

I.K.G. Punjab Technical University
BBA Batch 2018
AECC
EVS102-18 Environment Studies

Course Outcomes:

1. Students will enable to understand environmental problems at local and national level through literature and general awareness.
2. The students will gain practical knowledge by visiting wildlife areas, environmental institutes and various personalities who have done practical work on various environmental Issues.
3. The students will apply interdisciplinary approach to understand key environmental issues and critically analyze them to explore the possibilities to mitigate these problems.
4. Reflect critically about their roles and identities as citizens, consumers and environmental actors in a complex, interconnected world

UNIT-1: Introduction to Environmental Studies

Multidisciplinary nature of Environmental Studies: Scope & Importance
Need for Public Awareness

UNIT-2: Ecosystems

Concept of an Ecosystem: Structure & functions of an ecosystem (Producers, Consumers & Decomposers)

Energy Flow in an ecosystem: Food Chain, Food web and Ecological Pyramids

Characteristic features, structure & functions of following Ecosystems:

- ▮ Forest Ecosystem
- ▮ Aquatic Ecosystem (Ponds, Lakes, River & Ocean)

UNIT-3: Natural Resources

Renewable & Non-renewable resources

Forest Resources: Their uses, functions & values (Biodiversity conservation, role in climate change, medicines) & threats (Overexploitation, Deforestation, Timber extraction, Agriculture Pressure), Forest Conservation Act

Water Resources: Their uses (Agriculture, Domestic & Industrial), functions & values, Overexploitation and Pollution of Ground & Surface water resources (Case study of Punjab), Water Conservation, Rainwater Harvesting,

Land Resources: Land as a resource; Land degradation, soil erosion and desertification

Energy Resources: Renewable & non-renewable energy resources, use of alternate energy resources (Solar, Wind, Biomass, Thermal), Urban problems related to Energy

UNIT-4: Biodiversity & its conservation

Types of Biodiversity: Species, Genetic & Ecosystem

India as a mega biodiversity nation, Biodiversity hot spots and biogeographic regions of India

Examples of Endangered & Endemic species of India, Red data book

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UNIT-5: Environmental Pollution & Social Issues

Types, Causes, Effects & Control of Air, Water, Soil & Noise Pollution

Nuclear hazards and accidents & Health risks

Global Climate Change: Global warming, Ozone depletion, Acid rain, Melting of Glaciers & Ice caps, Rising sea levels

Environmental disasters: Earthquakes, Floods, Cyclones, Landslides

UNIT-6: Field Work

Visit to a National Park, Biosphere Reserve, Wildlife Sanctuary

Documentation & preparation of a Biodiversity (flora & fauna) register of campus/river/forest

Visit to a local polluted site : Urban/Rural/Industrial/Agricultural

Identification & Photography of resident or migratory birds, insects (butterflies)

Public hearing on environmental issues in a village

Suggested Readings:

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