GLOBALIZATION, TRANSNATIONALISM AND SOCIO-CULTURAL LINKAGES: A CASE STUDY OF INDIAN DIASPORA

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ABSTRACT
Globalization, transnationalism and recent changes in the world economic and political order have generated large movements of people in almost every region. As migration has increased so too has formation of diaspora of transnational communities leading to increasing number of people with allegiances straddling their places of origin and their new homeland. The phenomenon of global networks and interactions has spawned a new cultural landscape of hybridities, confluences and influences. The Indian diaspora is spread virtually all over the globe but this landscape is yet to be fully understood in all its dimensions. In this context, the research study explored the phenomenon of diaspora in general and Indian diaspora in particular. It traced the history and evolution of Indian diaspora and various types of migration flows. A special mention in the paper was given to the phenomenon of brain drain, deconstruction and reconstruction of identities. The paper also critically evaluated the complex nature of socio-cultural linkages and transnational connections.

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