

Value Added Course on Environmental Governance

INTRODUCTION

“Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth...these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all.” – Ban Ki-moon

This course titled as “Environmental Governance” is a concerted effort in the same direction to realize the words of former Secretary General of the United Nations. It will also help us better understand the environment and the various forces that affects and shape it, and thus we will be able to create a better sustainable place not only for the entire humanity but for the flora and fauna as well.

From Delhi to Sao Paulo, Bangkok to Bogota, the drastic improvement in the quality of air and water in the most polluted cities around the world has been shown by the social media during the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown, which also brings our attention back to the numerous environmental issues that have always troubled us. This shows that the world is currently facing a major setback which has changed the way we work and perceive the environment, we breathe in.

This course further tries to build up the knowledge of the participants on multiple governance issues by touching upon the recent initiatives and policies, role of green Journalism, goals at global level and jurisprudential aspects of Environmental Justice by inter-linking the issues with social, economic and political justice, which will be covered in two major modules.

ABOUT US

Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies (VSLLS) of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) is committed to realize the words of Swami Vivekananda: “Man Making, Character Building and Nation Building”. VSLLS, VIPS is affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, recognized by Bar Council of India and UGC under section 2(f), with NAAC 'A' accreditation, is well known for its robust efforts in legal education. Dr. S.C. Vats, Chairman, VIPS, a great philanthropist and educationist believes in perfection. Thus, the motto of VIPS is “in pursuit of perfection”. With his broad vision and guidance, since the inception of VIPS, in the year 2000, it has produced nineteen gold medalists, twenty plus judicial officers along with lawyers placed with highly reputed industries, law firms and senior advocates as also government and non-government establishments. Currently, the Law School of VIPS is running the programmes of B.A.LL.B., B.B.A.LL.B., and LL.M. in its own hi- tech, Wi-Fi enabled campus in Delhi. Students with higher rank in CET conducted by GGSIP University are preferring admission in VIPS. Many alumni of VIPS are pursuing higher studies from prestigious institutions including Ivy League colleges of the world and a few have also cleared Bar Examinations of USA and

COURSE CONTENT

MODULE 1

UNDERSTANDING THE ENVIRONMENT

- i. Right of environment v. Right to environment
- ii. Tragedy of commons
- iii. Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals: A Journey, an analysis
- iv. Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDRRC) in the international climate change regime.
- v. Polluter Pays Principle, Precautionary Principle, Public Participation Principle
- vi. Re-examining Strict Liability and Absolute Liability aftermath the Vizag Gas Leak in India
- vii. Impact of COVID 19 on Environment: A changed perspective
- viii. Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Digitisation on Environment.

MODULE 2

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

- i. Biodiversity and the Indigenous Rights: CBD (Cartagena protocol, Nagoya protocol)
- ii. Role of Non-State Actors: Green Journalism and NGOs
- iii. Recent initiatives in India: Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Zero Budget Natural Farming, Formation of Jal Shakti Ministry, Green Crackers, Delhi Declaration 2019, Competitive Federalism and Environmental Indices (Eg. Composite Water Management Index, Swachh Survekshan League, State Energy Efficiency Index) etc.
- iv. Coastal Regulations in India and Environment Impact Assessment Systems in India
- v. Green Economy: Green Bonds Economy, Green Buildings and Energy savings
- vi. Ecotourism: Regulations through Legal framework and market guidelines

WHY TO JOIN THIS COURSE

- To build an in-depth understanding of the Environmental issues at Global as well as Indian level.
- To enhance the knowledge by inter-linking Environmental concerns to social, economic, political and philosophical context in the current scenario.
- To build the capacity of participants in order to preserve and conserve the Environment through various disciplines and best global and local practices.
- To apprise the participants, the importance of down to top approach and impact of behavioral change at individual level through various case studies, laws and judgements.
- **Every participant who successfully completes the course will get an e-certificate.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND FEES

- Any student of a recognized University/College.
- Fees – Rs 300
- Duration – 30 Hours
- Dates: 22nd June – 13th July, 2020 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
- Time- 04.00 pm to 06.00p.m (*Tentative*)

COURSE DETAILS

- The Value Added Course is a 30 Hours programme and it has been bifurcated into 20 hours which are solely reserved for lectures and 10 hours for assignments. This will provide adequate time for engaging with advanced questions on the themes of discussion. It will also offer adequate time for discussions and deliberations by the participants over and above the general participatory nature of the Sessions.
- Lectures of 2 hrs duration will be conducted 3 days a week by the speakers via ZOOM platform.
- Evaluation will be done through assignments given at end of each session.
- The Invited Speakers/Resource Persons for the Value Added Course would comprise of renowned academicians and professionals from leading Universities, policy makers, practitioners of Environmental law.

Information for Participants

Please read the following points carefully-

- Attendance in all sessions is mandatory.
- The course will take place via video telephony through Zoom. The software can be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download>. All lectures will take place in compliance with the Government of India's advisory on Zoom dated 12 April 2020.
- Participants shall be sent a website link to join the Zoom Meeting one day prior to session. They could join the meeting by registering using the link. Please note that Zoom will ask you to register on each day.
- Once a participant has registered and entered the lecture, s/he shall be placed in the waiting room. The participant will then wait until the host allows them to let in. Do not leave when you are in the waiting room.
- No participant shall be allowed to enter the meeting after 30 minutes have elapsed.

REGISTRATION

Click [here](#) to register.

➤ Last date for Registration - 18th June, 2020.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

➤ Click [here](#) to make Payment.

➤ Send a Screenshot of your payment to vips.vac2020[at]gmail.com

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