

Lecture 1:

Environment and Politics in India

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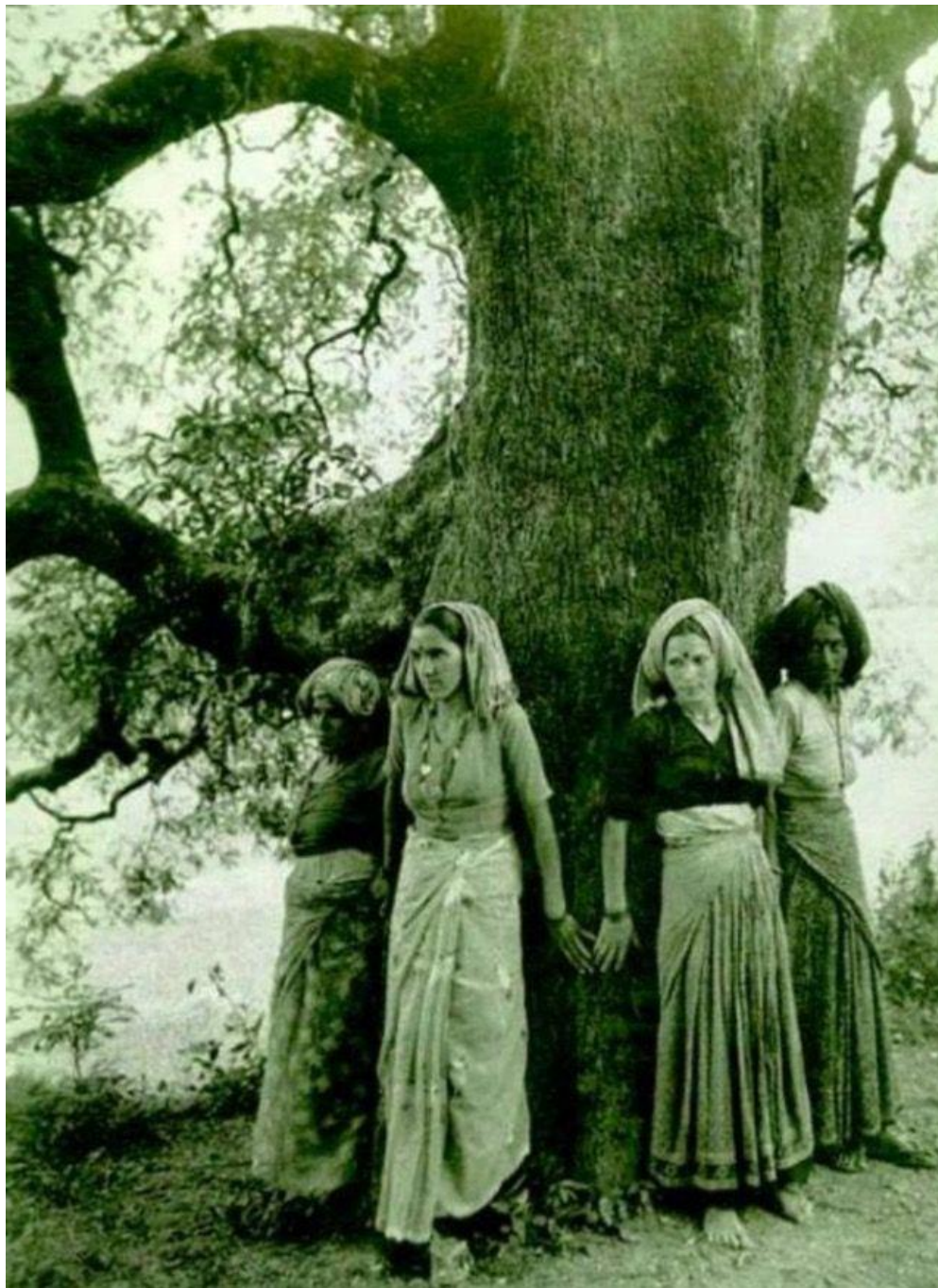
WHAT do we understand by 'ENVIRONMENT'?

HOW is it related to 'POLITICS'?



IF THE TREES ARE SAVED IN EXCHANGE
OF OUR HEAD. IT WILL BE CHEAP TRANSACTION
"AMRITA DEVI BISHNOI"

TO SAVE TREES
363 BISHNOI PEOPLE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN 1730 AD IN VILLAGE
KHEJARLI, JODHPUR





ANI

नर्मदा बचाओ
आज

मंदसौर
नर्मदा
हो

जमान है, इलाही
परीक्षा, जो काल
पर है अज्ञानपूर्ण

मान के पतन में
सक, नष्ट हो है
हमारे जीवन का जोर

Coca Cola के प्लेन
जोली को उखाड़ना
बंद करो

जमान को उखाड़ना
के पल को उखाड़ना
बंद करो

यह विचार नहीं
विलुप्त है

अपने ही
अपने बंद करो

अपने के पल को उखाड़ना
बंद करो

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बंद करो

An aerial photograph of Bhopal, India, showing the city and the Bhopal Gas Tragedy site. The image is in black and white, with a semi-transparent dark band across the middle containing the title and date. The background shows a dense urban area with many small buildings and some taller structures in the distance. The title "BHOPAL DISASTER" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, and the date "DECEMBER 2, 1984" is written in smaller, white capital letters below it.

BHOPAL DISASTER

DECEMBER 2, 1984







Thinking through the ‘environment’

“Nature! We are encircled and enclasped by her – powerless to depart from her, and powerless to find our way more deeply into her being. Without invitation and without warning she involves us in the orbit of her dance, and drives us onward until we are exhausted and fall from her arm...we live in the midst of her and yet to HER we are alien. She parleys incessantly with us, and to us she does not disclose her secret. We influence her perpetually, and yet we have no power over her”

- **Goethe**

- Interdisciplinary nature
- Is it possible to think of environmental discourses WITHOUT
 - Power and Politics
 - Socialism/Equality
 - Feminism
 - Democracy
 - Economics and Economies

About the course

- **Introduction to Environment.** Understanding the interdisciplinary nature of environmental concerns.
- **Environmental History**
 - Global environmental history, western models of environmentalism
 - Environmental agendas in India. Colonial rule, Shifting environmental discourses/concerns
- **Environmental Citizenship and Justice**
- **Environmental Legislation and Environmental Discourses**
 - Regulatory Frameworks/Bodies
 - Legislations related to water, air
 - Legislations related to forests/land/conservation.
Eminent Domain principle.
 - Climate change negotiations

About the course

- **Environmental Politics**

- Green Parties in Europe/US
- Environmental agendas in Indian politics
- Red and Green Agendas
- Green and Saffron Agendas
- Dalit Environmentalism

- **Cultural Ecology**

- Social Ecology
- Environmental Discourses and ‘Performing’ Indigeneity
- Cultural Framings and Environmental Resources

Grading pattern

Type of Evaluation	Weightage (in %)
Mid Sem Exam	20%
End Sem Exam	40%
Assignments	40%

About the course

About the tutorials/assignments:

Students will be asked to read articles/material, and write short papers on questions assigned/discussed in the class. At least 5 such tutorials will be conducted.