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## Superstition in India “An impediment to innovation and growth”

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**Abstract :** *Superstition is a pejorative term for any belief or the practice that is considered irrational. This belief or practice results from ignorance, fear of the unknown, trust in magic or charm, or a false conception of causation. Even in today's world when we have the ability of controlling and carrying out our works with the latest technologies, we often see people who have their fingers crossed, have their horoscopes read or knocking on wood for good luck. This proves that superstition still has strong hold over our lives.*

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According to American author Gretchen Rubin, “Superstition is the irrational belief that an object or behavior has the power to influence an outcome, when there is no logical connection between them. Most of us are not superstitious but most of us are a ‘littlestitious.’” Magic, witchcraft, and occultism are often referred to as superstitions. In general, superstitious practices are most common in situations involving a high degree of uncertainty. However, the question of what is or is not superstitious, is however relative. One person's religious belief can be a superstition for another's. Thus, Irish Statesman Edmund Burke has quoted, “Superstition is the religion of feeble mind.” It has been said fear is seen to be the root cause of the existence of superstition.

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### Introduction :

It is rightly said that superstition is the religion of feeble minds, it is a result of our fear, ignorance and our urge to achieve our goals without really working for it. Judith Viorst, an American author has said, “Superstition is foolish, childish, primitive and irrational- but how much does it cost you to knock on wood?” Even people who claim that they have no superstitious beliefs often do a few things they cannot explain. We have become so