

1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SCENARIO

- In India environmental problems are becoming serious because of the interacting effects of increasing population density, industrialization and urbanization, and poor environmental management practices.
- Open burning of waste and landfill fires are a major source of air pollution in India's large cities.
- India's gross agricultural output is lost every year due to soil degradation, poor land management and counter productive irrigation.
- The wetlands and lakes are also being hit hard. Mainly by the industrial boom, the main problems being improper disposal of industrial waste like chemicals etc.
- Most of forest being chopped down for housing, industrialisation and river projects.
- Unless stringent regulatory measures are taken, environmental systems will be irreversibly degraded.
- Lack of political commitment, lack of a comprehensive environmental policy, poor environmental awareness, functional fragmentation of the public administration system, poor mass media concern, and prevalence of poverty are some of the major factors responsible for increasing the severity of the problems.