

32 hrs Value Added Course

Ethics, Gender, Value and Environment: From a Moral Perspective

Syllabus

Ethics :

1. Fundamental Concepts of Ethics : Right & wrong, Good & bad, Summum Bonum, Duty & responsibility, Virtue, Character & Conduct.
2. Meaning and definition of ethics and moral values.
3. What is moral judgment? Object of moral judgment.
4. Freedom of will.
5. Meaning of *Dharma* and its classification in Indian Philosophy

Value :

1. What is Value. Importance of value education in contemporary society.

Gender :

1. Difference between sex and Gender. Gender difference and discrimination.
2. Stages of discrimination : Sexism, Patriarchy, Androcentrism.
3. Means of decreasing gender discrimination from contemporary society.
4. Waves of Feminist movement.

Environment and Sustainable Development- working with knowledge system :

Unit 1: Environmental Value Education

- 1.1 Concept and importance of Environmental Value of Education
- 1.2 Sustainability- Guiding Principles with respect to Global Change and Globalization

Unit 2: Human Interference within Natural Landscape

- 2.1 Change of Cultural Landscape and its influence on Dying out of River
- 2.2 River Rejuvenation with special reference to Rivers of Terai and Dooars Region of West Bengal.

Unit 3: Environmental Hazards and Consequent Disaster

- 3.1 Hazard and Disaster: Concept and Types, Problem associated with Arsenic and Plastic Pollution
- 3.2 Disaster Management: Global Problems and Local Solutions, Importance of Wetland in Flood Management

Unit 4: Environmental Management from Crisis to Cure

- 4.1 Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) -it's application in Dooars region of West Bengal.
- 4.2 Ecology, Economics and Ethics: The Missing Links. Key Measures of generating public awareness on Environmental Degradation.

Course Outcome :

- Students will learn about philosophy of Life and Individual qualities.
- Students will emerge as responsible citizens with clear conviction to practice values and ethics in life.
- Students will be able to define and differentiate between the true value and pseudo, socially constructed values.
- Students will be able to define and evaluate gender as a social construct.
- Students will be able to analyse human interactions and social-political systems using a 'gender lens'.
- Students will possess the intellectual flexibility necessary to view the environmental questions from multiple perspectives, prepared to alter their understanding as they learn new ways of understanding.

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