

## SOME PROBLEMS OF NATION-BUILDING

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**Editor's Note:** The Nation is celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which was initiated on 23<sup>rd</sup> January this year with pomp and grandeur, although with some political overtones. Almost all discussions are centred around Netaji's courage, valour and heroism in connection with the freedom movement of India. But his perception of free India, how he visualized his country after independence, has rarely been discussed. The article "Some Problems of Nation building" that we present here was presumably written on the invitation of Meghnad Saha when he established the journal *Science and Culture* while Netaji was in Karlsbad, Germany and was published in the first volume of the journal. He raised some vital issues such as population and its control, inter-caste and intra-caste marriage, a common script for India, uniform diet for the whole of India and uniform dress for the people of India where he was looking for scientific answers to all of them. Unfortunately, all these still remain unanswered and may provide some food for thought for the days to come.

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