

COURSE 5-1: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS (THEORY)

OBJECTIVE

Environmental Education helps students to understand how their decisions and actions affect the environment, builds knowledge and skills necessary to address complex environmental issues, as well as ways we can take action to keep our environment healthy and sustainable for the future. It encourages character building, and develop positive attitudes and values.

MODULE 1

The Ecosystem & Natural Resources: - Definition & Concept of Environment - Components of Environment: Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, Lithosphere - Structure of Ecosystem - Natural Resources: Definition, Land, Water, Minerals, Energy, Forest, Food - Biodiversity

MODULE 2

Environmental Pollution: Types, Causes, Consequences & Remedies: - Air & Odour Pollution - Water & Soil Pollution - Noise & Thermal Pollution - Radioactive Pollution - Climate Change - Waste Management & Alternative(Renewable) Sources of Energy - Sustainable Development

MODULE 3

Environmental Ethics & Law: - Definition & Early Development of Environmental Ethics - Shallow Ecology & Deep Ecology - Consequentialist & Deontological Ethical Theories - Major Global Environmental Treaties: Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement - Indian Constitution and the Environmental Legislative Framework - Major Environmental Acts in India: The Water Act, The Air Act, Environment Protection Act, The Forest Conservation Act

MODULE 4

Environment & Media: - Role of Media in Identification & Exploration of Environmental Issues - Role of Media in Creating Awareness on Eco-friendly Practices - New Media and the Environment - Media & Disaster Communication: Pre-disaster, During Disaster and Post-disaster - Electronic & Print Media as an Agent of Pollution

MODULE 5

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

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.

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-children - minorities- Prisoners- Science Technology and Human Rights- National Human Rights Commission- State Human Rights Commission- Human Rights Awareness in Education.

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