

**Add-on Course**

**Department of Political Science**

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For

**Academic Session- 2019-20**

**Course Title: Women and the Environment**

**Stream:** - Open stream. Any students from any branch can join this course.

**Course fees-** Nil

**Mode of Teaching:** -Bengali

**Duration:** -30 Hours.

**Mode of Class:** - Offline.

**Date and Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 tentative.

**Introduction:**

This course explores the intricate relationship between women and the environment, analyzing how gender dynamics intersect with environmental issues. It examines women's roles as agents of environmental conservation, their vulnerabilities to environmental degradation, and the gendered impacts of climate change.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To understand the gendered dimensions of environmental issues.
2. To explore women's contributions to environmental sustainability and conservation efforts.
3. To analyse the intersectionality of gender, race, class, and other identities in environmental activism.
4. To assess the disproportionate impacts of environmental degradation and climate change on women.
5. To foster critical thinking and advocacy for gender-responsive environmental policies and practices.

**Course Details:**

<b>SL No.</b>	<b>Syllabus</b>	<b>Durations</b>
1.	<b>Introduction to Gender and the Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gendered Perspectives on Environmental Studies</li><li>- Historical Overview of Women's Environmental Activism</li><li>- Theoretical Frameworks: Ecofeminism and Gender Mainstreaming in Environmental Policies</li></ul>	5 Hour
2.	<b>Women as Environmental Stewards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Women's Traditional Ecological Knowledge</li><li>- Role of Women in Sustainable Agriculture</li><li>- Women's Leadership in Conservation Movements</li></ul>	5 Hour
3.	<b>Gendered Impacts of Environmental Degradation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Women and Access to Clean Water and Sanitation</li><li>- Deforestation and Women's Livelihoods</li><li>- Gendered Health Impacts of Pollution</li></ul>	5 Hour
4.	<b>Climate Change and Gender Vulnerabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gendered Dimensions of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation</li><li>- Women's Resilience and Coping Strategies in Climate-affected Communities</li><li>- Gender-responsive Climate Policies and International Agreements</li></ul>	5 Hour
5.	<b>Women, Environmental Justice, and Intersectionality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Intersectional Analysis: Gender, Race, Class, and Environmental Injustice</li><li>- Indigenous Women's Environmental Activism</li><li>- Environmental Racism and Gendered Impacts on Marginalized Communities</li></ul>	5 Hour
6.	<b>Strategies for Gender-responsive Environmental Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mainstreaming Gender in Environmental Policies and Programs</li><li>- Empowering Women in Sustainable Development Initiatives</li><li>- Advocacy and Activism for Gender and Environmental Justice</li></ul>	5 Hour

**Learning Outcome:**

1. **Intersectional Understanding:** Comprehend the intersection of gender and environmental issues, recognizing how women are uniquely affected by environmental challenges.
2. **Role of Women:** Understand the roles and contributions of women in environmental conservation and sustainable development.
3. **Impact Analysis:** Analyze how environmental degradation disproportionately impacts women, particularly in developing countries and marginalized communities.
4. **Policy Evaluation:** Evaluate the effectiveness of environmental policies and initiatives in addressing gender-specific needs and promoting gender equality.
5. **Case Studies:** Examine case studies of women-led environmental movements and initiatives globally and locally.
6. **Critical Thinking:** Develop critical thinking skills to assess the socio-economic and cultural factors influencing the relationship between women and the environment.
7. **Sustainable Practices:** Understand and advocate for sustainable practices that consider gender equity and women's empowerment.