COURSE ON CSR - CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE & WATER CONSERVATION
FOR SOCIAL/DEVELOPMENT AND CSR PROFESSIONALS

INVEST IN LEARNING NEW SKILLS, PURSUE YOUR INTEREST & ADVANCE YOUR CAREER
INTRODUCTION

The COVID Pandemic has brought to fore our concerns about climate change yet again. The erosion of the buffer between humans and the natural environment leading to the current pandemic highlights the existential nature of the crisis, and yet, the pace and expanse of the ecological footprint of humans fail to find the centre stage of policy debate. This short course will examine in depth, through constant review of contemporary climate change policies and their origins from an ecological perspective, of how our normative ideals and choices, while seemingly progressive and advanced, are politically charged and may be in the wrong direction.

Based on a combined methodology of critical scientific enquiry and the anthropology of public policy, this course will equip participants with analytical knowledge to critically reflect on ‘knowledge processes’ and ‘professional cultures’ that mediate policy directions in the times of climate change and skill them to articulate alternative policy directions.

Devote some of your time to learn new skills, pursue your interests or advance your career with this short online course. Besides helping to strengthen your career during this economic uncertainty, learning a new skill can give you a sense of control that will help cope with anxiety engendered by the pandemic. It is a great use of time productively to skill and reskills yourself better prepared to the future workplace and community development and engagement.

Hence this is the right time to invest in learning new skills, pursue your interests or advance your career with our short tailored online course.
Students will learn

To leverage corporate structures and nonprofits’ to undertake CSR for public benefit

Invest in learning new skills & advance your career

Relationship between philanthropy and corporate self-interest

To engage and communicate internally and externally to optimise process

CSR Course on Climate Change, Agriculture and Water Conservation
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. A thorough understanding of the science of climate change and its current status.

2. Introduction to varied notions of democracy, especially on direct participation in improving environmental policies.

3. Develop unique public policy perspectives based on self-actualized set of norms by each participant.

4. Systemic engagement with alternate policies on ecology and policy drafting skills.

5. Creating opportunities for hands-on review of a few interesting public policies that intersect between environmental health and ‘development imperatives’.
**Climate Change - What do recent studies say?**

The topic will dwell on two crucial aspects of climate change on the human induced nature of contemporary earth system changes to introduce the participants to the science behind the rapid decline with simplified explanations, facts and future trajectories.

1. Anthropocene
2. The Hot House Earth

**Climate Change contributors –** Crucial to an understanding of current changes is to decipher the reasons behind them. This is to also face up to the urgent need to create alternate business models in Power, Transport, Construction, Agriculture sectors.

The classes will deal with:

1. GHG emissions by economic sectors
2. Introduction to Alternatives

**Guest Speaker from Industry (on 1st April)**

**Introduction to Sustainable agriculture.**

Agriculture is fundamental to human survival but it also responsible for climate change which might ultimately make the world uninhabitable. The class will deal with current challenges with “food production” and also introduce alternate ways of organizing farm practices, investments and markets.

1. Agriculture and Climate Change
2. Introduction to different types of sustainable agricultural practices.
Akkadi Saalu – Diversity based ecological farming.
Among the other methods around the world, Akkadi Saalu is emerging as a potent alternative to chemical intensive, monocropping agricultural practices in the growing of healthy foods, promoting nutritional security, and making farmers richer.

1. The history of Akkadi Saalu including its cultural antecedents
2. The economics of Akkadi Saalu

The science behind organic farm inputs.
The dilemma around fertilisers and the dominant view of the Green Revolution methods need to be critically analysed as a first step towards conservation agriculture. These topics will be shared in the following two classes.

1. Green Revolution – history, impact and its future
2. Organic inputs – types, efficiency, social implications

Water commons and ecosystem-based water conservation.
The long conversation on whether water is a public good or an economic good is important in the context of the re-emerging idea of water commons. The important aspect of democratizing water governance with more opportunities for informed people's participation in use regulation and conservation will be shared in the following two topics:

1. The idea of water commons
2. Conservation with focus on simple techniques and people's participation

GUEST SPEAKER FROM INDUSTRY
(on 29th April)
Carbon trading – potentials and threats.

Still a nascent concept, the business opportunities as well as its truer mitigative potentials are still getting formed. The following classes will deal with two important components of the Carbon cauldron which seems to be politically charged than is obvious.

1. Carbon sequestration, History and types of Carbon trading
2. The future of Carbon business – equity, true impact.
Deeply committed to social justice and a healthy planet, Kshithij has worked at the interface of academics, policy writing and institution building with a particular focus on democratising environmental governance, conservation at scale and the socio-political rights of subaltern communities - the most deprived communities in the Global South. He has contributed to the enactment of path-creating laws like the Juvenile Justice Act, NREGA, Right to Information Act, Right to Forest Act besides state laws on the governance of lakes and land rights for people in slums.

Kshithij has a Ph.D. on water sector reforms from National Law School of India University, a Masters in Development Studies from SOAS, London, and Bachelors in Medicine from Bangalore University.

He is currently an adjunct professor of public policy at the National Law School of India University, and is working to rejuvenate Akkadi Saalu, a diversity based ecological farming practice as an alternative to chemical intensive agriculture in Karnataka and is on two sub-committees drafting the new agriculture policy for the state. In the past, he has been the Executive Director of Greenpeace, the Global campaigns coordinator at ActionAid International and the Regional Head of ActionAid.
TESTIMONIALS

“Interactive sessions and lovely experience”

“Very well professionally managed training. It never gave us a feel that we were virtually connected.”

“Session delivery and content was very useful”.

“Will definitely help in shaping new CSR projects”

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