



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 8th Semester

PLS: DSC 454: CONFLICT AND PEACE BUILDING

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

Course Objectives:

1. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of conflict, including its meaning, causes, and characteristics.
2. To explore different mechanisms and the importance of conflict resolution, including an examination of Gandhian methods of resolving conflicts.
3. To analyze the dimensions of conflict, including ideological conflicts such as democracy versus authoritarianism and liberalism versus socialism, as well as gender conflicts and violence against women in conservative and patriarchal societies.
4. To study socio-cultural conflicts in the North East India, including their causes and consequences, with a specific focus on tribal identity crisis.
5. To examine national and religious conflicts in India, including caste conflicts, and to understand international conflicts, such as the Indo-Chinese and Indo-Pak conflicts, and the measures adopted to resolve them.
6. To develop an understanding of peace building, including its meaning and the challenges and threats to peace.
7. To explore measures and devices to strengthen national and global peace, including the role of the United Nations and its recommendations for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Understanding conflict: Meaning, Causes and Characteristics of Conflict. Conflict Resolution: Meaning, Various Mechanisms and Importance of Conflict Resolution; Gandhian Method of Resolving Conflict.	
2	Dimensions of Conflict: I Ideological Conflict between Democracy and Authoritarianism, between Liberalism and Socialism during the Cold War. Gender Conflicts: Conflict of Rights in Conservative and Patriarchal Society,	

	Violence against Women with reference to India.	
3	Dimensions of Conflict: II Socio- Cultural Conflicts in the North East India: Causes and Consequences. Tribal Identity Crisis in the North East India: Causes and Consequences.	
4	Sites of Conflict: National- Religious and Caste Conflicts in India. International- Understanding International conflicts, the Indo-Chinese Conflict, the Indo- Pak Conflict; Measures Adopted to Resolve the Conflicts	
5	Understanding Peace Building: Meaning, Challenges/ Threats to Peace, Measures/ Devices to Strengthen National & World Peace, UN Recommendations for Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes.	

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the concept of conflict and identify its causes and characteristics.
2. Evaluate different mechanisms and approaches to conflict resolution, including the application of Gandhian methods.
3. Analyze ideological conflicts and gender conflicts in society, including violence against women, and examine the social and political implications.
4. Assess socio-cultural conflicts in the North East India, particularly related to tribal identity crisis, and understand their causes and consequences.
5. Analyze national and religious conflicts in India, including caste conflicts, and understand the complexities of international conflicts such as the Indo-Chinese and Indo-Pak conflicts.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of various measures and approaches to peacebuilding, including understanding the challenges and threats to peace.
7. Understand the role of different stakeholders in strengthening national and global peace, including the United Nations and its recommendations for peaceful dispute resolution.
8. Develop effective communication and negotiation skills necessary for conflict resolution and peacebuilding initiatives.

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