

# **Add- on Course Curriculum and Syllabus**

## **Ecological and Environmental History of India**

**Department of History**

**N.N Saikia College, Titabar, Jorhat**

**Name of the Programme: Ecological and Environmental History of India**

**Course duration: 30 hours**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course objectives:**

- ❖ This course intends to acquaint the students with the new discipline of ecological and environmental history.
- ❖ It also intends to familiarize the students with various ecological environment conservation policies of post independence period.
- ❖ It also attempts to bring the students to the understanding of the background of various environmental movements took place in India.
- ❖ To make students aware of the major environmental problems of Assam and the initiative taken by the authority to mitigate those problems.

**Course Outcomes:**

After completion of the course the students will able to:

- ❖ Understand environmental history.
- ❖ Describe the nature- human interface.
- ❖ Know about the policies taken by the government to protect our mother earth.
- ❖ Understand the roots of various environmental movements occurred in India.
- ❖ Analyse the causes of flood and soil erosion in Assam and
- ❖ Offer suggestions to deal with environmental problems of Assam.

**Unit I Studying Environmental History: An Introduction (06 lectures; Marks 15)**

1.01 Emergences of Environmental History as a branch of History

1.02 Sources of Study

1.03 Nature Human Interface

1.04 Geographical background of the Indian Subcontinent

**Unit II Conservation policies in post independence period (04 lectures; Marks 10)**

2.01 Central Board of forestry, 1950

2.02 National Forest Policy, 1952

2.03 Forest Conservation Act, 1980

2.04 National forest policy, 1988

**Unit III Environmental movements in India/ Environmental conservations (04 lectures; Marks 10)**

3.01 Narmada Bachao Andolan

3.02 Save Silent Valley Movement

3.04 Jungle Bachao Andolan

3.05 Tehri Dam Movement

**Unit IV Flood and Soil Erosion in Assam**

**(03 lectures; 15 Marks)**

4.01 Causes

4.02 Ways to tackle with the problem

4.03 Government Initiative

**Suggested Readings:**

- Gadgil, M and R, Guha : *The Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India*, 1992.  
: *Ecology and Equity*, 1998.  
: *Use and Abuse of Nature (incorporating this Fissured Land and Ecology and Equity)* 2000.
- Rangarajan, M (ed) : *Environmental Issues in India: A Reader*, New Delhi –2010
- Chakrabarti, Ranjan, (ed.) : *Situating Environmental History*, 2006.
- Dhavalikar, M.K. : *Environment and Culture: A Historical Perspective*, 2002
- Guha, Sumit, : *Environment and Ethnicity in India 1200-1991*,1999.  
Guha, A. : *Medieval and Early Colonial Assam: Society, Polity, Economy*, 1991.
- Guha, R. : *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasants Resistance in the Himalaya* 1999.  
: *Environmentalism: A Global History*, 2000.

**Report of Add-on Course on  
“Ecological and Environmental History of India”**

4<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

India is a land of diversity in respect of ecology and environment. Environment plays an important role in shaping the history of India. The main objectives of the add on course to acquaint the students with the new discipline of ecological and environmental history and to the understanding of the background of various environmental movements took place in India and to make students aware of the major environmental problems of Assam and the initiative taken by the authority to mitigate those problems.

The class of first batch was started from the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. The main outcome of the Add on course is to understand environmental history, describe the nature-human interface, the policies taken by the government to protect our mother earth, understand the roots of various environmental movements occurred in India, analyse the causes of flood and soil erosion in Assam and offer suggestions to deal with environmental problems of Assam.

In this course a total of 19 students have participated. After the completion of the course, a theory examination was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. All 19 students have appeared in the examination. Among them “A” grade awarded to 12 students and “B” grade awarded to 7.

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**Notice**  
**13/09/2021**

It is hereby informed to all the students of the Department of History that a certificate course on *Ecological and Environmental History of India* will be started in the Department of History, N.N Saikia College, Titabar from October, 2021. Interested students are therefore requested to provide their names to the HoD on or before 25/09/2021.

**Department of History**  
**N.N Saikia College, Titabar**

### Time Schedule for Certificate course on Ecological and Environmental History of India

<b>Date</b>	<b>11:00 am- 12:00 noon</b>	<b>12:00 noon- 1:00 pm</b>	<b>1:00 pm- 2:00 pm</b>	<b>2:00 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
04/10/2021					<b>BD</b>
05/10/2021					<b>RD</b>
06/10/2021					<b>NJK</b>
07/10/2021				<b>RB</b>	
08/10/2021				<b>RB</b>	
19/10/2021	<b>RD</b>				
22/10/2021	<b>BD</b>				
23/10/2021				<b>NJK</b>	
26/10/2021					<b>RB</b>
27/10/2021					<b>RD</b>
28/10/2021				<b>RD</b>	
29/10/2021				<b>RB</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
01/11/2021					<b>NJK</b>
02/11/2021					<b>RB</b>
03/11/2021					<b>RD</b>
08/11/2021					<b>BD</b>
09/11/2021					<b>RB</b>
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15/11/2021	<b>RD</b>				
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22/11/2021	<b>RD</b>				
24/11/2021					<b>NJK</b>
25/11/2021					<b>BD</b>



**Notice**  
**22/11/2021**

It is hereby informed to all the taking the certificate course on *Ecological and Environmental History of India* that the final examination of the course will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

06/12/2021	Ecological and Environmental History of India (CCHST01)	1:30-3:30 pm
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2021

(Held in December, 2021)

Full Marks: 50

Pass marks: 15

Time: 02 Hour

1. Answer the following questions in one word or in one sentence each:

1x10=10

- a) Who first coined the term *Environmental History*?
- b) Who wrote the book *The Fissured Land*?
- c) Mention a name of Tropical Evergreen Rainforest of India.
- d) Who was the first *Inspector General of Forest* in India?
- e) Mention one main goal of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
- f) Who said, "*These are the new temples of India where I worship*"?
- g) Which place of India is known as *the land of forest*?
- h) What is the name of the eminent leader of the Narmada Bachao Movement?
- i) In which year Save Silent Valley Movement was started?
- j) In which year first major earthquake occurred in Assam?

2. Write short notes (any two):

2x5=10

- a) Environmental Studies as a Branch of History
- b) National Forest Policy, 1988
- c) Save Silent Valley Movement
- d) Soil erosion in Assam

3. Write briefly about the flora and fauna of Indian Subcontinent in its geographical background. 10

4. Write a note on the Tehri Dam Movement. 10

5. Discuss about the causes of flood problems in Assam. 10

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06.12.21  
Signature of  
Invigilator with Date

*Final* Examination 2021  
Name of Student *Dinbasore Das*  
Class *5<sup>th</sup> Sem* Roll No. *27* Stream *Art*  
Subject *Delicate Course* Paper *CC/HST/01*

43  
Marks Secured

Q. No. ① Ans:

- ↳ (a) Roderick Nash.
- ↳ (b) Madhav Gadgil and Ramachandra Guha.
- ↳ (c) Andaman and Nicobar Island.
- ↳ (d) Dietrich Brandis.
- ↳ (e) To protect the forest flora, fauna and other ecological components.
- ↳ (f) Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ↳ (g) Shreehand.
- ↳ (h) Madha Patkar.
- ↳ (i) 1973
- ↳ (j) 1950

Q. No. ② Ans:

(a) Save Silent Valley Movement:  
It was a movement against the state to protect Silent valley an evergreen tropical forest in the Palakkad district of Kerala.

**Grade Sheet of the Certificate Course on  
Ecological and Environmental History of India**

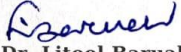
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1	Papori Saikia	18	F	A
2	Dimbeswar Das	27	M	A
3	Muni Kurmi	100	F	A
4	Arpita Kalita	128	F	B
5	Chintu Saikia	129	M	A
6	Protosh P. Bora	157	M	B
7	Dipak Kachari	175	M	A
8	Lal Babu Das	220	M	A
9	Saurav Shill	227	M	A
10	Popi Saikia	239	F	B
11	Minakshi Rohi Das	240	F	A
12	Mouchumi Das	243	F	B
13	Sumi Das	244	F	B
14	Bishwajit Ghatowar	246	M	A
15	Dipon Karmakar	271	M	B
16	Anurag Bhumij	274	M	A
17	Kamal Kurmi	287	M	B
18	Bapon Das	313	M	A
19	Karishma Saikia	317	F	A

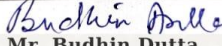


# CERTIFICATE

ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
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This is to certify that  
Mr/Miss/Mrs.....  
of B.A 5th semester has successfully completed 30 hours Add-on Course on Ecological and Environmental History of India conducted by the Department of History, N.N Saikia College, Titabar.

  
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