

Post Graduate Diploma Course in Terrorism and Counter Terrorism

- 1. Objective of the Course:** To acquaint the students with concepts of terrorism and counter terrorism, root cause behind terrorism, overview of terrorists organizational network, role of intelligence and security agencies in countering terrorism etc.
- 2. Eligibility:** Graduate in any discipline
- 3. Duration:** One Year (Part time-evening)
- 4. Fees:** Rs 15,000/- (per student)
- 5. Total Intake:** 20 students
- 6. Medium of Instruction:** English

Course Content:

Section I: Terrorism

- 1. Defining and understanding Terrorism in the Past and Present**

The topic shall deal with the traditional and modern concept of terrorism, its origin and the transformation is becoming a major national security threat.

- 2. Terrorist Ideologies, Aims, Beliefs and Motivations**

What motivates a terrorist is critically important to understand in framing an effective counterterrorism policy

3. Terrorism: Threats, Types and challenges to India's Internal Security

This part will cover the major threats to India's national security both internal and external and challenges in dealing with the threat with major focus on terrorism and its types as aviation, maritime and cyber terrorism.

4. Terrorism in India: Strategy and Tactics and planning

It is imperative for academic community and the policy makers to understand the strategy and tactics the terrorists employ in attaining their objectives.

5. Terrorists organizational networks :An Overview

Terrorist do not operate individually irrespective of any states but it is vital to examine the organizational structure and their networks from top to bottom.

6. Exploring the root causes behind terrorism

The topic will examine the root causes of terrorism thereby analysing the perception and perspectives from various nations in dealing with terrorism.

7. Psychological aspects of terrorism

Section II: Counter Terrorism

1. Counter terrorism in reality and practices

2. India's Counter terrorism strategy

The policy the government has framed both defensive and offensive in dealing terrorism.

3. Role of Intelligence in Countering Terrorism

Intelligence plays a far vital role in preventing and defending the threats related to Naxalism, terrorism, crime, drug trafficking and many more. Intelligence is a vital aspect to tackle and prevent terrorist attacks.

4. Role of security agencies in countering terrorism

The role of private and public sector in dealing with terrorism is extremely important and a holistic approach is required to deal with such threats.

5. Role of Media, Government and Non-governmental organizations.

6. Approaches towards counter terrorism: Top down / bottom Up

7. Drug trafficking, Weapons of Mass Destruction, financial transactions and terrorism.

Suggested Readings:

- Leonard Weinberg: Global Terrorism: A Beginner's Guide (Oneworld, 2008)
- Gus Martin: Understanding Terrorism: Challenges, Perspectives, and Issues
- Christopher Harmon: Terrorism Today (Routledge, 2007) "comprehensive in scope"
- Tore Bjorgo, ed.: Root Causes of Terrorism: Myths, Reality and Ways Forward (Routledge, 2005)
- Peter Katona, Michael Intriligator, John Sullivan, eds: Countering Terrorism and WMD: Creating a Global Counter-Terrorism Network (Routledge, 2006)
- Ely Karmon: Coalitions Between Terrorist Organizations: Revolutionaries, Nationalists and Islamists (Martinus Nijhoff, 2005)
- James Forest, ed: Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century: International Perspectives (Praeger, 2007)
- Howitt, Arnold, M. and Pangi, Robyn L., ed. Countering Terrorism: Dimensions of Preparedness MIT Press, (Cambridge, 2003)