SEMESTER: I PART: IV	22UENVS 18: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	CREDIT: 2 HOURS: 2

Course Objectives

1. To gain knowledge about the importance of environmental sciences and natural resources.
2. To learn the concept, structure and function of ecosystem and the importance of biodiversity.
3. To understand and gain knowledge about environmental pollution and management.
4. To impart knowledge about social issues and human population.
5. To acquire the skills for identifying and solving pollution problem.

UNIT - I: INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES: NATURAL RESOURCES :

Environmental Sciences - Relevance - Significance - Public awareness - Forest resources - Water resources - Mineral resources - Food resources - conflicts over resource sharing - Exploitation - Land use pattern - Environmental impact - fertilizer - Pesticide Problems - case studies.

UNIT - II: ECOSYSTEM, BIODIVERSITY AND ITS CONSERVATION:

Ecosystem - concept - structure and function - producers, consumers and decomposers - Food chain - Food web - Ecological pyramids - Energy flow - Forest, Grassland, desert and aquatic ecosystem.

Biodiversity - Definition - genetic, species and ecosystem diversity - Values and uses of biodiversity - biodiversity at global, national (India) and local levels - Hotspots, threats to biodiversity - conservation of biodiversity - Insitu & Exsitu.

UNIT - III: ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND MANAGEMENT

Environmental Pollution - Causes - Effects and control measures of Air, Water, Marine, soil, solid waste, Thermal, Nuclear pollution and Disaster Management - Floods, Earth quake, Cyclone and Land slides. Role of individuals in prevention of pollution - pollution case studies.

UNIT - IV: SOCIAL ISSUES - HUMAN POPULATION

Urban issues - Energy - water conservation - Environmental Ethics - Global warming - Resettlement and Rehabilitation issues - Environmental legislations - Environmental production Act. 1986 - Air, Water, Wildlife and forest conservation Act - Population growth and Explosion - Human rights and Value Education - Environmental Health -
HIV/AIDS - Role of IT in Environment and Human Health - Women and child welfare - Public awareness - Case studies.

UNIT-V: FIELD WORK

Visit to a local area / local polluted site / local simple ecosystem - Report submission

Course Outcomes

After completion of this course, students will be able to gain knowledge in

1. The scope and importance of environmental science and natural resources.
2. The structure and functions of Ecosystem and biodiversity and its conservation.
3. The problem of environmental pollution and its management.
4. The social issues and human population.
5. They will identify and solve the pollution problem.

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