

Wildlife Engagement and Environmental Sustainability

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Duration: 90 Hours (Credits – 3)

Structure: 40 Hours Practical and 50 Hours Class and Seminar Sessions

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Fee: Rs 6000 INR

Class Room Session and Seminar: Rs. 4000 /-

Practical Work: Rs. 2000 /-

Objectives:

1. To engage students in practical work in creating an Oxygen Garden
2. To engage students in organic farming and its related activities
3. To promote work on environmental sustainability
4. To indulge in work and advocacy on environmental issues
5. To understand critical issues on Sustainability and Environmental Protection
6. To participate treks and enhance wildlife survival skills

Structure

This certificate course is designed in two segments, students will spend 45 hours at Hasiru Valley near Ankel engaging in creating an Oxygen Garden by planting genetically engineered Bamboo Plants and Organic Farming projects. During this time they will be able to enhance skills in the above two segments and also participate in treks and enhance skills in wildlife survival. Students will stay in camps on a sharing basis and will be able to explore wildlife under the supervision of certified guides and experts.

The second segment will be class room and seminar based where experts from the field will engage in constructive conversation and learning to create awareness on prevalent issues on sustainability and environmental protection. In this segment students will also attend seminars and workshops in the related field.

Experiential Learning is the use of outdoor, adventure and nature experiences for education and development purposes. Experiential learning broadly includes programs that are designed around the concepts of environmental education, conservation education, adventure education, value education, life skills, outdoor camping, wilderness therapy that help students learn, understand and relate to the real world.

Our programs include outdoor learning, team building, and adventure camps to adventure sports. The programs are designed to introduce the college students to real world through experiential learning methods, leading to a meaningful experiences, reflection, self-discovery and character development.

Programmes include variety of outdoor educational activities such as easy trekking, rock climbing, cycling, outdoor skills, nature education and community service.

Experiential, Outdoors, Adventure and camping Experiences comprise of challenging experiences, both physical and emotional, which lead to new awareness, sensitivity and understanding in the students. In an outdoor camp, learners set out to explore the unknown as a team and in the process rediscover and re-connect with self and the world around developing Intrapersonal, interpersonal, ekistic and ecosystem relationships.

The important aspect of the experiential learning camp is the element of curiosity and creative anxiety at every step. Therefore, it helps the learner experience and understand how he/she navigates the unknown challenge and further develops his/her capacity to become self reliant, independent, confident and caring.

Course Focus

Character Building,

Team spirit,

Trust Building,

Enhancing Self Confidence,

Motivation and Achievement.

Develop Self Reliance

Courage

Spirit of Adventure

Skill Building

Working in Teams

Reflection and Sharing

Connecting with Natural World

Exploration

Overcome Challenges

Value Education

Sports and Fitness

Educational Travels

Educational Methodologies:

Experiential Education

Nature Based Learning

Place based learning

Inquiry Based Learning

Challenge Based Learning

Travel Based Learning

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