

Subject- S.S.T Class- 8 Topic- Understanding Secularism

Learn and Write

6. The Indian State both keeps away from religion as well as intervenes in religion. This idea can be quite confusing. Discuss this once again in class using examples from the chapter as well as those that you might have come up with.

Answer

→ The Indian State distances itself from the religion and it is not ruled by a religious group & nor does it support any one religion.

→ Equal respect is given to all the religions. In order to prevent domination by one particular community, the state may interfere in the religion.

→ State may interfere in the religion to ensure that all the religions are treated equally.

→ Sometimes, the State may have to intervene in the religion based on 'personal laws' of the communities to ensure that laws relating to equal inheritance are protected.

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7. This poster alongside highlights the need for 'Peace'. It says, "Peace is a neverending process... It cannot ignore our differences or overlook our common interests." Write in your own words what you think the above sentences are trying to convey? How does it relate to the need for religious tolerance?

This chapter had three drawings on religious tolerance made by students of your age.

Design your own poster on religious tolerance for your peers.

Answer

'Peace is a never-ending process. It cannot ignore our differences or overlook our common interests.'

The above sentences say that for all the communities to stay together, it is very important that each religious community should respect the other, their interests & their religious practices. We should not feel bound by any law that we need to respect the other religion, whereas, we should work towards decreasing the differences amongst religious communities & work towards bringing peace in the society as a civilized society. Only then, we will be able to enjoy the co-existence of different religions in the society.