

Course Title: Ancient Indian Approaches to Peace and Conflict Management

Course Code

Course Description:

The Ancient Indian Approaches to Peace and Conflict Management course explores the rich heritage of ancient Indian philosophies and traditions in addressing issues of peace and conflict. Students will delve into the fundamental concepts of peace, conflict, and various approaches to their study. They will examine the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain perspectives on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and inner peace. Through this course, students will gain insights into the profound wisdom and practical strategies for managing conflicts and fostering peace from ancient Indian traditions.

Course Objectives:

- To introduce students to the foundational concepts and theories of peace and conflict management.
- To explore the Hindu tradition's approach to conflict and peace, including its outlook on life, social structure, and methods of conflict resolution.
- To examine the Buddhist perspective on conflict dynamics and its teachings on conflict resolution and inner peace.
- To delve into the Jain tradition's principles of peace, including the Five Great Vows, the Three Jewels, and the theory of Anekantvaad.
- To analyze the relevance and application of ancient Indian approaches to peace and conflict management in contemporary contexts.
- To foster critical thinking and a deeper understanding of the complexities of peace and conflict through the study of ancient Indian philosophies.

Learning Outcomes:

LO1: Gain a comprehensive understanding of the meaning, nature, and philosophy of peace, as well as the different theories of peace.

LO2: Identify the various types, levels, and reasons for conflict and explore different approaches to studying conflict.

LO3: Understand the Hindu tradition's outlook towards life, social structure, and the institutions and methods of conflict resolution.

LO4: Analyze the Buddhist analysis of conflict dynamics and explore Buddhist teachings on conflict resolution and inner peace.

LO5: Examine the Jain principles of peace, including the Five Great Vows, the Three Jewels, and the theory of Anekantvaad.

LO6: Apply the ancient Indian approaches to peace and conflict management to contemporary contexts and develop insights into their relevance and applicability in fostering peace and resolving conflicts.

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1. Introduction to Peace - Basic Issues

- 1.1 Peace; Meaning, Nature, Philosophy of Peace
- 1.2 Legacy of Ideas of Peace (From Scriptures to Saints)
- 1.3 Theories of Peace

2. Introduction to Conflict

- 2.1 Meaning, types, levels and Reasons for Conflict
- 2.2 Approaches to the Study of Conflict
- 2.3 Theories of Conflict

3. Hindu Tradition Approach to Conflict and Peace

- 3.1 Basic Hindu Outlook towards life
- 3.2 Pillars of Social Structure
- 3.3 The Institutions and Methods of conflict resolution

4. Buddhist Approach To Conflict and Peace

- 4.1 Foundational Aim of Buddhist Tradition
- 4.2 Buddhist Analysis of conflict dynamics
- 4.3 Examining Buddhist conflict resolution and inner peace

4. Jain Approach to Peace

- 5.1 Five Great Vows
- 5.2 Three Jewels
- 5.3 Theory of anekantvaad

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Suggested Readings

- Ancient Wisdom, Modern Context: Peace and Conflict Management in Ancient India by Dr. Ramesh Verma, Publisher: Notion Press
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- Peace and Conflict Management in Ancient India: Perspectives and Practices by, Dr. Rama Shankar Singh, Publisher: ABC Publications
- Dharma and Harmony: Ancient Indian Approaches to Peace and Conflict, Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta, Publisher: Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
- Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution in Ancient India by Dr. Sudhir Chandra, Publisher: Oxford University Press
- Peacebuilding in Ancient India: Lessons from Scriptures and Traditions by Dr. Ravi Shankar Mishra, Publisher: Cambridge Scholars Publishing
- Conflict Resolution in Hinduism: Ancient Indian Wisdom for Modern Challenges by Dr. Piyush Srivastava, Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
- Buddhist Approaches to Peace and Conflict: Insights from Ancient India by Dr. Ananda Gupta, Routledge
- Jainism and Peacebuilding: Ancient Indian Principles for Conflict Resolution by Dr. Deepak Jain, Publisher: Motilal Banarsidass
- Paths to Peace: Ancient Indian Traditions and Conflict Transformation by Dr. Nandini Sengupta, Publisher: SAGE Publications India Pvt Ltd
- Peace, Harmony, and Conflict Resolution in Ancient Indian Thought, by Dr. Amit Kumar Singh, Publisher: Routledge

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