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Highlights on Buddhist Approach to Environment.

Buddha always loves and respects the nature and environment. Buddha's 45 years' journey for Dhamma teachings was somehow always associated with environment. He has always addressed the beauty of nature and protection of the environment as mentioned in Dighanikaya, Majhimnikaya, Sanyuktanikaya, Angutarnikaya, Vinayapitaka, Petvatthu, Jatakas etc. He has abided many rules and regulations to monks and nuns to conserve and preserve the environment. He has also emphasized the mind, its nature and its role to create healthy or unhealthy environment. He says pollution of mind is the root cause of pollution of environment.

These days whole world is suffering from environmental degradation: Global warming, climate change, rise in temperature, ozone depletion, effect on biodiversity, rise in sea level, melting of glaciers, flood, deforestation, famine, drought, tsunami, air pollution, water pollution, land pollution, sound pollution, extinction of different species of animals and plants, outbreak of different diseases etc. This is all because of the infatuation of the so called civilized and technologically advanced men with the idea of industrialization and globalization to gain more assets, property and happiness. But this is nothing but the outcome of greedy and ill mind which is heading towards ecological crisis. So for the preservation of a healthy, moralistic, spiritual, sociological and above all a balanced and sustainable ecological environment, Buddha's teaching is very necessary and important. This course is also designed with the same purpose. In short, this course on "**Buddhist Approach to Environment**" comprises of:

1. Buddhist Law of Interdependence and Nature
2. Mutual Causality in Buddhism and General Eco-system
3. Buddhist attitude towards Natural World
4. Buddhist attitude towards Plants
5. Buddhist attitude towards Animals
6. Environmental Ethics in Buddhism