



BAHÁ'Í CHAIR  
FOR STUDIES IN  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEVI AHILYA VISHWAVIDYALAYA

# Postgraduate Certificate Course 2024/2025

## Environmental Ethics

## About the Course

The rapid degradation of the natural environment and the increasing threat of climate change is a cause of deep concern. Much of the crisis has been caused by the extraordinary power of human beings to bend nature to serve our will. However, if humanity is to continue to co-exist peacefully and sustainably on this planet with all other life forms, this immense power to control nature will have to be urgently tempered with wisdom born out of spiritual principles and with hard-earned lessons learned from our past exploits. What is needed is an ethical framework for thought and behaviour that can help us rebuild our broken relationship with nature. Such a framework would have to draw on the rich store of our collective philosophical, religious, scientific and indigenous knowledge systems and learn to apply them to the unprecedented challenges of the 21st century world.

This course provides participants with an opportunity to dive deep into the various ethical theories from around the world that have shaped environmental policies and cultural habits related to nature. Critically analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of these theories, the course helps participants draw useful insights from each to develop the elements of a framework for thought and behaviour related to our interaction with the natural environment.

The course strives to achieve a balance between rich theoretical understanding along with extensive exploration of the practical application of ethical principles in everyday developmental scenarios.

## Who should join?

This course is ideally suited for students, professionals, those engaged in the development field, civil servants, civil society practitioners and all those interested in the ethical thinking that goes into the drafting and application of environmental policies. It would appeal to all those who yearn to understand the ideas and concepts that have shaped our current world's relationship with nature and of how this relationship can be rebuilt on a sound and sustainable basis.

## Key features of the programme

- 17 week course offered in a blended format (in-person + online)
- The course will commence in August 2024 and end by December 2024.
- The course offers a mix of theoretical understanding and practical insights into applying learning methodologies in development

## Pedagogy

The course will include online discussions each week, assignments and project work. The pedagogical approach will seek to combine theory and practice through peer-group learning, guest lectures, discussions, films and individual reflections.

## Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for the course are:

- Undergraduate degree in any discipline
- Fluency in English (reading, written and spoken)

## Admission process

Step 1: Application (Deadline: 15 June 2024)

Submit online application form at the following link:

<https://www.dauniv.ac.in/NON-CET-Programmes2024>

(Click on Registration link).

Step 2: Online verification of earlier educational background followed by fee payment.

Step 3: Course will commence on August 2024.

**Course Fees:** Rs. 4500

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## About the Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development

The Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development at Devi Ahilya University, Indore is established to promote interdisciplinary research and scholarship on social and economic development based on a vision that regards enduring prosperity as an outcome of material and spiritual progress. In seeking to advance knowledge on a conception of development that encompasses material, social and spiritual well-being, the Chair draws upon insights from the social sciences as well as systematic learning on the application of spiritual principles such as the oneness of humankind, justice, equality of women and men and environmental stewardship in the pursuit of development.

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