

## 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 12 <sup>th</sup>	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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- Kopnina, H. and Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet. 2011. Environmental Anthropology Today, London: Routledge.
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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.