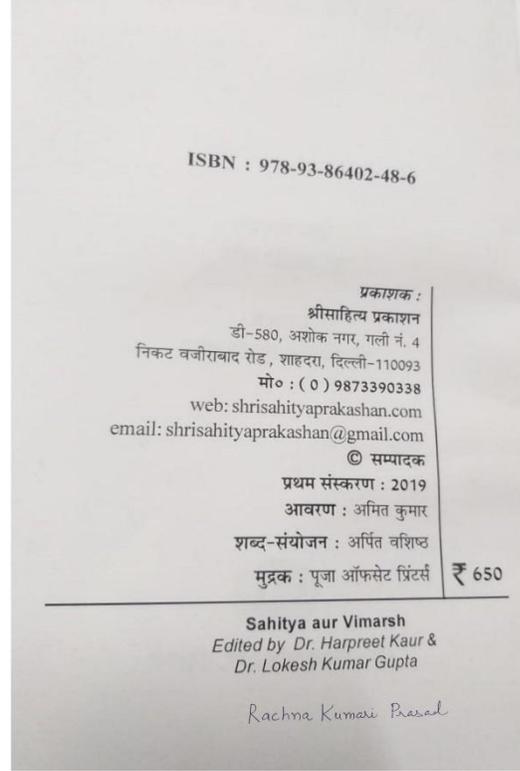
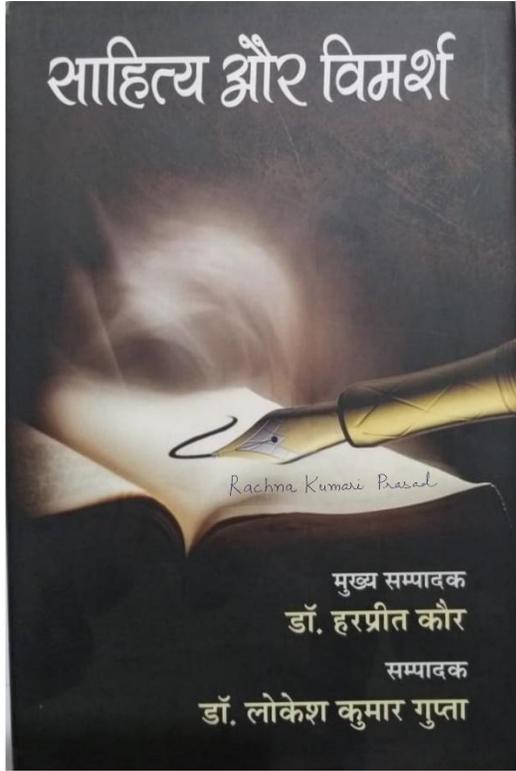


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Cultural diversity and emergence of multiculturalism is not a new phenomenon but it has gained huge attention due to the coming of globalization and cultural hegemony of few cultures and groups over the other. Cultural diversity tries to understand how people of different cultures live together and their co-existence also raises questions of recognition of some minority groups and their cultural identities. In liberal democracy where there is existence of different cultures and also new demands for the recognition of minority cultures, it raises pertinent questions how and to what extent such recognition is possible? Is there any politics involved in such recognition and how do one come out of such conflict? What is the way out?

Multiculturalism
Multiculturalism means assimilation of different socio, religious, cultural and ethnic groups together. Multiculturalism is a normative value and endorses the idea of cultural diversity in contemporary times. Multiculturalism responds to the issue of cultural discrimination by protecting minority cultures. Since the policies of cultural assimilation and homogenization render minority cultures vulnerable the idea

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