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**Revised Syllabus**  
**for Certificate course in**  
**Philosophy of Communal Harmony & Social Peace**

**(As per credit Based Semester and Grading System with  
effect from the academic year 2012-2013)**

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**Preamble**

Peace in individual minds and peace in society are indispensable factors for social development and progress. The last century has seen more bloodshed and destruction of life and property due to communal disharmony, sectarian strife, political terrorism, religious fundamentalism, etc. The diversity in Indian culture and the people's socio-economic conditions make Indian Society a convenient backyard for communal riots and sectarian strife. Such events can be traced to the time of British rule as well as during the post-independence era. In modern times regional strife has had its ramification in the form of cross-national and cross-continental terrorism in different parts of the world.

Indian society is very rich in its ethnic, religious, social and cultural order in terms of the fabric it encompasses and the diversity it displays. In times of national calamities and external aggression it has shown its power of resilience to come together as one monolith to destroy the enemy and overcome its tragedies. The sense of unity and oneness of Indian mind has been visible when needed. This diploma course aims to take a look at the nature of Indian Society, the philosophical/ ideological principles behind its social structures, the factors that have caused or contributed to communal riots and social violence, its impact on individual and social consciousness, trade, industry, workers, personal and social life, the observations and suggestions of some of the commissions of inquiry, the legal provisions and governmental schemes. The course aims to explore a philosophical and functional framework to prevent communal riots and social strife. The innovative schemes and programmes implemented to prevent communal riots in communally hyper-sensitive areas have shown excellent results in yielding communal harmony. A rational philosophical perceptiveness into the issue could help in eradicating communal flare-ups and promote national integration.

**Paper I Social Philosophy, Indian Society, Religion and Rights**  
**Total Marks 100**

**Unit I– Indian Society: Ancient Perspective**

- a. Foundation of social life – Structure of Society in Ancient Period
- b. Social reality – caste, class, communal and gender hierarchies – their positive and negative socio-cultural impact.

**Unit – II Indian Society : Medieval and Modern Perspective**

- a. The secular philosophical heritage of Indian culture: The significance and consequence of Sufi and Bhakti movement.
- b. The Philosophy of social reform – the contribution of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Pandita Ramabai, Dr. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi

**Unit III – Indian Society: Modern & Contemporary perspective**

- a. The contribution of Vivekanand, the Mother, Rabindranath Tagore, Maharshi Karve, J. Krishnamurthy
- b. The humanistic philosophy and principles of religion: Judaism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Sikhism – Inter Faith Dialogues as a medium of informed public opinion.

**Unit IV – Citizenship, Human Rights and Communal Harmony**

- a. Ideologies of a futuristic society; Secularism, Egalitarianism and social justice.
- b. Citizenship beyond religious framework: Philosophy of human rights- facts of Multi – citizenship – Cosmopolitanism and universal brotherhood –

**Paper II (Philosophy of communal harmony and social peace)**  
**Total Marks 100**

**Unit I – Peace as Value.**

- a. An analysis of the concept Peace & Causes of social strife
  
- b. Peace: its philosophical and religious dimensions – Peace as an indispensable Criterion of social development and progress.

**Unit – II Critique of Communal violence**

- a. Terrorism, Fundamentalism, Religious Intolerance and Communalism
  
- b. Communal Riots in India with reference to Major Incidents and the observations and suggestions of various commissions of inquiry

**Unit III – Consequences of social strife**

- a. Impact on: The ordinary person- especially women, children, destitute, mentally and physically challenged, the old and the infirm.
  
- b. Impact on business and Industry, Police personnel and the justice – delivery system.

**Unit IV – Legal and Social provisions**

- a. Constitutional and legal provisions in force – The Communal Violence (Prevention Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Act/Bill, 2005
  
- b. Value and respect for life, Communal Harmony and Social Peace

### **List of Books:**

1. The Indian Village community – Baden Powell, BH.
2. History of Caste in India – S.V. Ketkar.
3. Caste and Social Reality – Arvind Dass and Sita Deulkar.
4. Philosophy of Religion – AR Mohapatra.
5. Comparative Study of Religion – Yakub Masih.
6. Indian Religions – Jaico Publications.
7. Philosophy of Religion – RJ Weinberg.
8. Communal Violence in Post – independence India – Written /Ed. Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer.
9. Communalism and Communal Violence – Written/Ed. Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer.
10. Education – Essays on Education with commentaries: Part I – The Mother (Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondichery).
11. Delhi – Meerut Riots, Written/Ed. Dr. Asghar Ali Engineer
12. Contemporary Indian Philosophy – Basant Kumar Lal.
13. Vision and a Mission for the Third Millenium – Swami Sachidananda Bharathi (Dharma Bharathi Foundation – National Regeneration Movement: The Second Freedom Struggle for the economic, social and moral freedom of India as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi).
14. Police involvement with public in communal harmony and national Integration – Dr. RT Rathod, IPS, (Ph.D. thesis).
15. Communal harmony to prevent communal riots and violence – Fr. RT Rathod, IPS, (D.Litt. thesis).
16. A manual of Ethics – JN Sinha (New Central Book Agency, Kolkata) (Chaps. XVI – Gandhi: Ethics of Ahimsa, XXVI – Individual and society, XXXVII – Indian Ethics).
17. The use of Philosophy – HP Rickman (Routledge and Kegan Paul).
18. The World's Greatest Seers and Philosophies – Clifford Sawhney (Pustak Mahal, N. Delhi).
19. Integration of Religion and Psychiatry – Dr. W. Earl Biddle (Collier Book, New York) (Chapters 9,12 and 13)
20. An Introduction to Equality of Religions – Dr. N.C. Gupta (Mohit Publication, New Delhi).
21. Religions in Modern Society: Puzzling Issues – D. R. Jatava (National Publishing House New Delhi).
22. Communalism and Secularism in Indian Politics – Sunil Kumar (Chapter 1 and 9) (Rawat Publication, Jaipur/New Delhi).
23. Social Relevance of Philosophy (Chapts.2,4,5,11,13,18,21,22) – Ed. P. George Victor (DK Printworld Private Ltd., New Delhi).
24. India's Religions – Ed. TN Madan (OUP) (Introduction : Indian Religions: Plurality and Pluralism, pp. 1-36m Chapts. 5 & 6, pp. 263-382, Epilogue, pp. 383-409).
25. Religious Situation in the Present Day World – Ed. Taran Singh (Punjabi University, Patiala – Seminar papers).
26. Religion and Society in India- A. B. Shah (Somaiya Publication).
27. Right to Freedom of Religion : A study in Indian Secularism – Kanan Gahrana (South Asian Publication, N. Delhi).
28. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's – Writings and Speeches (Govt. Publication).