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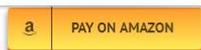


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1. The controversial Jewish Nation-State Bill: The world must act against the nation-state law in Israel

- Why was Jewish Nation-State Bill created? Why did it receive so much criticism?
- What is the nature of Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
- What is the two-state solution?
- How India is reacting towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

GS paper 2 (Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests)

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- The controversial Jewish Nation-State Bill is gaining negative attention every passing day. The Bill passed after a stormy debate officially defined Israel as the national homeland for Jewish people.

- ❑ The law also enshrines united Jerusalem as the capital and Hebrew as its State language, stripping Arabic of its former status as an official language.



- ❑ While Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu applauded the Bill as historic, it has sparked outrage among the Arab community of Israel and from the international community as well.

Why was Jewish Nation-State Bill created?

- ❑ The question of Israel's status as a Jewish state is politically controversial and has long been debated. Before now, it has not been enshrined in law.
- ❑ Some Israeli Jewish politicians consider that the founding principles of Israel's creation, as a state for Jews in their ancient homeland, are under threat and could become less relevant, or obsolete, in the future.

Why did it receive so much criticism?

- ❑ The European Union, the Muslim World League and all Arab nations collectively opposed it as it disregards the 21% of Arabs in the country.
- ❑ The new law is also against the spirit of democratic Israel which promises to treat all its citizens with equal political and social rights.
- ❑ The Right wing government under Benjamin Netanyahu has made a series of irrational, unconstitutional decisions since it came into power.

What is the nature of Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

- ❑ Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the on-going struggle between Israelis and Palestinians that began in the mid-20th century.
- ❑ The conflict arised due to on-going Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip reaching 50 years.
- ❑ The key issues are: mutual recognition, borders, security, water rights, control of Jerusalem, Israeli settlements, Palestinian freedom of movement, and Palestinian right of return.
- ❑ Despite a long-term peace process Israelis and Palestinians have failed to reach a final peace agreement.

What is the two-state solution?

- ❑ The idea of the two-state solution sounds simple enough - an Israeli state next to a Palestinian state, existing side by side in peace.

- ❑ The two-state solution has been the goal of the international community for decades, dating back to the 1947 UN Partition Plan, and many nations say that it is the only way out of the conflict.
- ❑ It would recognise a 1967 demarcation line known as the Green Line to partition Palestinian and Israeli land, subject to land swaps based on negotiations, and it would divide Jerusalem between the two states.

How India is reacting towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

- ❑ Indian diplomats argue that in a fast-changing world, long-term strategy must be balanced against the need for more immediate tactics.
- ❑ In today's world of brisk give-and-take among the great powers, it is in India's interest to engage with several partners at the same time. that is why, analysts say, it is a mistake to treat Palestine and Israel as conjoined twins.
- ❑ India has succeeded in de-hyphenating the relationship between Palestine and Israel. This is the correct thing to do.