

## **SEC4-K Academic Writing and Research Project and Understanding and Mitigating Violence**

### **Guidelines:**

1. Choose a topic of interest. Be creative.
2. Identify the major issues, problems, or questions surrounding the topic.
3. Review the related literature.
4. Develop the research methods: Qualitative methods (content analysis of visual and textual material, oral history, focus groups, open ended surveys etc.) and Quantitative methods (surveys, questionnaire etc.)
5. Collect the data and analyse the data.
6. Explain/interpret your results. What do they all mean?
7. Presentation should include introduction, methods, results, discussion, conclusion and references, report writing.
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### **Unit I- Violence - a social issue**

1. Concepts of violence, social conflict, abuse, humiliation, teasing, bullying, and lynching
2. Violence as a social issue (Sociological Perspective on Violence)

### **Unit II: Construction and Context of Violence**

1. Why violence in society? (Social Construction of Violence-traditions, inequality, constructed news, religious fundamentalism, political parties, patriarchy, neoliberal globalization and markets), Shadow Pandemic and violence with special reference to COVID-19
2. Violence as a complex issue- Forms of Violence (Gender, LGBTQ and family violence, culture, children, caste-religion-region-nationality and violence)

### **Unit III: Dealing with Violence on Ground Level**

1. Violence and Laws dealing with Violence (major laws like Vishakha Act, Domestic Violence Act-2005, Criminal Law Amendment Act 2013, etc)
2. Government, Civil society and action around violence- GO (Crime Against Women Cells- CAW, Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act, Mahatma Gandhi Tanta Mukti Yojana), NGOs dissemination and action, SDG and Movements
3. Exercises- Observing violence from interpersonal level to ways of mitigating violence

#### 4. Ending violence- Answers at the Societal, political and community level