



BAHÁ'Í CHAIR  
FOR STUDIES IN  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEVI AHILYA VISHWAVIDYALAYA



# Postgraduate Certificate Course 2026/2027

## Development Ethics

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Why do development efforts so often fall short—despite resources, expertise, and good intentions? This course challenges you to look beyond familiar solutions and reconsider the deeper ideas that shape our understanding of development and social change.

Development Ethics is a dynamic, discussion-based course that challenges conventional, top-down models of development. It explores how people can become active participants in shaping their own futures, and how diverse knowledge systems—scientific, local, and spiritual—can come together to create more just and effective pathways to change.

## Why take this course?

Because technical solutions alone are not enough. If you want to understand the moral questions behind development—and contribute to more meaningful, participatory change—this course is for you.

## Who should join?

- Students, practitioners, researchers, and policy-makers who are seeking a deeper, more ethical and human-centered approach to development.
- If you are dissatisfied with purely technical or growth-centric approaches to development and are looking for a more thoughtful, ethical, and human-centered framework, this course will resonate with you.

## What will you gain?

A sharp ethical lens, the ability to question dominant assumptions, and the confidence to engage with real-world challenges—from inequality to climate justice—with clarity and purpose.

## A different way of learning

Offered in a seminar format, the course emphasizes dialogue, reflection, and critical engagement with foundational texts and real-world cases. It is not just about studying development—it is about rethinking it.

## About the course

- Course duration: 17 weeks
- Course fee: **Rs.3,500**
- Application deadline: **5 June 2026**
- The course is offered in both the online and in-person modes making it suitable for residents and outstation applicants.

## Eligibility

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

## Admission process

Step 1: Application

Submit online application form at

<https://forms.gle/yPvbEtw5fDExf4mF7>

Step 2: Verification of educational

background followed by fee payment.

# Alumni Testimonials



**Surendra Kumar Meher**  
Regional Coordinator,  
WASSAN

“The course highlighted that knowledge is not static but grows deeper through participation, duty and dialogue with communities. It inspires practitioners to think critically, write reflectively and engage communities with responsibility. Its flexibility and depth make it both enjoyable and impactful.”



**Dr. Hemlata Singh**  
Homoeopathic Physician,  
Psychologist & Counsellor

“The assignments felt like difficult puzzles – impossible to complete in one sitting. They demanded deep thinking, observation, reflection on our own actions, and an understanding of the realities around us. The course helped me realise how layered and complex real-life problems are, and that even our small participation has value.”



**M. N. Taraz**  
Director,  
Brilliant Stars School

“The course on development ethics changed my perception and the way we perceive society, progress and development. I was immensely touched and inspired by its emphasis on participation, human dignity, and the interconnectedness of knowledge and development. Unlike the conventional courses, it encouraged critical thinking, reflection and moral awareness. I would strongly recommend it to anyone who is interested in a more humane and thoughtful understanding of development.”



**Surbhi Khare**  
Data Analyst

“The course encouraged me to move beyond reductionistic thinking and evaluate social issues across short-, medium-, and long-term perspectives.”



**Vivian Merchant**  
Development Professional

“I found the course deeply engaging and thought-provoking. I would recommend this course to anyone seeking a broad and nuanced understanding of the field of development, as it offers a holistic perspective on what this enterprise truly entails.”



**Mariyam Faizi**  
National Coordinator,  
Institute for Studies in  
Global Prosperity

“The course changed the way I think about development as a process shaped by both spiritual principles and science.”

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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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