

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD

II Year B.Tech. ECE. II-Sem L T/P/D C

4 -/- 4

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Objectives:

1. Understanding the importance of ecological balance for sustainable development.
2. Understanding the impacts of developmental activities and mitigation measures.
3. Understanding the environmental policies and regulations.

UNIT - I

Ecosystems : Definition, Scope and Importance ecosystem. Classification, Structure and function of an ecosystem, Food chains, food webs and ecological pyramids. Energy flow in the ecosystem, Biogeochemical cycles, Bioaccumulation, ecosystem value, services and carrying capacity, Field visits.

UNIT - II

Natural Resources : Classification of Resources: Living and Non - Living resources, water resources: use and over utilization of surface and ground water, floods and droughts, Dams: benefits and problem, Mineral resources: use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using mineral resources, Land resources: Forest resources, Energy resources: growing energy needs, renewable energy source, case studies.

UNIT - III

Biodiversity and its conservation : Introduction - Definition: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity. Bio-geographical classification of India - Value of biodiversity: consumptive use, productive use, social, ethical, aesthetic and option values - . Biodiversity at global, National and local levels. - . India as a megadiversity nation - Hot-spots of biodiversity - Threats to biodiversity: habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man-wildlife conflicts; Conservation of biodiversity: In-situ and Ex-situ conservation. National biodiversity act.

UNIT - IV

Environmental Pollution and Control Technologies: Environmental Pollution & Control: Classification of pollution, Air Pollution: Primary and secondary pollutants, Automobile and industrial pollution, Ambient air quality standards. Water pollution: Sources and types, Impacts of modern agriculture, degradation of soil. Noise Pollution: Sources and Health hazards, standards, Solid Waste management composition and characteristics of e - Waste and its management. Pollution control technologies: Wastewater Treatment methods: Primary, Secondary and Tertiary.

Overview of air pollution control technologies, Concept of bioremediation. Global Environmental Problems and Global Efforts: Climate change and impacts on human environment. Ozone depletion

and Ozone depleting substances (ODS). Deforestation and desertification. International conventions / Protocols: Earth summit, Kyoto protocol and Montreal Protocol.

UNIT - V

Environmental Policy, Legislation & EIA: Environmental Protection act, Legal aspects Air Act-1981, Water Act, Forest Act, Municipal solid waste management and handling rules, biomedical waste management and handling rules, hazardous waste management and handling rules. EIA: EIA structure, methods of baseline data acquisition. Overview on Impacts of air, water, biological and Socio - economical aspects. Strategies for risk assessment, Concepts of Environmental Management Plan(EMP). **Towards Sustainable Future:** Concept of Sustainable Development, Population and its explosion, Crazy Consumerism, Environmental Education, Urban Sprawl Human Health, Environmental Ethics, Concept of Green Building, Ecological foot print, Life Cycle Assessment(LCA), Low carbon life style.

TEXT BOOK:

1. Textbook of Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses by Erach Bharucha for University Grants Commission.
2. Environmental Studies by R. Rajagopalan, Oxford University Press.

REFERENCE:

1. Textbook of Environmental Sciences and Technology by M. Anji Reddy, BS Publication.
2. Environmental Science: towards a sustainable future by Richard T. Wright. 2008 PHL Learning Private Ltd. New Delhi.
3. Environmental Engineering and science by Gilbert M. Masters and Wendell P. Ela . 2008 PHI Learning Pvt Ltd.
4. Environmental Science by Daniel B. Botkin & Edwards A. Keller, Wiley INDIA edition.
5. Environmental Studies by Anubha Kaushik, 4th Edition, New age international publishers.

Outcomes:

Based on this course, the Engineering graduate will understand / evaluate / develop technologies on the basis of ecological principles and environmental regulations which in turn helps in sustainable development.