



**Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore**  
**Shri Vaishnav Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts**  
**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Light of NEP-2020**  
**Generic Elective Course (GEC)**  
**UG VI Semester - Political Science**

COURSE CODE	CATEGORY	COURSE NAME	TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME								
			THEORY			PRACTICAL		L	T	P	CREDITS
			END SEM University Exam	Two Term Exam	Teachers Assessment*	END SEM University Exam	Teachers Assessment*				
<b>GUPOLSC 601</b>	<b>General Elective</b>	Environment and Politics	60	20	20	0	0	4	0	0	4

**Legends:** L - Lecture; T - Tutorial/Teacher Guided Student Activity; P – Practical; C - Credit.

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**Course Educational Objectives (CEOs):** The student will be able to

- **CEO 01** Develop a foundational understanding of environmental concepts, ecosystems, and ecological dynamics.
- **CEO 02** Analyse the interplay between environmental and social theories, including eco-centrism, anthropo-centrism, green politics, and eco-feminism.
- **CEO 03** Understand the historical and contemporary rise of environmental movements globally and in India, along with their role in sustainable development.
- **CEO 04** Examine environmental issues such as land degradation, displacement, and the impact of large-scale projects like dams, alongside relevant Indian environmental policies.
- **CEO 05** Gain insights into the factors, issues, and impacts of climate change and its significance in global and local contexts.

**Course Outcomes (COs):** The students should be able to:

- **CO 01** Explain the fundamental concepts of the environment, ecosystems, and ecology, and their significance.
- **CO 02** Critically evaluate environmental and social theories, including their relevance in addressing environmental challenges.
- **CO 03** Assess the role and evolution of environmental movements globally and in India, emphasizing their contribution to sustainable development.
- **CO 04** Analyse the impact of environmental issues such as displacement, land degradation, and dam projects, and evaluate policies aimed at environmental protection in India.
- **CO 05** Describe the causes, factors, and impacts of climate change and propose strategies for mitigation and adaptation.

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### **COURSE CONTENTS:**

#### **Unit-I**

**Basic Understanding of Environment:** Meaning, Features and its Importance

**Ecosystem:** Its Properties and Dynamics, **Ecology:** Meaning and Types

#### **Unit-II**

**Environment and Social Theory:** Eco-Centrism and Anthro-Centrism, Green Politics, Eco-Feminism

#### **Unit-III**

**Environmental Movements:** Rise of Environmental Movements (Global), Environment Movements in India, Environment and Sustainable Development

#### **Unit-IV**

**Environmental Issues and Policies**

Impact of Dam on the Environment, Issue of Displacement and Land Degradation, Policies for Protection of Environment in India

#### **Unit-V**

**Climate Change:** Meaning, Factors, issues and its Impact

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**Suggested Readings:**

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