

Environmental Anthropology

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE -4 (DSE-4) – Environmental Anthropology

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Environmental Anthropology - DSE-4	04	03	Nil	01	Passed 12th	NIL

Learning Objectives:

The objective of the paper is to understand about the importance of environment, the problems due to environmental degradations, etc

Learning Outcomes:

By studying the paper, the students will be able to:

- understand the nature and scope of studying environmental anthropology, basic concepts in it etc.
- know the importance of traditional ecological knowledge in conserving environment
- analyze the problems of contemporary environmental issues in the society.

Syllabus of

DSE-4 Unit 1

(13 Hours)

Concepts and Approaches: Environmental Determinism and Possibilism, Ecosystem, Cultural Ecology, Deep Ecology and Political ecology

Unit 2 (12 Hours)

Environment and Women: Nature and Culture debate, Eco-Feminism; Indigenous Knowledge and Gender

Unit 3 (10 Hours)

Issues of Climate Change in Anthropocene, Mobilization of Resource, Green Ecology & the idea of sustainability

Unit 4 (10 Hours)

Community response to recent environmental challenges: Mining, Dam, and other mega projects; resettlement and rehabilitation issues

Practical (30 Hours)

1. Prepare an evaluative study/ a project based on any contemporary environmental issues in India by employing various sources viz. books, journals, magazines, government reports newspaper articles, etc.
2. Presentation of the project and group discussion

References

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Suggested Readings

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Teaching Learning Process

Classroom teachings

Presentations and group

discussion Practical classes

Keywords: Environment, Ecology, Sustainable Development, Resource, Political ecology

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.