

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES – II

Course Code: EVS 242**Credit Units: 02****Total Hours: 20****Course Objectives:**

- To understand various types of environmental pollution.
- To educate masses, in general and students, about the issues related to degradation of environment and social issues related to environment.
- To understand sustainable development.
- To understand environmental assets, local flora and fauna through field surveys.

Course Contents:**Module I: Environmental Pollution (7 Hours)**

Definition, causes, effects and control measures of: Air pollution, Water pollution, Soil pollution, Marine pollution, Noise pollution, Thermal pollution, Nuclear pollution. Solid waste management: Causes, effects and control measures of urban and industrial wastes. Role of an individual in prevention of pollution. Pollution case studies. Disaster management: floods, earthquake, cyclone and landslides.

Module II: Social Issues and the Environment (7 Hours)

From unsustainable to sustainable development, Urban problems and related to energy. Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management. Resettlement and rehabilitation of people; its problems and concerns Case studies. Environmental ethics: Issues and possible solutions

Climate change, Global warming, Acid rain, Ozone layer depletion, Nuclear Accidents and Holocaust case studies. Fireworks/Crackers – Introduction, ill effects on environment and humans.

Wasteland reclamation, Consumerism and waste products, Environmental Protection Act, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, Wildlife Protection Act, Forest Conservation Act. issues involved in enforcement of environmental legislation Public awareness

Module III: Human Population and the Environment (4 Hours)

Population growth, variation among nations. Population explosion – Family Welfare Programmes

Environment and human health. Human Rights. Value Education. HIV / AIDS. Women and Child Welfare. Role of Information Technology in Environment and Human Health.

Case Studies

Module IV: Field Work (2 Hours)

Visit to a local area to document environmental assets-river / forest/ grassland/ hill/ mountain. Visit to a local polluted site – Urban / Rural / Industrial / Agricultural. Study of common plants, insects, birds. Study of simple ecosystems-pond, river, hill slopes, etc.

Course Outcomes:

Upon course completion, students will be able to:

- Explain various types of environmental pollutions.
- Understand role of individual in abatement of environmental pollution.
- Explain methods to mitigate disasters.
- Learn various environmental protection laws.
- Learn role of IT in environment and human health.

Examination Scheme:

Components	CT	HA	S/V/Q	A	ESE
Weightage (%)	15	5	5	5	70

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