

2.7 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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RATIONALE

A diploma holder must have knowledge of different types of pollution caused due to industrial and construction activities so that he/she may help in balancing the ecosystem and controlling pollution by various control measures. The course is intended to provide a general concept in the dimensions of environmental pollution and disasters caused by nature beyond the human control as well as the disasters and environmental hazards induced by human activities with emphasis on disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

COURSE OUTCOMES

After undergoing the subject, the student will be able to:

- CO1: Comprehend the importance of sustainable ecosystem
- CO2: Demonstrate interdisciplinary nature of environmental issues
- CO3: Implement corrective measures for the abatement of pollution.
- CO4: Identify the role of non-conventional energy resources in environmental protection.
- CO5: Manage various types of disasters

DETAILED CONTENTS

UNIT I

Introduction

- 1.1 Basics of ecology, eco system- concept, and sustainable development, Sources, advantages, disadvantages of renewable and nonrenewable energy.
- 1.2 Rain water harvesting
- 1.3 Deforestation – its effects & control measures

UNIT II

Air and Noise Pollution

- 2.1 Air Pollution: Source of air pollution. Effect of air pollution on human health, economy, Air pollution control methods.

- 2.2 Noise Pollution: Source of noise pollution, Unit of noise, Effect of noise pollution, Acceptable noise level, Different method of minimizing noise pollution.

UNIT III

Water and Soil Pollution

- 3.1 Water Pollution: Impurities in water, Cause of water pollution, Source of water pollution. Effect of water pollution on human health, Concept of DO, BOD, COD. Prevention of water pollution- Water treatment processes, Sewage treatment. Water quality standard.
- 3.2 Soil Pollution :Sources of soil pollution, Effects and Control of soil pollution, Types of Solid waste- House hold, Industrial, Agricultural, Biomedical, Disposal of solid waste, Solid waste management E-waste, E – waste management

UNIT IV

Impact of Energy Usage on Environment

Global Warming, Green House Effect, Depletion of Ozone Layer, Acid Rain. Eco-friendly Material, Recycling of Material, Concept of Green Buildings, Concept of Carbon Credit & Carbon footprint.

UNIT V

Disaster Management

A. Different Types of Disaster:

Natural Disaster: such as Flood, Cyclone, Earthquakes and Landslides etc.

Man-made Disaster: such as Fire, Industrial Pollution, Nuclear Disaster, Biological Disasters, Accidents (Air, Sea Rail & Road), Structural failures(Building and Bridge), War & Terrorism etc.

B. Disaster Preparedness:

Disaster Preparedness Plan

Prediction, Early Warnings and Safety Measures of Disaster

Psychological response and Management (Trauma, Stress, Rumour and Panic)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. Environmental Studies by S.C. Sharma & M.P. Poonia, Khanna Publishing House, New Delhi
2. Environmental and Pollution Awareness by Sharma BR; Satya Prakashan, New Delhi.
3. Environmental Pollution by Dr. RK Khitoliya; S Chand Publishing, New Delhi

4. Environmental Studies by Erach Bharucha; University Press (India) Private Ltd., Hyderabad.
5. Environmental Engineering and Management by Suresh K Dhamija; S K Kataria and Sons, New Delhi.
6. E-books/e-tools/relevant software to be used as recommended by AICTE/BTE/NITTTR, Chandigarh.
7. Disaster Management by Dr. Mrinalini Pandey, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd.
8. Disaster Science and Management by Tushar Bhattacharya, McGraw Hill Education (India) Pvt. Ltd.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY

In addition to theoretical instructions, different activities pertaining to Environmental Studies and Disaster Management like expert lectures, seminars, visits etc. may also be organized. This subject contains five units of equal weightage.