

# **Elective Course – 304 ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY**

## **Objective**

The course plan aims to provide knowledge and scholarship of sociological basis of environment and society interface. It seeks to impart social skills in environmental concerns in order to understand the human suffering. As a prelude to it, the course focuses on "Environment in Sociological Theory", both classical and contemporary. The course also aims at providing knowledge of the debate on environment and development with a focus on environmental justice, policy and action. The study of inter connections between environment and society has gained in enormous significance in recent times on account of the debilitating effects on the environment and society. In view of this, it is understandable that the focus of environmental studies has moved from Sociology of environment to environment Sociology. The course is designed to focus on the environmental issues in the perspective of environmental Sociology.

## **Course Outline :**

### **Unit - 1**

Environmental Sociology - definition - Nature - scope  
Environmental Sociology - The rise decline and resurgence of  
Environmental sociology, 21st Century Paradigm.

### **Unit - 2**

Emerging theoretical parameters in Environmental Sociology.  
Contribution of Parick Giddens and Radha Kamal Mukharjee.

### **Unit - 3**

Nature versus Nurture.  
Environment Movement (Narmda chpco)  
Sustainable development  
Ecological balance

### **Unit - 4**

Resource Management in Gujarat  
Migration [displacement] Water, Sanitation, Pollution, Energy,  
Relocation and Environment Problems

### **Unit - 5**

Social impact assessment of environmental issues  
Agenda - 21 - Migration (displacement)  
Relocation and environment problems.

### **Recommended Books :**

- Arnold. D. and Guha R. (ed.), 1995, Nature Culture and Imperialism, Essays on the Environmental History of India, Sage Publications pvt. ltd., New Delhi
- Bandhopadhyay J. (ed.), 1985, India's Environmenta, Crisis and Response
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- Desai Murli, Anhjali Monteiro and La ta Narayan (ed.), 1998, Towards a People Centered Development, Part II, TISS, Mumbai
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- Goldblatt. D, 1996, Social Theory and Environment, Polity press, U.K.
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- Waper, P. Environmental Activism and World Civil Politics.
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