



BAHÁ'Í CHAIR
FOR STUDIES IN
DEVELOPMENT
DEVI AHILYA VISHWAVIDYALAYA

Postgraduate Certificate Course 2024/2025

Knowledge, Participation and Development

About the Course

How can the masses be empowered to engage in development as protagonists and not mere beneficiaries of services? If knowledge generation and learning are at the heart of empowerment, how can they be incorporated as elements of development methodology? How does a population learn to constantly broaden and deepen its reading of social reality? What methods of development inquiry will best allow populations to learn systematically while they strive to transform society?

The Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development's postgraduate certificate course, "Knowledge, Participation and Development", aims to help students develop their conceptual understanding of how diverse knowledge systems including science, religion, local knowledge and indigenous systems of knowledge can be drawn upon in defining the ends and means of development and how various biases and blindspots that undermine development thinking can be identified and overcome. The course further explores the philosophical basis and the methods of various development methodologies that incorporate knowledge generation and learning as essential elements of the development process.

Who should join?

The course is designed for those engaged in the fields of social and economic development who are concerned with the empowerment of the masses. It is also suitable for those interested in the methods of generating knowledge through the application of spiritual principles and scientific methods. It aims to help students approach their engagement in social action as a systematic and scientific process of learning in action.

Key features of the programme

- 17 week course offered in a blended format
- The course will commence in December 2024 and end by April 2025.
- The course offers a mix of theoretical understanding and practical insights into applying learning methodologies in development

Pedagogy

The course will include discussion 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 course is open to those working in educational institutions, NGOs or in various social action endeavours.

The eligibility criteria 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 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 December 2024.

Course Fees: Rs. 4500

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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