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The next few photos capture the unity and diversity of countless cultures in India, along with dancing rituals (performed in Rajasthan). Just as people use the different features of their culture to make proper sense in this world, here I wanted to express the interconnected affects and activities of the diverse cultures of India. In India, around 780 languages are spoken but that does not weaken the social bonding among the people, instead these languages reflect the cultural values that are well adapted by our people. Similarly, there are some untranslatable words that have the same universal experience. For example,

the word Inuktitut (*iktsuarpok*) describes the feeling of being excited or anxious with anticipation (Smith, 2015).

Moving ahead, I have shown certain pictures of doll role modeling activities and a 'Holi' festival image. These images depict the various innovative methods adopted by different cultures in India to further enhance the social values of their own culture. With time, numerous groups of people have adopted various activities to strengthen their religious ideals or beliefs. Similarly, these images display activities that have been adopted with time to maintain prosperous social norms. Finally, the last images show multiculturalism here within Canada. They display a unique look at Canadian society, wherein diversity is supposedly a central aspect and multiculturalism is considered a cornerstone of the larger Canadian identity. Canada allows immigrants to freely enter the country and acts like Canadian Multiculturalism Act have also been established, which further promotes an equal society.

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