

# Knowledge of Dental Students on Concurrent Issues Over India-Pakistan Conflict

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**Abstract:** •This study aimed to identify and compare the knowledge of dental students on concurrent issues over India-Pakistan conflict. A cross sectional study was conducted on dental students. The study group includes all the students who are willing and are given consent questionnaire were distributed to students during their working hours. A total number of 200 dental students participated in this study, of which majority i.e., about 71% of students feel that Kashmir people are suffering with this conflict. Students prefer that peace could be the better solution between both the countries.

**Keywords:** India-Pakistan, Kashmir, historical awareness, peace, students.

## 1. Introduction

- There are many issues that may become the main reason for the world war and can lead to the destruction of world peace, like Iran-Iraq, China-America, China-Tibet and the most important is India-Pakistan conflict. As of today, this conflict appears to be unsolved peacefully.
- This unsolved problem becomes main culprit for this constant bad relations between India and Pakistan. The roots of the crises extend to the partition of two countries in 1947, August 15<sup>th</sup> and Pakistan declared its independence on 14<sup>th</sup> august 1947. The partition created several problems like property issues, integration of states like Hyderabad and Kashmir in less than five months after the independence [3].
- Since, partition the two countries fought four [1] times in 1948, 1965, 1971 and 1999. Out of these four wars the main reason for three of them was the Kashmir dispute.
- As the world peace is based on each and every citizen. Being the responsible citizens of the world, it is the duty of every dentist to have awareness on this dispute. This study gives the opinion of the youth about the permanent solution between the countries and what they really want as they are citizens of the country on whom the present and the future of the world is based.
- This study is to know the knowledge of dental students on the concurrent issues and historical awareness based on this dispute.

- The main objectives of this study are to assess the knowledge of dental students on concurrent issues over the country based on the year of study and to assess the awareness of historical knowledge on India-Pakistan issue among dental students based on their age.

## 2. Methodology

- A cross sectional study using questionnaire was done on the students of mamata dental college in Khammam.
- Permission was taken from the head of the department of public health dentistry. Questionnaire is explained informed consent was taken prior to the study from study population.
- Questionnaire framed based on related articles are distributed among 20 students to know the reliability of questionnaire.
- All the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year students and interns who are present during the day of survey were included in the study.
- Students who are absent during the day of survey were excluded.
- The study was conducted among 200 dental students, questionnaire was distributed to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> BDS students and interns during their working hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A questionnaire consisting of 17 questions to know about the dental student's perception towards the concurrent issues over "India-Pakistan Conflict".

## 3. Results

- Overall 200 students i.e., 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> years and interns were included in the study. The mean age of the student was 22.12 and standard deviation is 1.496.

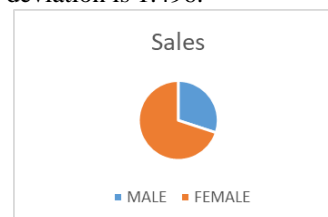


Fig. 1. Variable: Gender

Table 1  
 Variable: year of study

Year of study	frequency	percentage
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	54	27%
4 <sup>th</sup> year	54	27%
Interns	92	46%

Table 5

	frequency	Percent
Peace	93	46.5%
War	46	23%
Don't know	61	30.5%

The study was conducted among 200 students of which majority (70%) were females. Majority (46%) were interns, fourth year are about 27% and third years are of 27%.

When the students were asked about the solution they want from this conflict majority (46.5%) of them answered that peace could be the better solution for this conflict and majority of the interns given their opinion with (p^0.05).

Table 2

	frequency	percentage
1947	137	68.5%
1951	47	23.5%
1956	16	8%

The table shows that the majority of the students have an exact idea on when did Pakistan separated from India with a (p^0.05). among them the females are with great majority.

#### 4. Discussion

Survey was conducted among 200 dental students and it reveals that more than half of the dental students are aware of the historical events of India-Pakistan conflict and the majority of them said that it was through their school books.

From this survey it was clearly shows that majority of the students are having concurrent knowledge on this issue and they believe that most of adolescents are influenced by terrorism.

And the students are very much eager to get this conflict to an end and they need a permanent solution and the majority of them want the solution in a peaceful way.

Table 3

	frequency	percent
Yes	142	71%
No	30	15%
Don't know	28	14%

The table depicts that majority (71%) of the students feel that Kashmir people are suffering from the conflict between both the countries and of them the females have a majority with a (p^0.05).

#### 5. Conclusion

After the completion of my study, I conclude that most number of dental students need a peaceful solution between both rival countries and they are aware of the situations going between the two countries.

This study also states that students are also being responsible as citizens and they don't want the world peace to be disturbed.

Table 4

	frequency	percent
Kashmir	86	43%
Water transportation	40	20%
both	74	37%

When the students were asked about what they think about main reason for this conflict the majority of them given the answer as the Kashmir issue. majority of the interns given the opinion with the (p^0.05).

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