
EMERGING FIELD OF GEOETHICS- BUT IS IT NEW TO US?

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ABSTRACT

The discussion on human interactions and their outcomes on the Earth and its resources is endless. A newer aspect to this in the current context is added by the concept of geoethics. Defined basically as identification, selection and application of behaviours and practices that are responsible towards the Earth and its elements, it is gaining discussion across the world as an emerging field. Nations across the world are attempting to combine scientific knowledge and the philosophical, social and economic best practices to deal with the ongoing destruction of their natural environments. Geoethics is a movement which is gaining ground as a method of identifying theoretical concepts which can be joined with practices to enhance human life and protect the Earth. With this as the objective, the methodology involves detailing out the concept of geoethics and checking how India fares in this concept. Findings of the study indicate that not only is the concept integral to our philosophical underpinning since times immemorial but in fact has been advocated as the Indian way of life. In fact, we don't require any new introduction to this but an emphatic re-orientation of life in consonance with responsible behaviours in today's world. The understanding of traditional concepts and their practical application can help save the world and make it a better place to live in.

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