

**CURRICULUM AND CREDIT FRAMEWORK FOR  
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

**Syllabus for**

**Department of Environmental Science  
Nagaland University**

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**Major Courses (Core papers):**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title of the Course</b>	<b>Total Credit</b>	
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
C-1T	Fundamental of Environmental Science	3	
C-1P	Practical 1	1	
C-2T	Environment & Society	3	
C-2P	Practical 2	1	
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
C-3T	Water and Water Resources	3	
C-3P	Practical 3	1	
C-4T	Land and Soil Conservation and Management	3	
C-4P	Practical 4	1	
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>			
C-5T	Biodiversity and Conservation	3	
C-5P	Practical 5	1	
C-6T	Atmosphere and Global Climate Change	3	
C-6P	Practical 6	1	
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>			
C-7T	Systematics and Biogeography	3	
C-7P	Practical 7	1	
C-8T	Urban Ecosystem	3	
C-8P	Practical 8	1	
<b>FIFTH SEMESTER</b>			
C-9T	Environmental Toxicology	3	
C-9P	Practical 9	1	
C-10T	Environmental Economics	3	
C-10P	Practical 10	1	
C-11T	Solid waste Management	3	
C-11P	Practical 11	1	
<b>SIXTH SEMESTER</b>			
C-12T	Organism and Evolutionary Biology	3	
C-12P	Practical 12	1	
C-13T	Natural Resources Management and Sustainability	3	
C-13P	Practical 13	1	
C-14T	Environmental Legislation and Policy	3	
C-14P	Practical 14	1	
C-15T	Energy and Environment	3	
C-15P	Practical 15	1	
<b>SEVEN SEMESTER</b>			
C-16T	Earth and Geomorphic Processes	3	
C-16P	Practical 16	1	

C-17T	Physico-chemical Dynamics in Environmental Systems	3	
C-17P	Practical 17	1	
C-18T	Environmental Biotechnology	3	
C-18P	Practical 18	1	
C-19T	Research Methodology	4	
<b>EIGHT SEMESTER</b>			
C-20T	Environmental Management and Impact Assessment	3	
C-20P	Practical 20	1	
C-21T	Research Project/ Dissertation	12	
<b>OR</b>			
<b>EIGHT SEMESTER</b>			
C-20T	Environmental Management and Impact Assessment	3	
C-20P	Practical 20	1	
C-21T	Ecology and Ecosystem	3	
C-21P	Practical 21	1	
C-22T	Environmental Pollution and Human Health	3	
C-22P	Practical 22	1	
C-23T	Remote Sensing and its applications	3	
C-23P	Practical 23	1	

## **C-1T: FUNDAMENTALS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

Meaning, scope and interdisciplinary nature of Environmental Science; Environmental factors; The Global environment and its segments; Structure and composition of atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere. Theories and concepts- Gaia theory, Environmental Kuznet's curve, Ecological footprint, Environmental ethics, Environmental conventions and treaties.

### **Unit 2: Natural Resources**

Air, Water, Soil, Minerals, Forests and Energy resources; Concept of reserve and resources; Problems with the exploitation of resources.

Energy Fundamentals: Heat transfer processes; Mass and energy transfer across the interfaces of various geospheres, hydrologic cycle and biogeochemical cycles.

### **Unit 3: Fundamentals of Ecology and Environment**

Concept, components and functioning of ecology and ecosystem; Energy fixation and energy flow through food chains and webs; Influence of environmental factors on organisms and their adaptations; Anthropogenic impact on the biosphere and its life support systems; Role of biological processes in remedial measures and restoration.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Environmental Science - The natural environment and human impact (1998): A. R. W. Jackson and J. M. Jackson, Longman.
2. Environmental Science (2001): S. C. Santra, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd.
3. Introduction to Environmental Science and Engineering (2nd Ed.) (2004): G. M. Masters, Pearson Education Pvt. Ltd.
4. Fundamentals of Environmental Science: G. S. Dhaliwal, G. S. Sangha and P. K. Raina, Kalyani Publication.
5. Dimensions of Environmental and Ecological Economics (2005): N. C. Sahu & A. K. Choudhury (Ed), Universities Press.
6. Elementary hydrology (1994): V. P. Singh, Prentice-Hall, India.
7. Hydrology – Principles, analysis and design (1996): H. M. Raghunath, New Age International Publisher.
8. Soil erosion and conservation (1993): R. P. Tripathi and H. P. Singh, Wiley Eastern Limited.
9. Integrated watershed management: Rajora.
10. Principles and Practices of Water Management: Panda; Agrobios.
11. River Basin Morphology: Devi; Rajesh Pub.
12. Applied Hydrology-Murtreja.
13. Environment and Ecology: P.D. Sharma.

### **C-1P: Practical 1**

1. Estimation of minerals from various sources.
2. Quantification of soil nutrients (NPK, Na, Ca).

3. Visit to forest ecosystem and studies on vegetation mapping.
4. Studies on Gene pool of forest ecosystems using curated databases.
5. Case studies on river linking and its implications.

## **C-2T: ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY**

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

Social and cultural construction of 'environment'; environmental thought from historical and contemporary perspective in light of the concepts of Gross Net Happiness and Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic; historical developments in cultural, social and economic issues related to land, forest, and water management in a global context; interface between environment and society.

### **Unit 2: Development-environment conflict**

Developmental issues and related impacts such as ecological degradation; environmental pollution; development-induced displacement, resettlement, and rehabilitation: problems, concerns, and compensative mechanisms; discussion on Project Affected People (PAPs).

### **Unit 3: Community participation**

State, corporate, civil society, community, and individual-level initiatives to ensure sustainable development; case studies of environmental movements (Appiko Movement, Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan); corporate responsibility movement; appropriate technology movement; environmental groups and movements, citizen groups; role played by NGOs; environmental education and awareness.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Chokkan, K.B., Pandya, H. & Raghunathan, H. (eds). 2004. Understanding Environment. Sagar Publication India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
2. Elliot, D. 2003. Energy, Society and Environment, Technology for a Sustainable Future. Routledge Press.
3. Guha, R. 1989. Ecological change and peasant resistance in the Himalaya. Unquiet Woods Oxford University Press, Delhi.
4. Leopold, A. 1949. The Land Ethic. pp. 201-214. Chicago, USA.
5. National Research Council (NRC). 1996. Linking Science and Technology to Society's Environmental Goals. National Academy Press.
6. Pandit, M.K. 2013. Chipko: Failure of a Successful Conservation Movement. In: Sodhi, N.S., Gibson, L. & Raven, P.H. Conservation Biology: Voices from the Tropics. pp. 126-127. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK.

### **C-2P: Practical 2**

- a. Evaluation of constituents of municipal solid waste (MSW).
- b. Survey for sustainability in rural areas of Nagaland like food, water, energy, etc.
- c. Survey of impact of population growth in urban area
- d. Survey of gender equality in education

## **C-3T: WATER AND WATER RESOURCES**

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

Sources and types of water, Hydrological cycle, Precipitation, Runoff, Infiltration, Evaporation, Evapotranspiration, Temperature, Colour, Odour, Turbidity, Major inorganic and organic constituents, dissolved gases, DO, Phytoplankton, phytobenthos, Zooplanktons, Micro and macro invertebrates in water, Surface and ground water, Water table, Aquifers, Techniques for ground water recharge, Rivers, Lakes and Estuaries, Watershed and drainage basins, Water resources in India, Water supply, demand and use in India.

### **Unit 2: Water resource management**

Concepts of watershed management, Rain water harvesting, Wetlands and their significance, threats, conservation and management, Ramsar Convention, 1971 and major wetlands of India, Marine water resources and their threats and conservation, National water policy, Indus water treaty; Ganges water treaty; Teesta water treaty; National River linking plan and its ecological and economic impacts, River basin management, Flood management, Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM).

### **Unit 3: Water resources conflicts**

Water resources scarcity, competition, and unequal distribution, Intrastate and Transboundary conflicts, Case studies on Kaveri and Krishna river water disputes, Multipurpose river valley projects in India and their environmental and social impacts, Case studies of dams - Narmada and Tehri dam, Social and ecological losses versus economic benefits; International conflicts on water sharing between India and its neighbors, Conflict resolution strategies and Water governance.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Bansil, P.C. 2004. Water Management in India. Concept Publishing Company, India.
2. Brebbia, C.A. 2013. Water Resources Management VII. WIT Press.
3. CEA. 2011. Water Resources and Power Maps of India. Central Board of Irrigation and Power.
4. Grumbine, R.E. and Pandit, M.K. 2013. Threats from India's Himalaya dams. Science 339: 36- 37.
5. Loucks, D.P., Stedinger, J.R. and Haith, D. A. 1981. Water Resource Systems Planning and Analysis. Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Prentice Hall.
6. Mays, L.W. 2006. Water Resources Sustainability. The McGraw-Hill Publications.
7. Schwardand Zhang, 2003. Fundamentals of Groundwater. John Willey and Sons.
8. Souvorov, A.V. 1999. Marine Ecogonomics: The Ecology and Economics of Marine Natural Resource Management. Elsevier Publications.
9. Vickers, A. 2001. Handbook of Water Use and Conservation. WaterPlow Press

### **C-3P: Practical 3**

1. To study confined aquifer and unconfined aquifer.
2. Delineation and Morphometric analysis of watershed.

3. Determination of pH, Electrical Conductivity and Turbidity of water sample.
4. Determination of Chloride in water sample by AgNO<sub>3</sub> method.
5. Estimation of Phosphates in water by Ammonium Molybdate method.
6. Estimation of Sulphates in water sample.
7. Estimation of nitrates in water sample.
8. Estimation of fluorides in water sample.

## **C-4T: LAND AND SOIL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Unit 1: Introduction and Fundamentals of soil science**

Soil formation, Classification of soil, soil architecture, Soil texture and soil textural triangles, Water holding capacity, Moisture content, Organic matter, Role of anion and cations in soils, Temperature; Bulk density, Porosity, Plasticity, Soil colloids, Soil salinity, Acidic soils, Sodic soils, Micro-Macro nutrients of soil, Soil microbes, Major soil types, Soil health, Soil fertility, Land resource types, uses and change, Soil biogeochemical cycles.

### **Unit 2: Land use change and Land-Soil degradation**

Degradation of soils, Soil erosion and its control, Non-erosive and erosive soil degradation; Losses of soil moisture; Nutrient depletion, Causes of Soil degradation, Toxic organic contaminants in soils, Loss of soil fertility due to chemical fertilizers and its management; Biological and physical phenomena in land degradation, Visual indicators of land degradation, Drivers of land degradation, Land salinization, Land use and land cover change and its examples, Socio-economic effects of land and soil degradation, Economic valuation of land and soil degradation, Shifting cultivation.

### **Unit 3: Land and soil conservation and management**

Sustainable land use practices, Land use – land cover planning, Role of databases and data analysis in land use planning control and management, Legal, institutional and sociological factors, Participatory land degradation assessment, Integrating land degradation assessment into conservation, Land pool, Soil health cards, Soil fertility management, Irrigation and drainage management and its role in soil conservation, pasture and grazing land management

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Brady, N.C. and Well, R.R. 2007. The Nature and Properties of Soils (13th edition), Pearson Education Inc.
2. Gadgil, M. 1993. Biodiversity and India's degraded lands. *Ambio* 22: 167-172.
3. Johnson, D.L. 2006. Land Degradation (2nd edition). Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.
4. Marsh, W. M. and Dozier, J. 1983. Landscape Planning: Environmental Applications. John Wiley and Sons.
5. Pandit, M.K. et. al. 2007. Unreported yet massive deforestation driving loss of endemic biodiversity in Indian Himalaya. *Biodiversity Conservation* 16: 153-163.
6. Peterson, G. D., Cumming, G. S. and Carpenter, S. R. 2003. Scenario planning: a tool for conservation in an uncertain world. *Conservation Biology* 17: 358-366.

7. Scherr, S. J. 1999. Soil degradation: A threat to developing-country food security by 2020? (Vol. 27). International Food Policy Research Institute

#### **C-4P: Practical 4**

1. Determination soil texture by soil textural triangle.
2. Determination of porosity of the soils.
3. Determination of the plasticity of the soils.
4. Estimation of calcium and magnesium content of soil.
5. Comparing soil erosion by Contour Plowing Experiment.
6. Estimation of micronutrients of soil.
7. Identification of gram positive and gram-negative bacteria in soil samples.
8. Infiltration Rate Measurement of the soil by using ring infiltrometer.

### **C5T: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION**

#### **Unit 1: Biodiversity patterns and biodiversity estimation**

From genes to ecosystems; tree of life; history of character transformation; organic evolution through geographic time scale; Spatial patterns: latitudinal and elevational trends in biodiversity; temporal patterns: seasonal fluctuations in biodiversity patterns; importance of biodiversity patterns in conservation. India as a mega diversity nation; Phytogeographic and zoogeographic zones of India; Flora and Fauna of India; Forest types and forest cover in India.

Sampling strategies and surveys; Qualitative and quantitative methods; community diversity estimation; Molecular techniques; Economic values; Ecological and ecosystem services.

#### **Unit 2: Threats to biodiversity**

Natural and anthropogenic disturbances; habitat loss, habitat degradation, and habitat fragmentation; climate change; pollution; hunting; over-exploitation; deforestation; hydropower development; invasive species; land use changes; overgrazing; Man wildlife conflicts; consequences of biodiversity loss; Intermediate Disturbance Hypothesis; Impact of development projects on biological diversity in India

#### **Unit 3: Conservation of biodiversity**

In-situ conservation; Ex-situ conservation; Role of local communities and traditional knowledge in conservation; Biodiversity hotspots; IUCN Red List categorization; Red Data book; Ecological restoration; Afforestation; Social forestry; Agro forestry; Joint forest management; Role of remote sensing in management of natural resources; Status of protected areas and biosphere reserves in India; National Biodiversity Action Plan.

#### **Suggested Readings**

1. Gaston, K J. and Spicer, J.I. 1998. Biodiversity: An Introduction. Blackwell Science, London, UK.
2. Krishnamurthy, K.V. 2004. An Advanced Text Book of Biodiversity - Principles and Practices. Oxford and IBH Publications Co. Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.

3. Pandit, M.K. and Grumbine R.E. 2012. Ongoing and proposed hydropower development in the Himalaya and its impact on terrestrial biodiversity. *Conservation Biology* 26:1061-1071.
4. Primack, R.B. 2002. *Essentials of Conservation Biology* (3rd edition). Sinauer Associates, Sunderland, USA.
5. Singh, J. S. and Singh, S. P. 1987. Forest vegetation of the Himalaya. *The Botanical Review* 53: 80-192.
6. Singh, J. S., Singh, S.P. and Gupta, S. 2006. *Ecology, Environment and Resource Conservation*. Anamaya Publications, New Delhi.
7. Sodhi, N.S. and Ehrlich, P.R. (Eds). 2010. *Conservation Biology for All*. Oxford University Press.
8. Sodhi, N.S., Gibson, L. and Raven, P.H. 2013. *Conservation Biology: Voices from the Tropics*. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK

### **C-5P: Practical 5**

1. Identification of wild animals by using pug marks.
2. Identification of wild species by using feeding signs and artifacts.
3. Determination of relative abundance of light attracting insects by using light trap.
4. Determination of bird population by using Lincoln index (Simulation)
5. Determination of total population /density of birds from nesting ground during breeding season / or determination of total population of birds by using nests.
6. Identification of mammals from the hair morphology and histology.
7. To study the bird species by using vocal display.
8. Determination of burrowing animal's population by using their artifacts.
9. Field visit for the study of wild species and collection of samples from various domestic and wild animals.
10. Visit to Zoo/ National park /Sanctuary /Aquarium for the study of wildlife.
11. Field visit to study the habitat components of wild species.

### **C-6T: ATMOSPHERE AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### **Unit 1: Meteorology and atmospheric stability**

Meteorological parameters; Atmospheric stability and mixing heights; Temperature inversion; Plume behavior; Gaussian plume model.

Movement of air masses; Atmosphere and climate; Air and sea interaction; Southern oscillation; Western disturbances; El Nino and La Nina; Tropical cyclone; Indian monsoon and its development; Changing monsoon in Holocene in the Indian subcontinent, its impact on agriculture and Indus valley civilization; Effect of urbanization on micro climate; Asian brown clouds.

#### **Unit 2: Atmospheric chemistry**

Evolution and development of Earth's atmosphere; Atmospheric structure, composition its significance; Milankovitch cycles; Chemistry of atmospheric particles and gases; Smog – types and processes; Photochemical processes; Ions and radicals in atmosphere; Acid-base

reactions in atmosphere; Atmospheric water; Role of hydroxyl and hydroperoxyl radicals in atmosphere.

Ozone layer or ozone shield and its importance; Ozone layer depletion and causes; Chapman cycle; Process of spring time ozone depletion over Antarctica; Ozone depleting substances (ODS); Effects of ozone depletion; Mitigation measures and international protocols.

### **Unit 3: Global warming and climate change**

Earth's energy balance; Energy transfers in atmosphere; Earth's radiation budget; Greenhouse gases (GHGs); Greenhouse effect; Global conveyor belt; Earth's climate through ages; Trends of global warming and climate change; Drivers of global warming and the potential of different GHGs causing the climate change; Atmospheric windows; Impact of climate change; Impact on economy and spread of human diseases.

Environmental policy debate; International agreements; Montreal protocol 1987; Kyoto protocol 1997; Convention on Climate Change; Carbon credit and carbon trading; Clean development mechanism.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Barry, R. G. 2003. Atmosphere, Weather and Climate. Routledge Press, UK.
2. Gillespie, A. 2006. Climate Change, Ozone Depletion and Air Pollution: Legal Commentaries with Policy and Science Considerations. Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.
3. Hardy, J.T. 2003. Climate Change: Causes, Effects and Solutions. John Wiley and Sons.
4. Harvey, D. 2000. Climate and Global Climate Change. Prentice Hall.
5. Manahan, S.E. 2010. Environmental Chemistry. CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group.
6. Maslin, M. 2014. Climate Change: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford Publications.
7. Mathez, E.A. 2009. Climate Change: The Science of Global Warming and our Energy Future. Columbia University Press.
8. Mitra, A.P., Sharma, S., Bhattacharya, S., Garg, A., Devotta, S. and Sen, K. 2004. Climate Change and India. Universities Press, India.
9. Philander, S.G. 2012. Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change (2nd edition). Sage Publications

#### **C-6P: Practical 6**

1. Study of meteorological instruments.
2. Determination of Maximum and Minimum temperature using psychrometer.
3. Determination of relative humidity in ambient atmosphere.
4. Determination of solar radiation and illuminations.
5. Study of precipitation, rainfall analysis and Indian monsoon patterns.
6. Determination of wind speed and direction by anemometers
7. Estimation of ambient carbon dioxide.
8. Study of clouds and their types.
9. Study of Wind roses and pollution roses.
10. Community perception on climate change—Questionnaire method.

11. Quantification of greenhouse gas emissions from a) Energy sector, b) Industrial sector, c) Agriculture and forestry sector, and d) Waste sector.

## **C-7T: SYSTEMATICS AND BIOGEOGRAPHY**

### **Unit 1: Concept and systematics approaches**

Definition of systematics; Taxonomic identification; Keys; Field inventory; Herbarium; Museum; Botanical gardens; Taxonomic literature; Nomenclature; Evidence; Taxonomy databases. Concept of taxa, species, categories and taxonomic hierarchy; Principles and rules; Ranks and names; Types and typification; Author citation; Valid publication; Rejection of names; Principle of priority and its limitations; Names of hybrids; Classification systems of Bentham and Hooker; Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG III) classification. Characters. Variations; Operational Taxonomic Units; Character weighting and coding; Phenograms; cladograms; DNA barcoding; Phylogenetic tree; Clades; Homology and analogy; Parallelism and convergence.

### **Unit 2: Speciation and extinction Historical Biogeography**

Genes as unit of evolutionary change; Mutation; Genetic drift; Gene flow; Natural selection; Geographic and ecological variation; Biogeographical rules; Biogeographical realms and their fauna; Endemic, rare, exotic, and cosmopolitan species; Types and processes of speciation; Ecological diversification; Adaptive radiation, convergent and parallel evolution; Dispersal and immigration; Means of dispersal and barriers to dispersal; Extinction. Earth's history; Paleo-records of diversity and diversification; Continental drift and plate tectonics and their role in biogeographic patterns; biogeographical dynamics of climate change and Ice Age.

### **Unit 3: Ecological Biogeography and Conservation Biogeography**

Species' habitats; Environment and niche concepts; Biotic and abiotic determinants of communities; Species-area relationships; Concept of rarity and commonness; Island Biogeography theory; Equilibrium Theory of Insular Biogeography; Geography of diversification and invasion; Phylogeography. Application of biogeographical rules in design of protected area and biosphere reserves; use of remote sensing in conservational planning.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Lomolino, M.V., Riddle, B.R., Whittaker, R.J. and Brown, J.H. 2010. Biogeography (4th edition). Sinauer Associates, Sunderland.
2. Mani, M.S. 1974. Ecology and Biogeography in India. Dr. W Junk Publishers., The Hague.
3. Singh, G. 2012. Plant Systematics: Theory and Practice (3rd edition). Oxford and IBH Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
4. Wheeler, Q.D. and Meier R. 2000. Species Concepts and Phylogenetic Theory: A Debate. Columbia University Press, New York.
5. Williams, D. M., Ebach, M.C. 2008. Foundations of Systematics and Biogeography. Springer.

6. Wilkins, J. S. 2009. *Species: A History of the Idea* (Vol. 1). University of California Press

### **C-7P: Practical 7**

1. Field and Herbarium techniques: Description and identification of plants; identification test of plant specimens; study of Nagaland flora; Vegetation quantification; field sampling.
2. Estimation of quantitative and qualitative characteristics of community: frequency, density, abundance, basal area, physiognomy, phenology and productivity

## **C-8T: URBAN ECOSYSTEM**

### **Unit 1: Introduction**

Introduction to urbanization; Urban sprawl and associated environmental issues. Man as the driver of urban ecosystem; Commodification of nature; Metros, cities and towns as sources and sinks of resources; Resource consumption and its social, cultural, economic and ecological perspectives; Urban transformation; Increasing challenges posed by modernity for the environment; Urban pollution (air, water, soil).

### **Unit 2: Urban dwelling and interface with the environment**

Housing scenario across a range of large-medium-small cities; Poverty and slums in an urban context; Town planning Acts and their environmental aspects; Energy consumption and waste disposal as well as accumulation; Environmental costs of urban infrastructure. Management of urban environment; Alternative resources; Policy and management decisions; Urban settings as loci of sustainability; Challenges associated with sustainability and urban future.

### **Unit 3: Planning and environmental management**

Concept of 'controlled nature'; Scope, importance and threats to nature in the city; Organization and planning of green spaces such as parks, gardens and public spaces; Concept of green belts, green infrastructure, sponge cities; Urban natural forest ecosystem as green lungs. Urban planning and its environmental aspects from historical and contemporary perspectives; Benefits of environmental management; Introduction to green buildings; Urban governance; Political complexity of applying ecological science to urban policy and planning, smart cities.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. D'Monte, Darryl. 1985. *Industry versus Environment Temples or Tombs. Three Controversies*, Delhi, CSE.
2. Ernstson, H. 2011. Re-translating nature in post-apartheid Cape Town: The material semiotics of people and plants at Bottom Road. In: Heeks, R., (Ed.) *Conference on "Understanding Development through Actor-Network Theory"*, London School of Economics, 30 June, London.

3. Gaston, K.J. 2010. Urban Ecology. Cambridge University Press, New York.
4. Grimm, N. B., Faeth, S. H., et al. 2008. Global Change and the Ecology of Cities. *Science* 319: 756-760.
5. Hinchliffe, S. and Whatmore, S. 2006. Living cities: Towards a politics of conviviality. *Science as Culture* 15: 123–138.
6. McIntyre, N.E. 2000. Urban ecology as an interdisciplinary field: differences in the use of ‘urban’ between the social and natural sciences. *Urban Ecosystems* 4: 5-24.
7. Montgomery, M.R. 2009. Urban Transformation of the developing world. *Science* 319: 761-764.
8. Richter, M. and Weiland, U. (ed.). 2012. Applied Urban Ecology. Wiley-Blackwell, UK

### **P-8T: Practical 8**

1. Estimation of particulate matter, sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen in ambient air.
2. Determination of relative density of sewage sample.
3. Estimation of volatile solids from sewage sample by gravimetric analysis.
4. Determination of Sludge Volume Index (SVI) in the sewage sample.
5. Determination of Total, settleable, suspended and dissolved solids in wastewater sample.
6. Determination of Hardness, Fluoride, Chlorides, DO, BOD COD in wastewater sample.
7. Determination of dose of chlorine for disinfection of sewage.
8. Determination of Urban Infrastructure Index (UFI).
9. Determination of Water Quality Index (WQI).
10. Determination of Environmental Pollution Index (EPI).
11. Determination of life quality index.
12. Determination of Comprehensive environmental pollution index (CEPI).

## **C9T: ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **Unit 1: Overview of Environmental Health**

Concept and scope of Environmental Health; Environmental health criteria; Historical review of human impact on the environment; Basic requirements for healthy environment; Risk versus benefits; Dose-Response relationships: Graded response, quantal response, time action curves threshold limit value (TLV); margin of safety, toxicity curves; Environmental toxicity testing: scope, process and limitation; Introduction to environmental contaminants monitoring.

### **Unit 2: Environmental Health Hazard**

Biological, chemical, physical and psychological health hazard; Asbestosis, Silicosis, Sinusitis, Asthma, Fluorosis and Allergies; Bio-transformation, bio-accumulation and biomagnification: Principles, receptor sites absorption and storage of xenobiotics; Types of bio- transformations, toxico-genomics and pharmacogenomics; Influence of ecological factors on the effects of toxicity.

### **Unit 3: Eco-toxicology & Human health: Toxicity testing**

Bioassay-Definition, purpose, criteria for selection of test organism methodology, estimation of LC50, limitation and importance of bioassay, acute toxicity (single), Sub acute toxicity, chronic toxicity, teratogenicity, and mutagenicity; Assessment of risks to human; Bioactive substances and their significance in the ecosystem; Food as source of toxicity to environmental pollutants; Transport through food chain - bio-transformation and biomagnification; Clinical toxicology; Detoxification in human body.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Shaw, I.C. and Chadwick, J., Principles of Environmental Toxicology, CRC Press, 1998.
2. Yassi, A., Kjellstrom, T., Kok, T.de., Guidotti, T., Basic Environmental Health, Oxford University Press, 2001.
3. Morgan, M.T., Environmental Health (2nd ed.), McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 2003.
4. Koren, H., Handbook of Environmental Health and Safety—principle and practices (Vol. 2), Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, U.K., (1991)

### **C-9P: Practical 9**

12. Acquaintance with commonly used equipment such as Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer/ spectrophotometer/Flame photometer.
1. Estimation of metals in Air/ Soil / Water samples using spectrophotometer/ Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

## **C10T: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS**

### **Unit1: Introduction to microeconomics**

Definition and scope of environmental economics; environmental economics versus traditional economics; brief introduction to major components of economy: consumer, firm and their interaction in the market, producer and consumer surplus, market failure, law of demand and supply, tangible and non-tangible goods; utilitarianism; Pareto optimality; compensation principle.

### **Unit 2: Environmental economics**

Main characteristics of environmental goods; marginal analysis; markets and market failure; social benefit, costs and welfare functions; meaning and types of environmental values; measures of economic values; tangible and intangible benefits; Pareto principle or criterion; Hardin's Thesis of 'The Tragedy of Commons'; prisoner's dilemma game; methods of abatement of externalities; social cost benefit analysis; cost-effectiveness analysis.

### **Unit 3: Tools for environmental economic policy**

Growth and environment; environmental audit and accounting, Kuznets curve, environmental risk analysis, assessing benefits and cost for environmental decision making; cost benefit analysis and valuation: discounting, principles of Cost-Benefit Analysis, estimation of costs

and benefits, techniques of valuation, adjusting and comparing environmental benefits and costs.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Arrow, K., Bolin, B., Costanza, R., Dasgupta, P., Folke, C., Holling, C.S., Jansson, B.O.,
2. Levin, S., Maler, K.G., Perrings, C., Pimentel, D. 1995. Economic growth, carrying capacity,
3. and the environment. *Ecological Economics* 15: 91-95.
4. Hanley, N., Shogren, J. F., and White, B. 2007. *Environmental Economics: In Theory and*
5. *Practice*. Palgrave Macmillan.
6. Kolstad, C.D. 2010. *Environmental Economics*. Oxford University Press.
7. Perman, R. 2003. *Natural Resource and Environmental Economics*. Pearson Education.
8. Singh, K. and Shishodia, A. 2007. *Environmental Economics: Theory and Applications*. Sage
9. Publications.
10. Thomas, J.M. and Callan, S.J. 2007. *Environmental Economics*. Thomson Learning Inc.
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12. Education Pvt. Ltd.
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14. Turner, R. K., Pearce, D., and Bateman, I. 1994. *Environmental Economics: An Elementary*
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### **C10P: Practical 10**

1. Calculation of mean, mode & median of data.
2. Calculation of standard deviation and co-efficient of variation of data.
3. Calculation of Karl Person's Co-efficient of Co-relation.
4. Calculation of Regression from the data.
5. Calculation of variance and standard error (SE) from data.
6. Problems on probability, t-test, Z-test, and f-test.
7. Application of statistical software for studying environmental statistics

### **C-11T: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

#### **Unit 1: Types, sources and effects and treatment of solid wastes**

Sources and generation of solid waste, their classification and chemical composition, Characterization of municipal solid waste, Hazardous waste, Biomedical waste, E-waste, Plastic waste, Impact of solid waste on environment, human and plant health, Mining waste,

SWM processes, Sanitary landfills, Land fill leachate and its effects, Pyrolysis, incineration, Valorization of waste material, Industrial waste management, Sewage sludge management.

### **Unit 2: Resource Recovery and Waste- to- energy (WTE) technologies**

4R- reduce, reuse, recycle and recover, Biological processing of waste - composting, anaerobic digestion, aerobic treatment, reductive dehalogenation, mechanical biological treatment. Green techniques for waste treatment, Concept of energy recovery from waste, refuse derived fuel (RDF); different WTE processes, combustion, pyrolysis, landfill gas (LFG) recovery, Anaerobic digestion, Gasification.

### **Unit 3: Integrated waste management and policies**

Concept of Integrated waste management- Waste management hierarchy, Methods and importance, Cradle to grave approach, Lifecycle inventory of solid waste, Role of LCA in waste management, Advantage and limitation of LCA, Case study on LCA of a product, Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 2000; Hazardous Wastes Management and Handling Rules 1989; Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998; Ecofriendly or green products.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Asnani, P. U. 2006. Solid waste management. India Infrastructure Report 570.
2. Bagchi, A. 2004. Design of Landfills and Integrated Solid Waste Management. John Wiley and Sons.
3. Blackman, W.C. 2001. Basic Hazardous Waste Management. CRC Press.
4. McDougall, F. R., White, P. R., Franke, M., and Hindle, P. 2008. Integrated Solid Waste Management: A Life Cycle Inventory. John Wiley and Sons.
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### **C11P: Practical 11**

1. To assess the lifecycle of different industrial product from cradle to grave.
2. To study the recycling, reuse and disposal practices of different industrial wastes.
3. To study zero waste technology of any two industrial units.
4. To study in detail on the provisions of ISO 14000, with respect to green product design.
5. To study bio-fuel production methods and characterization for biodiesel and bio-ethanol.

### **C12T: ORGANISM AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY**

#### **Unit 1: History of life on Earth**

Paleontology; Evolutionary time scale; Major events in the evolutionary time scale; Origins of unicellular and multi cellular organisms; Major groups of plants and animals; Stages in primate evolution including Homo sapiens; Lamarck's concept of evolution; Darwin's Evolutionary Theory; Mendelism; Spontaneity of mutations; The Evolutionary Synthesis.

### **Unit 2: Evolution of unicellular life**

Origin of cells and unicellular evolution and basic biological molecules; Abiotic synthesis of organic monomers and polymers; Oparin-Haldane hypothesis; study of Miller; Evolution of prokaryotes and unicellular eukaryotes; Anaerobic metabolism, Photosynthesis and aerobic metabolism.

Biogeographic evidence of evolution; Patterns of distribution; historical factors affecting geographic distribution; Evolution of geographic patterns of diversity.

Neutral evolution; Molecular divergence and molecular clocks; Molecular tools in phylogeny, classification and identification; Protein and nucleotide sequence analysis; Origin of new genes and proteins; Gene duplication and divergence.

### **Unit 3: Fundamentals of population genetics**

Concepts of populations, gene pool, gene frequency; concepts and rate of change in gene frequency through natural selection, migration and genetic drift; adaptive radiation; isolating mechanisms; speciation; convergent evolution; sexual selection; coevolution; Hardy-Weinberg Law.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Futuyma, D.J. 2009. Evolution (2nd edition). Sinauer Associates.
2. Gillespie, J. H. 1991. The Causes of Molecular Evolution. Oxford University Press.
3. Graur, D. and Li, W.H. 1999. Fundamentals of Molecular Evolution (2nd edition). Sinauer Associates.
4. Kimura, M. 1984. The Neutral Theory of Molecular Evolution. Cambridge University Press.
5. Minkoff, E.C. 1983. Evolutionary Biology. Addison Wesley. Publishing Company.
6. Nei, M. and Kumar, S. 2000. Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics. Oxford University Press.
7. Nei, M. 1975. Molecular Population Genetics and Evolution. North-Holland Publishing Company.
8. Nei, M. 1987. Molecular Evolutionary Genetics. Columbia university press.
9. Thorne, J. L., Kishino, H., and Painter, I. S. 1998. Estimating the rate of evolution of the rate of molecular evolution. Molecular Biology and Evolution 15: 1647-1657

### **ENV-C12P: Practical 12**

1. Calculation of different biodiversity indices
2. Calculations based on population genetics

## **C13T: NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Unit 1: Introduction and Resource management**

Resource and reserves; classification of natural resources; renewable and non-renewable resources; resource degradation; resource availability and factors influencing its availability; land resources; water resources; fisheries and other marine resources; Approaches in resource management: ecological approach; economic approach; ethnological approach; implications of the approaches; integrated resource management strategies; concept of sustainability science: different approach towards sustainable development and its different constituents; sustainability of society, resources and framework; sustainable energy strategy; principles of energy conservation; Indian renewable energy programme.

### **Unit 2: Natural resources and conservation**

Forest resources: economic and ecological importance of forests, forest management strategies, sustainable forestry; water resources: supply, renewal, and use of water resources, freshwater shortages, strategies of water conservation; soil resources: importance of soil, soil conservation strategies; food resources: world food problem, techniques to increase world food production, green revolution.

### **Unit 3: Renewable and Non-renewable energy resources**

Energy efficiency of renewable resources; solar energy; hydropower; nuclear power, pros and cons of nuclear power, storage of radioactive waste, radioactive contamination; tidal energy; wave energy; ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC); geothermal energy; energy from biomass; bio-diesel; Non-renewable energy source; Oil: formation, exploration, extraction and processing; natural gas: exploration, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas; coal: reserves, classification, formation, extraction, processing, coal gasification; environmental impacts of non-renewable energy consumption; impact of energy consumption on global economy; application of green technology; future energy options and challenges.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Craig, J.R., Vaughan. D.J. and Skinner. B.J. 1996. Resources of the Earth: Origin, Use, and Environmental Impacts (2nd edition). Prentice Hall, New Jersey.
2. Freeman, A.M. 2001. Measures of value and Resources: Resources for the Future. Washington DC.
3. Freeman, A.M. 2003. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Conceptual Framework. Island Press.
4. Ginley, D.S. and Cahen, D. 2011. Fundamentals of Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability. Cambridge University Press.
5. Klee, G.A. 1991. Conservation of Natural Resources. Prentice Hall Publication.
6. Miller, T.G. 2012. Environmental Science. Wadsworth Publishing Co.
7. Owen, O.S, Chiras, D.D, and Reganold, J.P. 1998. Natural Resource Conservation – Management for Sustainable Future (7th edition). Prentice Hall.
8. Ramade, F. 1984. Ecology of Natural Resources. John Wiley and Sons Ltd.
9. Tiwari, G.N. and Ghosal. M. K. 2005. Renewable Energy Resources: Basic Principles and

### **C-13P: Practical 13**

1. To assess the lifecycle of different industrial products from cradle to grave.
2. To study the recycling, reuse and disposal practices of different industrial wastes.
3. To study zero waste technology of any two industrial units.
4. To study in detail the provisions of ISO 14000, with respect to green product design.
5. To study on ecolabelling from pharmaceuticals, foods, cosmetics, automobiles and electronic industry.
6. To assess the impact of materials on biodiversity, resources and ecosystems.
7. To study bio-fuel production methods and characterization for biodiesel and bioethanol.
8. To study the application of green chemistry concept in industries.
9. To study application of green chemistry concept in agricultural related practices and food processing units.
10. To study in detail the concept of green building in urban areas.

## **C14T: ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

### **Unit 1: History of environmental legislation and policy**

Stockholm Conference and world Earth summits, Rio 92, UNFCCC, Agenda 21, Paris agreement; NDCs, Historical environmental provisions and conservation in India literatures, Environmental provisions in Indian constitution, National Green Tribunal, Forest Act 1865, The Indian Forest Act 1927, The Forests (Conservation) Act 1980; Van Mahotsava, National Forest Policy 1952, Case studies on Indian Environmental laws and policies.

### **Unit 2: Environmental legislation, principles and Government institutions**

Legal definitions- environmental pollution, natural resource, biodiversity, forest, sustainable development, Law of tort, Writ petitions, PIL, Polluter pays principle, Precautionary Principle, Intergenerational Equity, Public Trust Doctrine, Role of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in environmental law and policy making, Role of central and state pollution control boards in environmental law and policy making, Role of NGOs in environmental conservation.

### **Unit 3: Legislative Instruments**

The Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972; The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974; The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981; The Environment (Protection) Act 1986; Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and amendment, The Public Liability Insurance Act 1991; Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000; The Biological Diversity Act 2002; The Schedule Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006; The National Green Tribunal Act 2010, SWM rules, 2016, Plastic waste management rules, 2016

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Abraham, C.M. 1999. Environmental Jurisprudence in India. Kluwer Law International.

2. Agarwal, V.K. 2005. Environmental Laws in India: Challenges for Enforcement. Bulletin of the National Institute of Ecology 15: 227-238.
3. Divan, S. and Rosencranz, A. 2001. Environmental Law and Policy in India. Oxford University Press.
4. Divan, S. and Rosencranz, A. 2002. Environmental Law and Policy in India: Cases, Materials and Statues (2nd edition). Oxford University Press.
5. Gupta, K.R. 2006. Environmental Legislation in India. Atlantic Publishers and Distributors.
6. Leelakrishnan, P. 2008. Environmental Law in India (3rd edition). LexisNexis India.
7. Naseem, M. 2011. Environmental Law in India Mohammad. Kluwer Law International.
8. Venkat, A. 2011. Environmental Law and Policy. PHI Learning Private Ltd

#### **C14P: Practical 14**

1. Study on International and National standard of Air, Water and Soil
2. Study in detail Environmental accounts, auditing, green funding, and taxes trade and environmental management in any two industrial units.
3. To evaluate the adverse effect of lack of environmental planning in industries (any two)
4. To prepare base line data on water, soil, air, natural assets, demography, and heritage of any two project areas.
5. Study of rural and urban environmental planning at regional level.
6. Study resource planning at regional and national level.
7. Study on Gandhian concept of self-relied villages.
8. To study the Ramsar Convention on wetlands with few case studies.
9. To study the application of Vienna Convention Montreal protocol and kyoto protocol in India.

#### **C15T: ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

##### **Unit 1: Energy resources and Demand**

Defining energy, forms and importance; Energy use from a historical perspective; Sources and sinks of energy; Global energy resources; Renewable and non-renewable resources: distribution and availability; Technologies for capturing and integrating these resources into energy infrastructure; Energy-use scenarios in rural and urban setups.

Global energy demand: historical and current perspective; Energy demand and use in different sectors; Generation and utilization in rural and urban environments; Energy over-consumption in urban setting; Changes in demand in major world economies; Energy subsidies and environmental costs.

##### **Unit 2: Energy, environment and society**

Nature, scope and analysis of local and global impacts of energy use on the environment; Fossil fuel burning and related environmental issues; Nuclear energy and related issues.

Current and future energy use patterns in the world and in India; Evolution of energy use over time; Alternative sources as green energy; Need for energy efficiency; Energy conservation

and sustainability; Action strategies for sustainable energy mix and management from a future perspective.

### **Unit 3: Energy, ecology and the environment**

Energy production as driver of environmental change; Energy production, transformation and utilization associated environmental impacts (Chernobyl and Fukushima nuclear accidents, construction of dams, environmental pollution); Energy over-consumption and its impact on the environment, economy, and global change; Political choices in energy policy globally and in the Indian context (historical and contemporary case studies); Domestic and international energy policy; Energy diplomacy and bilateral ties of India with her neighbors.

#### **Suggested Readings**

1. McKibben, B. 2012. Global Warming's Terrifying New Math, Rolling Stone Magazine.
2. Craig. J.R., Vaughan, D.J., Skinner. B.J. 1996. Resources of the Earth: Origin, use, and environmental impact (2nd edition). Prentice Hall, New Jersey.
3. Elliott, D. 1997. Sustainable Technology. Energy, Society and Environment (Chapter 3). New York, Routledge Press.
4. Rowlands, I.H. 2009. Renewable Electricity: The Prospects for Innovation and Integration in Provincial Policies in Debora L. Van Nijnatten and Robert Boardman (eds), Canadian Environmental Policy and Politics: Prospects for Leadership and Innovation, Third Edition. Oxford University Press, pp. 167-82.
5. Oliver, J. 2013. Dispelling the Myths about Canada's Energy Future, Policy: Canadian Politics and Public Policy, June-July.
7. Mallon, K. 2006. Myths, Pitfalls and Oversights, Renewable Energy Policy and Politics: A Handbook for Decision-Making. Earthscan.

#### **C15P: Practical 15**

1. Study of ISO: 14000 and OSHAS 18000
2. Studies on LCA of pulp and paper industry, food industry and crop plants.
3. To study zero waste technology of any two industrial units.
4. To study in detail the provisions of ISO 14000, with respect to green product design.
5. To study ecolabelling from pharmaceuticals, foods, cosmetics, automobiles and electronic industry.
6. To assess the impact of materials on biodiversity, resources and ecosystems.
7. To study bio-fuel production methods and characterization for biodiesel and bioethanol.
8. To study the application of green chemistry concept in industries.
9. To study application of green chemistry concept in agricultural related practices and food processing units.
10. To study in detail the concept of green building in urban areas.
11. To study the chemical reactive, involve in green nanotechnology, nano-particle production and characterization.

## **C-16T: EARTH AND GEOMORPHIC PROCESSES**

### **Unit 1: Origin and Evolution of Earth**

Origin of the Universe - Nebular hypothesis, revised Nebular hypothesis, Binary theories, Big Bang theory; Planet formation according to Big Bang theory; Evolution of Earth - Lithosphere development, Atmosphere development; Origin of life

### **Unit 2: Interior of the Earth and Plate Tectonics**

Structure of the Earth's interior - Crust, Mantle and Core; Plate Tectonics - major and minor lithospheric plates; Forces driving movement of lithospheric plates; Plate Boundaries - convergent, divergent and transform boundaries

### **Unit 3: Geomorphic Processes**

Introduction to geomorphology; geomorphic processes - endogenic and exogenic processes; Weathering - chemical and physical weathering processes, biological activity and weathering, significance of weathering; Mass movements- slow movements and rapid movements; Erosion and deposition.

### **Suggested Readings:**

2. Bridge, J., and Demicco, R. 2008. Earth Surface Processes, Landforms and Sediment deposits. Cambridge University Press.
3. Duff, P. M. D., and Duff, D. (Eds.). 1993. Holmes' Principles of Physical Geology. Taylor and Francis.
4. Gupta, A. K., Anderson, D. M., and Overpeck, J. T. 2003. Abrupt changes in the Asian southwest monsoon during the Holocene and their links to the North Atlantic Ocean. *Nature* 421: 354-357.
5. Gupta, A. K., Anderson, D. M., Pandey, D. N., and Singhvi, A. K. 2006. Adaptation and human migration, and evidence of agriculture coincident with changes in the Indian summer monsoon during the Holocene. *Current Science* 90: 1082-1090.
6. Ahnert, F. (1998). *Introduction to Geomorphology*. New York: Arnold; London: Wiley.
7. Krishnan, M. S. 1982. *Geology of India and Burma*. CBS Publishers and Distributors.
8. Leeder, M., Arlucea, M.P. 2005. *Physical Processes in Earth and Environmental Sciences*. Blackwell Publishing.
9. Pelletier, J. D. 2008. *Quantitative Modeling of Earth Surface Processes* (Vol. 304). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chicago

### **C-16P: Practical**

1. To illustrate mass movement driven by gravity
2. Study of micrometeorological equipment
3. To demonstrate how wind acts as a geomorphic agent to transport and deposit earth materials.
4. Determination of relative humidity of air.
5. Determination of wind speed by using Anemometer.

6. Determination of wind direction by using wind vane.
7. Interpretation of wind rose diagram

## **C-17T: PHYSICO-CHEMICAL DYNAMICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS**

### **UNIT-I: Energy Transfer and Atmospheric Physical Processes**

Radiation-matter interactions in environmental systems, Spectral distribution of solar energy and Earth's energy balance, Radiative transfer processes and atmospheric attenuation, Atmospheric window, Scattering mechanisms and role of aerosols in climate forcing, Fundamentals of mechanics in environmental flows, Fluid dynamics in atmosphere and hydrosphere, Heat transfer processes and boundary layer interactions, Atmospheric temperature gradients and stability analysis, Thermodynamic principles in environmental transformations, Energy efficiency and sustainability in renewable energy systems.

### **Unit II: Chemical Interactions and Speciation in Environmental Systems**

Atomic structure and periodic behaviour in environmental reactivity, Bonding, intermolecular forces, and chemical interactions in natural media, Chemical thermodynamics and equilibrium in environmental systems, Solution chemistry and concentration relationships in natural waters, Chemical speciation and metal partitioning in environment, Acid-base equilibria and buffering systems in natural environments, Carbonate equilibrium, alkalinity, and buffering capacity of water systems, Redox processes and electron transfer reactions in biogeochemical cycles, Introduction to environmental contaminants and chemical fate, Introduction to environmental organic chemistry, Structure, reactivity, and transformation of organic compounds, Analytical methods: volumetric and gravimetric techniques in environmental studies.

### **Unit III: Aquatic and Soil System Chemistry and Nutrient Dynamics**

Water quality parameters and standards, Physico-chemical characteristics of natural waters and pollution indicators, Dissolved, suspended, and colloidal phases in aquatic systems, Metal transport, bioavailability, and complexation in water, Interface chemistry: sediment-water interactions, Soil formation processes and Soil physicochemical properties, Soil mineralogy and surface chemistry, Soil organic matter dynamics and carbon sequestration, Nutrient cycling (N, P, K) and biogeochemical transformations, Ion exchange processes and soil buffering mechanisms, Soil salinity, alkalinity, and reclamation indicators, Organic pollutants and allelochemicals (including phenolics) in soil, Soil-plant-water interactions in environmental systems.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Beard, J.M. 2013. Environmental Chemistry in Society (2nd edition). CRC Press
2. Boeker, E. and Grondelle, R. 2011. Environmental Physics: Sustainable Energy and Climate Change. Wiley.
3. Connell, D.W. 2005. Basic Concepts of Environmental Chemistry (2nd edition). CRC Press.
4. Forinash, K. 2010. Foundation of Environmental Physics. Island Press.

5. Girard, J. 2013. Principles of Environmental Chemistry (3rd edition). Jones and Bartlett.
6. Harnung, S.E. and Johnson, M.S. 2012. Chemistry and the Environment. Cambridge University Press.
7. Hites, R.A. 2012. Elements of Environmental Chemistry (2nd edition). Wiley and Sons.
8. Manahan, S. E. 2000. Fundamentals of Environmental Chemistry. CRC Press.
9. Pani, B. 2007. Textbook of Environmental Chemistry. IK international Publishing House.

### **C-17P: Practical**

1. Studies on the concept of molarities, normality and buffer solutions.
2. Determination of organic matter by Walkley's and Black method from soil.
3. Determination of bicarbonate and carbonate alkalinity of water.
4. Determination of pH and Electrical conductivity of water and soil samples.
5. Determination of water holding capacity, Bulk density and moisture content of soil.
6. Estimation of calcium and magnesium content of soil.
7. Estimation of available phosphates and total nitrogen in soil.
8. Determination of water hardness by titrimetric method.
9. Determination of TS, TDs, and TSS in water samples.

### **C-18T: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY**

#### **Unit-I: Overview of Environmental Biotechnology**

Introduction to environmental biotechnology, definitions and facts; Microbial ecology: concept and importance; Overview of microbial metabolism in waste treatment systems; Bioreactors for environmental clean-up; Composting of organic waste; Anaerobic fermentation of wet and semidry garbage waste fractions; Bioremediation technologies: Concepts, methods and applications of natural attenuation and engineered bioremediation; Microbial interactions with heavy metals and metalloids, plastics, antibiotics and others emerging pollutants; Microbial role in carbon storage and capture; Genetically modified organisms and biosafety- a general account.

#### **Unit-II: Biotechnological Techniques**

Basic techniques in genetic engineering: concept, scope and application; Culture dependent and - independent analyses of microbial communities; PCR based methods; Microarray; Extremophiles; Fermentation technology; Enzyme technology; Biotechnology in biodiversity conservation: gene banks, germplasm conservation and DNA Banks; Bioindicators and Biomonitoring; Micropropagation technology; Bioremediation using genetically modified organisms (GMOs): concept, scope and application; Phytoremediation: concept, scope and application.

#### **Unit-III: Ecological Benign Bioprocesses**

Environmental monitoring: bioreporter, biomarker and biosensor technology; Metagenomics and environmental genomics; Bioremediation of inorganic (metal, radionuclide, nitrate, phosphate) and organic pollutants; In-situ and ex-situ remediation strategies; Biotechnology of sewage treatment: Biofilters, activated sludge systems and membrane bioreactors; Clean technologies: biofertilizers, biopesticides, microbial polymer production and bio plastic technology; Biotechnology of fossil fuels: desulfurization of coal, oil shales, microbial enhanced oil recovery (MEOR); Biofuels: biogas, biohydrogen, bioethanol production; Biotechnology of mineral processing: biomining, bioleaching, biohydrometallurgy and other aspects; Biotechnology strategies in forestry and wasteland management.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Alvarez, P.J. and Illman, W.A., 2005. Bioremediation and natural attenuation: process fundamentals and mathematical models. John Wiley & Sons.
2. Bruce, E.R., 2020. Environmental biotechnology: principles and applications. McGraw-Hill Education.
3. Evans, G.M. and Furlong J.C. 2003. Environmental Biotechnology: Theory and Application. John Wiley and Sons.
4. Jördening, H.J. and Winter, J. (Eds). 2005. Environmental biotechnology: concepts and applications, WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co.
5. Manahan, S.E. 1997. Environmental Science and Technology. Lewis, New York.
6. Nelson, G.C. 2001. Genetically Modified Organisms in Agriculture: Economics and Politics. Academic Press.
7. Pelczar, M., Reid, R. and Chan, E. (1957) Microbiology. T.M.H. Edition, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd.
8. Prescott, L.M. (2002) Microbiology. 5th Edition, McGraw-Hill, New York.
9. Thomas, J.A. and Fuchs, R. 2002. Biotechnology and Safety Assessment. Academic Press.
10. Wang L.K. Hung Y.T. and Shamma N.K.(Eds). 2006. Advanced Physicochemical Treatment Processes. Springer-Verlag New York, LLC.

### **C-18P: Practical**

1. Anaerobic fermentation using sugar rich plant waste, purification and estimation
2. Degradation of methyl red dye by bacterial strain
3. Preparation of compost from vegetable/leaf /fruit wastes and estimation of NPK content
4. Preparation of liquid bioformulation for biofertilizer and assessing its shelf life
5. Estimation of most probable number (MPN) of coliforms in the given water sample
6. Visit to waste water treatment plant

### **C-19T: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### **Unit 1: Research Methodology**

Objectives and motivations in research; Characteristics and limitations of research; Components of research work; Criteria of good research, Research process; Types of Research; Fundamental, Pure or Theoretical Research, Applied Research, Descriptive Research, Evaluation Research, Experimental Research, Survey Research, Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research.

### **Unit 2: Research Design Formulation:**

Research Design – definition – essentials and types of research design – errors and types of errors in research design. Research problem: Selecting and analyzing the research problem – problem statement formulation – formulation of hypothesis. Variables in Research – Measurement and scaling, Different scales, Construction of instrument, Validity and Reliability of instrument.

### **Unit 3: Research Publication Ethics**

Publication Ethics: Definition, Introduction and Importance, Conflicts of Interest, Best practices/standards initiatives, and guidelines: COPE, EAME, etc. Plagiarism, Self-Plagiarism, Software for detection of Plagiarism. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice-versa, types, complaints and appeals.

### **Unit 4: Code of Ethics in Research**

Ethical issues in research: Code of Ethics in Research, Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship, Intellectual Property Rights, Ethics related to Participants and Researchers: Copyright; Royalty, Patent Law, Citation, Acknowledgment, Predatory publishers and journals.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Agricultural Statistics in India: Chadda, A. (1989); Suman Book House, New Delhi.
2. An Introduction to database system: Date, C. J. (1986); Addison Wesley, U.K.
3. Research Methodology for Biological Sciences: Gurumani, N. (2006); MJP Publishers, Chennai.
4. Environmental Statistics: Methods and Applications: Barnett, Vic (2006); John Wiley and Sons, New Delhi.
5. Fundamentals of Mathematical Statistics: S. C. Gupta and V. K. Kapoor; S. Chand & Co.
6. Statistical Methods in Geographical Studies: Aslam Mahmood; Rajesh Publications, New Delhi.
7. Statistical Methods: An Introductory Text :J.Medhi; New Age International Ltd. Publishers.

## **C-20T: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### **Unit 1: Environmental Management Systems:**

Concept, scope, approaches and benefits of EMS, International and National accreditation systems- ISO-14000 & 14001, IS & BIS, Environmental auditing- Scope and objectives,

standards, procedures and benefits, Eco-restoration; Ecomark, Environmental/Green tax; Principles of clean production and Packaging, Total Environmental Quality Management (TQEM); Ecolabelling, Ecological and Carbon footprints.

### **Unit-2: Environmental Impact Assessment, tools and techniques**

Origin and Development of EIA, Definitions, Objectives, Scope and Advantages of EIA, The EIA Processes, Evaluation and mitigation, Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Public consultation and participation, EIS, CIA and CIR, Life cycle assessment, Assessment methodologies- Ad-hoc, Overlay, Network, Matrix, Checklist; Post EIA Monitoring and Auditing.

### **Unit-3: EIA regulations in India:**

The Indian EIA regime- Notifications, Guidelines, Project categories requiring Environmental Clearance (EC), Public hearing process in India, EIA amendments, Procedure for EC, EIA expert committee and Stakeholders, Benefits and drawbacks of EIA in India, EIA case studies- River valley projects, Mining, Power plants, Highways etc.

### **Suggested readings:**

1. Oberoi, N.K, Environmental Management, (2nd ed.), Excel Books, New Delhi, 2004.
2. Glasson, J., Therival, R., Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment (5th ed.), Routledge, 2019.
3. Morgan, R.K., Environmental Impact Assessment – A Methodological Approach, Springer, 1999.
4. All guidelines and notifications of Government of India related to EIA rules.
5. Rathi, A.K.A., Handbook of Environmental Impact Assessment: Concepts and Practice, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (9 February 2022)

### **C-20P: Practical**

1. Visit water treatment, waste water treatment and sewage treatment plants.
2. Digitalization of landslides and flood sensitive zone of Northeast India
3. Preparation of master plan for any Environmental Hazard mitigation

## **C-21T: ECOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEMS**

### **Unit 1: Ecology of individuals, populations and communities**

Basic concepts and definitions of ecology; Major biomes of world; Ecological amplitude; Liebig's Law of the Minimum; Shelford's Law of Tolerance; Phenotypic plasticity; Ecotypes; Ecoclines; Concept of ecological niche; Adaptation in plants and animals; Concept of population; r- and K-selection; Characteristics of population; Population growth; Limits to population growth; deterministic and stochastic models of population dynamics; Community structure and organization; Community interactions; Ecological succession.

### **Unit 2: Ecosystem ecology**

Types of ecosystems: Terrestrial, aquatic, marine and wetlands; Ecosystem structure and function; Ecosystem metabolism; Productivity; Models of energy flow; Trophic efficiency;

Ecosystem connections; detritus pathway of energy flow and decomposition processes; Ecological efficiencies; Ecological pyramids.

### **Unit 3: Biogeochemical cycles and biological invasions**

Basic concepts and definitions of nutrient recycling; Major biogeochemical cycles; Ecosystem input and output of nutrients; Ecosystem losses; Biotic accumulation; Decomposition and nutrient release; Nutrient use efficiency; Nutrient budget; Nutrient conservation strategies.

Concept of exotic and invasive species; Dissemination factors of invasive species; Characteristics of invaders; Stages and mechanisms of invasion; Invasive pathways; Impacts of invasion on ecosystem; Economic costs of biological invasions.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Groom, B. and Jenkins, M. 2000. Global Biodiversity: Earth's Living Resources in the 21st Century. World Conservation Press, Cambridge, UK.
2. Gurevitch, J., Scheiner, S. M., and Fox, G. A. 2002. The Ecology of Plants. Sinauer associates incorporated.
3. Loreau, M. and Inchausti, P. 2002. Biodiversity and Ecosystem functioning: Synthesis and Perspectives. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK.
4. Odum, E.P. 1971. Fundamentals of Ecology. W.B. Saunders.
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6. Pimentel, D. (Ed.). 2011. Biological invasions: Economic and environmental costs of alien plant, animal, and microbe species. CRC Press.
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### **C-21P: Practical**

1. Identification and enumeration of phytoplankton/zooplanktons in water body.
2. Estimation of primary productivity of a pond/lake.
3. Estimation of standing crop (biomass) of phytoplankton in aquatic system.
4. Estimation of standing crop and productivity in grassland habitat.
5. Estimation of growth, productivity and characteristics of terrestrial plants.
6. Productivity and biomass estimation of litter fauna.
7. Estimation of chlorophyll in terrestrial plants and phytoplankton.
8. Study of Ecological adaptations—
  - a) Hydrophytes and xerophytes and
  - b) Rocky shore and sandy shore fauna
9. Determination of primary production as GPP and NPP by light and dark bottle technique.
10. Profile study of natural pond/lake and manmade reservoir.
11. To study the cover and based area study of tree species
12. To study the light intensity by sunshine record

13. Determination of relative density, relative frequency and relative abundance of species by using simulation.

## **C-22T: ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND HUMAN HEALTH**

### **Unit 1: Air and water pollution**

Definition of pollution, pollutants and contaminants, Classification of pollutants, Ambient air quality, NAAQS, Air quality index, Sources, types and effects of air pollution, Effects of different air pollutants on human health, Air pollution control measures, Indoor air pollution, Sources types and effects of water pollution, DO, BOD, COD, Water quality standards, Heavy metals and pesticides in water, Emerging water pollutants, WQI, Eutrophication, Effect of water pollution on human health, Water borne diseases.

### **Unit 2: Soil, Noise pollution, Radioactive, thermal and marine pollution**

Causes, effects and control of soil pollution, Noise pollution – sources; frequency, intensity and permissible ambient noise levels; effect on communication, impacts on life forms and humans - working efficiency, Physical and mental health, Control measures, Sources of radioactive pollution, Somatic and genetic effects of radioactive pollution, Thermal pollution and its effects, Sources, effects and control measures of marine pollution, Oil spill, Coral reefs.

### **Unit 3: Pollutant behavior, pollution control technologies and policy**

Transportation, Transformation and Fate of pollutants, Hydrophilic and lipophilic pollutants, Role of chelating agents in transferring pollutants, Biotransformation and bioaccumulation, Radioactive decay and half-life of pollutants, Organometallic compounds, Acid mine drainage, Waste water treatment technologies for domestic and industrial effluents, Zero Liquid discharge, Bioscrubbers, Cleaner fuels, Biofuels, Biodiesel, Air pollution control technologies for vehicular and industrial emission, Regulatory framework for pollution monitoring and control, Ganga and Yamuna action Plan.

### **Suggested Readings**

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#### **C-22P: Practical**

1. Estimation of Dissolved Oxygen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Chemical Oxygen Demand in water sample.
2. Collection techniques and sampling devices for gaseous pollutants
3. Determination of carbon dioxide from air by using Lungs Zincondroff apparatus.
4. Determination of NO<sub>x</sub> in ambient air by high volume sampler (HVS).
5. Measurement of Sox by high volume sampler (HVS).
6. Measurement of SPM by using high volume sampler (HVS).
7. Measurement of RSPM by using Respirable Dust Sampler.
8. Determination of atmospheric lead and other metals by using impinger techniques and AAS.
9. Determination of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon from air.
10. Study of the effect of heavy metal concentration on seed germination
11. Cytological study of nano toxins on onion root tips
12. Study of rate of uptake of metal toxins by different species of plants.
13. Study of Chlorosis and Necrosis in plant species

#### **C-23T: REMOTE SENSING AND ITS APPLICATIONS**

##### **Unit-1: Principles of Remote Sensing:**

Concepts of Remote Sensing; Different types of resolution: spatial, radiometric, spectral and temporal, types of sensor; Satellites and their sensors; Data products; Applications of remote sensing in environmental monitoring and management.

##### **Unit-2: Digital Image Processing & Image interpretation:**

Principles, Image rectification, Image enhancement and mosaicking; Image classification- Supervised, Unsupervised, Ground truth data and training manipulation; Classification accuracy assessment; Elements of image interpretation, interpretation keys.

##### **Unit-3: Geographical Information System (GIS)**

Basic principles; Raster and vector data; Map projection; Topology creation; Overlay analysis; Data structure and Digital cartography; Applications of GIS and GPS in environmental management.

##### **Suggested Readings**

1. Jensen, J.R., Remote Sensing of the Environment-An earth resource perspective (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.), Pearson Education, India, 2013.
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5. Joshi, D.C. Remote Sensing and GIS Applications: A Starter Guide, Scientific Publisher, India, 2019.

**C-23P: Practical**

1. Familiarization of Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques
2. To familiarize with Modules of ESRI ArcGIS software.
3. To understand basics of georeferencing and define projection of a given image
4. To digitize features from a given landuse in ArcMap