

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE - POLITICAL SCIENCE

### DSC-4 (Major) : India's Foreign Policy

#### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

| Course title & Code            | Credits | Credit distribution of the course |          |                     | Eligibility criteria  | Pre-requisite of the course (if any) |
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|                                |         | Lecture                           | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice |                       |                                      |
| India's Foreign Policy MDSC 2B | 4       | 3                                 | 1        | 0                   | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass | NIL                                  |

#### Learning Objectives

This course introduces India's foreign policy to students by first explaining its key determining principles and objectives. They will learn about the central issues and developments pertaining to India's foreign policy at the bilateral, regional and global levels. The course also imparts an understanding of India's evolving relations with the superpowers during the Cold War and post-Cold War period with a special focus on India's neighbourhood diplomacy. India's bargaining strategies and positioning in international climate change negotiations and international economic governance will be taught to help the students understand changing positions and developments of India's role in the global domain since independence. This facilitates an understanding about the shift in India's identity from being a postcolonial state to an emerging power in the contemporary multipolar world.

#### Learning outcomes

At the end of this course, the students would acquire:

- Basic knowledge of the determinants, principles and key drivers of India's foreign policy.
- Understanding the original rationale of India's non-alignment policy and its relevance in the contemporary context as to how India exercises strategic autonomy in foreign policy choices.
- An insight about India's position in changing global power equations particularly its bilateral ties with powerful nations like the US and Russia along with India's largest neighbour, China.
- Understanding of India's neighbourhood diplomacy in South Asia with regard to important challenges pertaining to border disputes, migration and refugees
- Grasp of India's negotiation strategies in dealing with global challenges in the realm of trade and environmental governance.

#### SYLLABUS OF MDSC-2B

##### UNIT – I (12 Hours)

##### India's Foreign Policy: Meaning, Determinants and Evolution

##### 1.1 Domestic and International Determinants of India's Foreign Policy

- 1.2 Objectives and Principles
- 1.3 Non-Alignment and Beyond: Concepts, Policy and Relevance

## **UNIT – II (15 Hours)**

### **Changing Relations with the Global Powers from Cold War to the Post-Cold War Era**

- 2.1 India and USA
- 2.2 India and Russia
- 2.3 India and China
- 2.4 India and EU

## **UNIT – III (9 Hours)**

### **India and the Neighbourhood: Issues and Challenges**

- 3.1 Border disputes
- 3.2 Migration and Refugee Issues
- 3.3 Cross-border Terrorism

## **UNIT – IV (9 Hours)**

### **India in the Contemporary Multipolar World**

- 4.1 India's Engagements in Multilateral Forums: Negotiations on Trade and Climate Change
- 4.2 India as a Global Power: Prospects and Challenges

### **Essential/recommended readings**

#### **Unit 1. India's Foreign Policy: Meaning, Determinants and Evolution**

##### **1.1 Domestic and International Determinants/ 1.2 Objectives and Principles**

##### ***Essential Readings***

Bandyopadhyay, J. (2003). Basic Determinants. In *Making of India's Foreign Policy*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers, pp. 26-80.

Dixit, J.N. (1998). India's Foreign Policy: Conceptual and Philosophical Origins. In *Across Borders: Fifty Years of India's Foreign Policy*. New Delhi: Thomson Press, pp. 1-13.

Dubey, M. (2016). India's Foreign Policy: Underlying Principles, Strategies and Challenges Ahead, in *India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, pp. 1-54

##### ***Additional Readings***

Appadorai, A. (1981). Introduction. In *The Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy*. New Delhi: OUP, pp.1-26

Sahni, Varun. (2007). India's Foreign Policy: Key drivers. *The South African Journal of International Affairs*, 14 (2), 21-35.

##### **1.3 Non-Alignment and Beyond: Concepts, Policy and Relevance**

##### ***Essential Readings***

Rana, A.P. (1976). *Imperatives of Non-Alignment: A Conceptual Study of India's Foreign Policy*. New Delhi: Macmillan pp. 1-10.

Mishra, K.P. (1981). Towards Understanding Non-alignment. *International Studies*, 20 (1-2), 23-37.