

1 **Supplementary File**

2 **Table A. Spearman correlations between all variables included in the study.**

Variables	SCs	STs	OBCs	UCs	Male	Female	Hindu	Muslim	ORM	Rural	Urban	Father edu UG Above	Father edu HS	Father edu Less than HS	No. Education	High Income	Low Income	Private School	Government School	High Scores	Low Scores	Selectivity	HS Subject Sciences	HS Subject Social Sciences	HS Subjects Commerce	Social_Sciences	Engineering	Sciences	Commerce	FriendI SC	FriendI ST	FriendI OBC	FriendI UC	Teachers encourage working together	Belief in Caste Superiority	Caste discrimination is not a problem in India	Social Diversity leads to tension in society	Reservation is not needed	Belief in Meritocracy			
SCs	1																																									
STs	-.088**	1																																								
OBCs	-.340**	-.187**	1																																							
UCs	-.325**	-.179**	-.688**	1																																						
Male	.012	.056**	.002	-.034	1																																					
Female	-.012	-.056**	-.002	.034	-.1	1																																				
Hindu	.026	.044	.077**	-.115**	.053**	-.053**	1																																			
Muslim	-.159**	-.058**	.042	.095**	.063**	.063**	-.757**	1																																		
ORM	.171**	.009	-.173**	.050**	-.007	.007	-.548**	-.115**	1																																	
Rural	.083**	.104**	.145**	-.249**	.098**	-.098**	.108**	-.156**	.035**	1																																
Urban	-.089**	-.106**	-.141**	.251**	.097**	.097**	-.110**	.157**	-.034	-.996**	1																															
Father edu UG Above	-.099**	-.094**	-.118**	.229**	.003	-.003	.079**	-.068**	-.036	-.262**	.264**	1																														
Father edu HS	-.032	-.017	-.009	.040	.021	-.021	.008	.014	-.027	-.025	.026	-.323**	1																													
Father edu Less than HS	.103**	.048**	.129**	-.224**	-.035**	.035**	-.056**	.023	.064**	.265**	-.266**	-.686**	-.327**	1																												
No. Education	.039	.128**	.006	-.088**	.038**	-.038**	-.063**	.089**	-.015	.044	-.043	-.175**	-.084**	-.178**	1																											
High Income	-.070**	-.042	-.092**	.160**	.010	-.010	.033	-.043	-.008	.166**	.164**	.320**	-.099**	-.220**	-.067**	1																										
Low Income	.087**	-.004	.083**	-.144**	-.010	.010	-.047**	.067**	-.004	.216**	-.215**	-.352**	.015	.304**	.109**	-.348**	1																									
Private School	-.070**	-.049**	-.092**	.163**	.087**	-.087**	.025	-.036	.004	.180**	.179**	.220**	-.023	-.183**	-.053**	.185**	.140**	1																								
Government School	.097**	.018	.069**	-.146**	-.024	.024	-.011	.021	-.010	.159**	-.160**	-.213**	.040**	.165**	.059**	.191**	.191**	-.448**	1																							
High Scores	-.141**	-.088**	.083**	.222**	.059**	-.059**	-.023	-.013	.042	.076**	.077**	.140**	-.042	-.088**	-.072**	.192**	.150**	.175**	-.195**	1																						
Low Scores	-.014	.084**	-.019	-.046	.050**	.050**	-.042	.061**	-.010	-.024	.025	-.057**	.003	.032	.067**	-.042	-.004	-.073**	.062**	-.175**	1																					
Selectivity	-.084**	-.020	-.217**	.287**	.238**	-.238**	-.140**	.200**	.051**	.282**	.281**	.173**	.055**	-.218**	-.013	.205**	.165**	.194**	-.160**	.414**	.078**	1																				
HS Subject Sciences	-.040**	-.106**	-.015	.089**	.173**	-.173**	.160**	-.172**	-.030	.125**	.282**	.059**	-.265**	-.138**	.149**	.183**	.173**	-.132**	.094**	.091**	.193**	1																				
HS Subject Social Sciences	.051**	.156**	.009	-.112**	.090**	.090**	-.087**	.096**	-.019	.134**	-.134**	-.245**	-.057**	.231**	.134**	-.127**	.162**	-.140**	.109**	-.155**	.093**	-.186**	-.671**	1																		
HS Subjects Commerce	.014	-.053**	.019	-.006	.126**	.126**	-.070**	.053**	.041**	.047**	-.046**	-.070**	-.032	.095**	-.003	-.018	.025	-.044**	.012	.089**	.006	-.104**	-.469**	-.223**	1																	
Social Sciences	.035**	.084**	.009	-.070**	-.024	.024	-.010	.011	.005	.059**	-.059**	-.135**	-.054**	.152**	.068**	.096**	.124**	-.037	.074**	-.219	.081**	-.261**	-.301**	.331**	.004	1																
Engineering	-.034	-.006	.071**	.098**	.129**	-.129**	.074**	-.082**	-.017	.101**	.099**	.133**	-.014	-.119**	-.052**	.164**	.143**	.090**	-.124	.235	.078**	.426**	.184**	-.155**	-.055**	-.300**	1															
Sciences	-.013	-.060**	.044**	-.009	.058**	.058**	-.004	-.003	.010	-.015	.014	.094**	.038**	-.099**	.059**	.056**	.091**	.028	-.060	-.050	.057**	-.069**	-.209**	-.147**	-.618**	-.184**	-.184**	1														
Commerce	.011	-.038**	.038**	-.030	-.026	.026	.042	-.074**	.029	.112**	-.111**	-.050**	.012	.058**	-.024	-.044	.010	-.076**	.084**	.129**	.004	-.105**	-.108**	-.105**	.303**	-.314**	-.094**	-.193**	1													
FriendI SC	.236**	.040	-.045	-.138**	.006	-.006	.010	.074**	.085**	.098**	-.100**	-.089**	-.008	.086**	.017	.054	.069**	-.053**	.028	.076**	.008	-.090**	-.057**	.091**	-.012	.022	-.036	.019	-.017	1												
FriendI ST	-.027	.378**	-.047**	-.096**	.057**	-.057**	.044**	-.050**	-.001	.064**	-.064**	-.072**	-.029	.060**	.079**	-.036	.026	-.030	.024	-.071**	.042	-.038**	-.061**	.100**	-.054**	.085**	-.017	-.044	-.039**	-.081**	1											
FriendI OBC	-.063**	-.053**	.279**	-.214**	.071**	.071**	.035	-.024	-.021	.126**	-.125**	-.122**	.006	.108**	.038**	-.076**	.084**	.097**	.069**	-.088**	-.004	-.198**	-.038**	.025	.034	.005	-.091**	.068**	.012	-.253**	-.121**	1										
FriendI UC	-.100**	-.080**	-.205**	.312**	.052**	.052**	-.086**	.130**	-.032	.177**	.178**	.165**	.025	-.153**	-.055**	.084**	.084**	.116**	-.109**	.107**	-.015	.194**	.034	-.060**	.013	-.020	.045**	-.027	-.040**	-.305**	-.146**	-.455**	1									
Teachers encourage working together	-.018	-.022	-.009	.032	.017	.017	.013	-.015	.002	.010	-.011	.031	.003	-.020	-.030	-.010	-.017	-.003	-.015	.034	-.038**	.054**	-.042**	.019	.036	-.036**	-.012	.011	.028	-.044**	-.010	.001	.027	.027	1							
Belief in Caste Superiority	.026	.033	.006	-.038**	-.025	.025	-.018	.015	.011	.048**	-.049**	-.051**	-.036	.059**	.036	-.089**	.057**	-.047**	.025	-.051**	.012	-.066**	-.050**	.054**	.004	.017	-.034	.017	-.022	.024	.051**	.004	-.009	-.036**	.034	.186**	1					
Caste discrimination is not a problem in Social Diversity leads to tension in society	.002	.019	.015	-.025	.001	-.001	-.021	.024	.005	.002	-.002	-.022	-.011	.026	.004	-.025	.000	-.031	.047**	-.032	.017	-.028	-.018	.024	.004	.005	-.009	-.003	.010	.050**	.015	-.006	-.026	.034	.186**	.112**	1					
Reservation is not needed	-.129**	-.050**	-.023	.136**	.011	-.011	-.002	.027	-.026	.048**	.048**	.088**	-.024	-.039	-.069**	.045**	.066**	.070**	-.043	.084**	-.036**	.044**	.021	-.041**	.032	-.042**	-.044**	.039**	.041**	-.068**	-.026	-.019	.077**	.045**	.071**	.144**	.129**	1				
Belief in Meritocracy	-.098**	-.039	-.019	.105**	.001	-.001	.031	-.025	-.020	.006	-.007	.086**	-.009	-.047**	-.080**	-.023	.066**	.062**	-.027	.169**	-.04																					