



BAHÁ'Í CHAIR
FOR STUDIES IN
DEVELOPMENT
DEVI AHILYA VISHWAVIDYALAYA



Postgraduate Certificate Course 2025/2026

Knowledge, Participation and Development

About the Course

Despite massive investment of time, resources and funds, development endeavours over the past many decades have failed to ensure for the masses of the world's people the means to a dignified and healthy life. One of the main causes for this failure has been the lack of genuine participation of the world's masses in the conception and execution of development plans and programs of which they are meant to be the beneficiaries. For people to become protagonists in the shaping of their own future and of that of their societies, the knowledge of reality on which development plans and programs are based cannot exclude how the people themselves view the world and generate knowledge about it. This course helps students deepen their understanding of how various knowledge systems such as science, religion, indigenous knowledge and local knowledge can interact to make possible vibrant and ethically-sound development initiatives at the grassroots that are guided by a process of systematic learning.

Who should join?

The course is designed for students, development practitioners, researchers or policy makers who are interested in approaches to development that build the capacities of the masses to take charge of their own development through the systematic application of scientific knowledge and methods along with spiritual principles from religion and other indigenous and local knowledge systems.

Key facts about the course

- Course duration: 17 weeks
- The course is offered in both the online and in-person modes making it suitable for residents and outstation applicants.
- Course fee: **Rs.3,500**
- Application deadline: **30 May 2025**

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree in any discipline
- Fluency in English (reading, written and spoken)

Admission process

Step 1: Application

(Please apply on or before **30 May** 2025)

Submit online application form at

https://davv.mponline.gov.in/Portal/Services/DAVV/Entrance/NON_CET/Admission_Entrance_Form.aspx

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

Step 3: Course will commence on December 2025.

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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