

Environmental Studies and Disaster Management 3(2+1)

Objective :-

1. To expose and acquire knowledge on the environment
2. To gain the state-of-the-art - skill and expertise on management of disasters

Theory :-

Introduction to Environment - Environmental studies - Definition, scope and importance
Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies - Segments of Environment - Spheres of Earth
- Lithosphere - Hydrosphere - Atmosphere - Different layers of atmosphere. Natural Resources:
Classification - Forest resources. Water resources. Mineral resources Food resources. Energy
resources. Land resources. Soil resources. Ecosystems - Concept of an ecosystem - Structure
and function of an ecosystem - Energy flow in the ecosystem. Types of ecosystems. Biodiversity
and its conservation: Introduction, definition, types. Biogeographical classification of India.
Importance and Value of biodiversity. Biodiversity hot spots. Threats and Conservation of
biodiversity Environmental Pollution: Definition, cause, effects and control measures of: a. Air
pollution. b. Water pollution. c. Soil pollution. d. Marine pollution. e. Noise pollution. f. Thermal
pollution. h. light pollution. Solid Waste Management: Classification of solid wastes and
management methods, Composting, Incineration, Pyrolysis, Biogas production, Causes, effects
and control measures of urban and industrial wastes. Social Issues and the Environment: Urban
problems related to energy. Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed
management. Environmental ethics: Issues and possible solutions, climate change, global
warming, acid rain, ozone layer depletion, nuclear accidents and holocaust. Environment
Protection Act. Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. Water (Prevention and control of
Pollution) Act. Wildlife Protection Act. Forest Conservation Act. Human Population and the
Environment: Environment and human health: Human Rights, Value Education. Women and
Child Welfare. Role of Information Technology in Environment and human health. Disaster
management - Disaster definition - Types - Natural Disasters - Floods, drought, cyclone,
earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, Heat and cold waves. Man Made
Disasters - Nuclear disasters, chemical disasters, biological disasters, building fire, coal fire,
forest fire, oil fire, road accidents, rail accidents, air accidents, sea accidents. International and
National strategy for disaster reduction. Concept of disaster management, national disaster
management framework; financial arrangements; role of NGOs, community-based
organizations and media in disaster management. Central, state, district and local
administration in disaster control; Armed forces in disaster response; Police and other
organizations in disaster management.

Practical :-

Visit to a local area to document environmental assets river/forest/grassland/hill/mountain. Energy: Biogas production from organic wastes. Visit to wind mill / hydro power / solar power generation units. Biodiversity assessment in farming system. Floral and faunal diversity assessment in polluted and unpolluted system. Visit to local polluted site - Urban/Rural/Industrial/Agricultural to study of common plants, insects and birds. Environmental sampling and preservation. Water quality analysis: pH, EC and TDS. Estimation of Acidity, Alkalinity. Estimation of water hardness. Estimation of DO and BOD in water samples. Estimation of COD in water samples. Enumeration of *E. coli* in water sample. Assessment of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM). Study of simple ecosystem – Visit to pond/river/hills. Visit to areas affected by natural disaster

Suggested Readings :-

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- Dhar Chakrabarti, P.G. 2011. Disaster management - India's risk management policy frameworks and key challenges. Published by Centre for Social Markets (India), Bengaluru. 36 pp.
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- Prasanthrajan, M. and Mahendran, P.P. 2008. A text book on Ecology and Environmental Science. ISBN 81-8321-104-6. Agrotech Publishing Academy, Udaipur
- Sharma, P.D. 2009, Ecology and Environment, Rastogi Publications, Meerut, India.
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