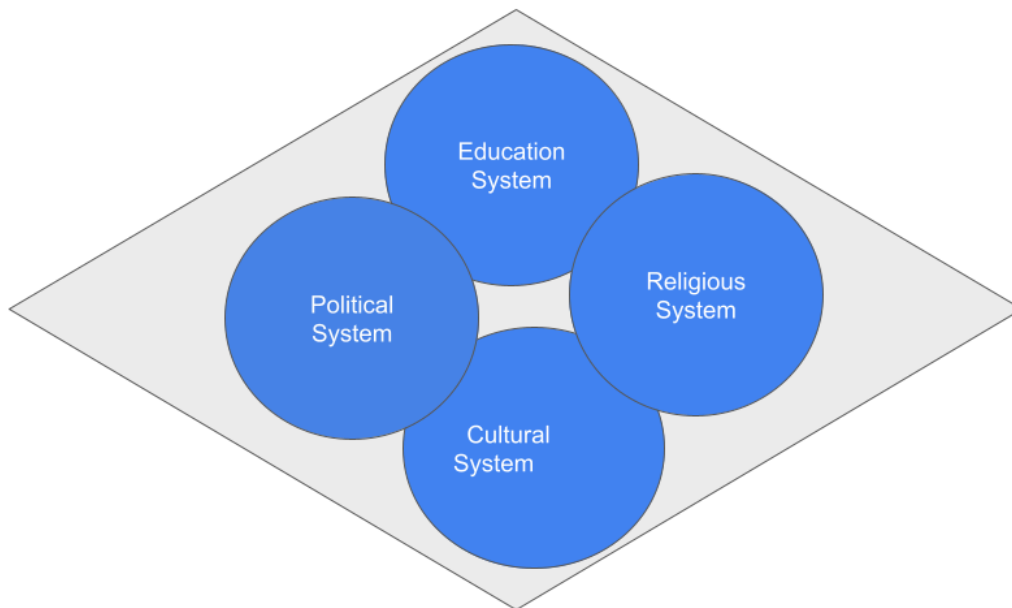
According to Dr. Subhankshi Sonker, the various factors that constitute the Indian culture are as follows :-

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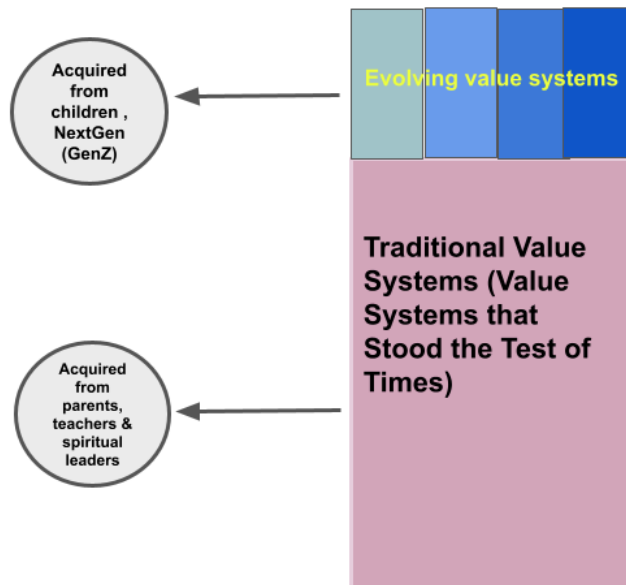


To summarize, the Ecosystem is a blend of four different systems viz., Education System, Religious System, Political System and Cultural System. Systems such as Business Ethics System, Medical Ethics System, Judicial Ethics System etc., are out of scope of this work.

The Ecosystem



NVRSfoundation.org tries to identify human values that have existed for several centuries and those that keep evolving. Since modern values evolve based on the characteristics of the value system, the evolution layer is subject to change from time to time.



NVRSfoundation.org is founded in memory of the noble couple Shri N.V.R. Warriar and his wife Smt. Sakunthala R. Warriar who cultivated all the traditional values in us to live as a good citizen of our beloved country India (Bharatham). The Warriars lived through varying challenges in their lives - born into a joint family system in India, they have been spectators to many political, social and economic changes in this country.

Beginning their life as the citizens in British India, they were witness to India's freedom struggle, they saw the painful transformation from a British colony to the Republic of India, the land reformation act that gifted away their tenanted farmlands to the farmer, a new look India under the leadership of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru setting up public utilities, public sector companies and allowing private sector establishments in the manufacturing sector offering employment to citizens, the creation of a robust middle class economy, the agricultural revolution in Punjab, "operation flood" or milk revolution in Gujarat, the literacy drive in Kerala, nationalization of public sector banks, the use of computers across industries and in households, the revolutionary changes in telecommunication, the digitalized economy through the success of UPI payments, digitalized services offered in service sector and the open conduct of business in legislative assembly, parliament and judiciary.

While the duo were stunningly religious, Warriar (**our Achan or Dad**) was more conservative, exuding a rare sense of diplomacy (that he inherited from the Scottish multinational company he worked for 42 years) and Sakunthala (**our Amma or Mom**) had a more modern outlook towards life. While **He** oozed honesty, simplicity, grace, diplomacy and professionalism, **She**

radiated a strong sense of responsibility, measured level of freedom with accountability while being respectful to fellow beings.

While Achan was a man of uncompromising principles and limited words, Amma was more vociferous and punitive for the errors committed by children. She was insecure considering that there was only one breadwinner and used to push his son to study hard and find a job to support his father.

Not surprisingly, his son (I) despite being 63, feels he is still not finished and still chases his dream of a second chapter in his career.

Leaving aside any human weaknesses, the duo were role models for many in their limited circle of friendship.

At NVRStfoundation.org, as children, we pay glowing tributes to these gorgeous, graceful human beings for how truthful, caring and loving they have been to us. We will use the values inherited from our parents as the guiding light to lead us in our journey to impart them to the society that we are part of. We are adding our own learnings to this collection of values and name the entire compilation as **APPLIED CIVICS**.

While we accept the challenges ahead of us, we humbly feel that a beginning has to be made in this direction with irreversible impact on the society.

We dedicate our works in front of the fondest memories of our beloved parents.