



BAHÁ'Í CHAIR
FOR STUDIES IN
DEVELOPMENT
DEVI AHILYA VISHWAVIDYALAYA



Postgraduate Certificate Course 2026/2027

Environmental Ethics

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How should we balance human development with the limits of the natural world? What does it mean to act responsibly toward the environment in an age of climate crisis?

Environmental Ethics is a discussion-based course that explores the moral questions at the heart of our relationship with nature. It goes beyond technical and policy solutions to examine the deeper ethical frameworks that shape how societies think about development, sustainability, and responsibility toward the Earth.

The course invites students to critically engage with major ethical perspectives and to reflect on how these ideas influence real-world decisions—from environmental policy to everyday practices. Rather than offering easy answers, it equips learners to think more clearly, act more responsibly, and contribute to more just and sustainable futures.

Who should join?

- Students, professionals, policymakers, and practitioners interested in the ethical dimensions of environmental challenges
- Those who want to move beyond technical or purely economic approaches to sustainability
- Anyone seeking a deeper understanding of humanity's relationship with the natural world

Why take this course?

Because environmental challenges are not only scientific or technical—they are fundamentally ethical. If you want to understand the values and assumptions that shape environmental decisions, and contribute to more thoughtful and sustainable solutions, this course is for you.

What will you gain?

A strong ethical foundation, the ability to critically evaluate environmental policies, and the confidence to engage with complex challenges such as climate change, sustainability, and ecological justice.

A different way of learning

Offered in a seminar format, the course emphasizes dialogue, reflection, and critical engagement with key texts and real-world issues. It is not just about studying environmental problems—it is about rethinking our relationship with the natural world.

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 the following link:

<https://forms.gle/yPvbEtw5fDExf4mF7>

Step 2: Verification of educational background followed by fee payment.

Alumni Testimonials



Deepti Kommera
Systems Practitioner and
Development Professional

“The Environmental Ethics course made me think more deeply about how our everyday choices are connected to the environment and society. One thing that stayed with me was the idea that development and environmental responsibility cannot be separated. I liked that the course encouraged different perspectives and reflection instead of giving fixed answers.”



Rajendra Singh Khatediya
Regional Program Manager,
CSR- Bajaj Group

“This course helped me look at environmental issues beyond technical and programmatic approaches, and understand their ethical dimensions more deeply. As a development professional, it encouraged me to reflect on sustainability, justice and humanity’s relationship with nature in a more holistic and responsible way.”



Ahanta Shoghi
Educationist

“The Environmental Ethics course helped me develop a broader and more thoughtful view of the world we live in today. It encouraged me to critically reflect on prevailing ways of thinking and inspired a deeper sense of responsibility toward the environment and the people around us.”



Mariyam Faizi
National Coordinator,
Institute for Studies in
Global Prosperity

“Before the course, I understood environmental responsibility mainly through individual actions such as reducing plastic use or upcycling clothes. While these remain important, the course on Environmental Ethics expanded my perspective by helping me think more deeply about the moral frameworks and critically analyse how they shape environmental policy and collective action.”



Surabhi Khare
Data Analyst

“We all need to understand the complex nuances of environmental ethics. This course gives us a good framework to understand ethical issues and evaluate the policies made by our governments.”



Umi Saran
Developmental Professional

“The Environmental Ethics course helped me rethink my beliefs, gain clarity on many environment-related issues, and develop a questioning mind — a mind that is always open to new revelations, ongoing studies, and their outcomes; a mind that is fluid in accepting new ideas; and a mind that continuously looks not for definite answers, but for solutions that are deep, difficult to implement, and that make one more compassionate and understanding towards the entire creation.”

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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