

Fifth Semester - UG English Language and literature

Syllabus for Core Course - Environmental Studies and Human Rights (2017 admission onwards)

Module 1: Regional

18 Hours

1. O N V Kuruppu - A Requiem for Earth
2. Vaikom Muhammed Basheer - The Inheritors of the Earth
3. Swarnalatha Rangarajan and Sreejith Varma- The Plachimada Struggle: A David-and-Goliath Story (extract from 'Introduction' to *Mayilamma*)

Module 2: National

18 Hours

1. Ruskin Bond - An Island of Trees
2. Indra Munshi - Loss of Land and Livelihood (extract from 'Introduction' to *The Adivasi Question*)
3. Toru Dutt - Our Casuarina Tree
4. Ashish Kaul - Load Shedding

Module 3: Global

18 Hours

1. Walt Whitman - Give me the Splendid Silent Sun
2. K R Srinivasa Iyengar - An Unfinished Continent
3. Swarnalatha Rangarajan - Swampspeak

Module 4: Environmental Science

18 Hours

1. Erach Bharucha - Global Warming
2. Erach Bharucha - Environmental Values
3. Aloka Debi - Ecology: Types of Ecosystems
4. Aloka Debi - Waste Management

Module 5: Human Rights

18 Hours

Unit 1 - Human Rights: An Introduction to Human Rights

Meaning, concept and development -History of Human Rights-Different Generations of Human Rights- Universality of Human Rights- Basic International Human Rights Documents - UDHR,ICCPR,ICESCR.-Value dimensions of Human Rights

Unit 2 - Human Rights and United Nations

Human Rights co-ordination within UN system- Role of UN secretariat- The Economic and Social Council- The Commission Human Rights-The Security Council and Human rights- The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination- The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women- the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights- The Human Rights Committee- Critical Appraisal of UN Human Rights Regime.

Unit. 3- Human Rights National Perspective

Human Rights in Indian Constitution – Fundamental Rights- The Constitutional Context of Human Rights-directive Principles of State Policy and Human Rights- Human Rights of Women and children –minorities- Prisoners- Science Technology and Human Rights- National Human Rights Commission- State Human Rights Commission- Human Rights Awareness in Education.

Core Text: Module 1 to 4- **Nature Anthem: A Textbook on Environmental Studies**

Reference texts for Module 5:

1. Basic Documents in Human Rights: Ian Brownlie
2. Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice: Jack Donnelly
3. Future of Human Rights: Upendra Baxi
4. Understanding Human Rights : An Overview: O P Dhiman
5. Reforming Human Rights: D.P.Khanna
6. Human Rights in India Historical, Social and Political Perspectives:
Chiranjivi J Nirmal
7. Human Rights in Post colonial India: Edited by Om Prakash Dwivedi and V G Julie Rajan