

Environmental Studies and Human Rights

MODULE I

Unit 1:

Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies. Definition, scope and importance

Unit 2:

Global Environmental Issues

Global environmental issues which are explored from both natural science and social science angles, via a range of case studies. The module focuses on scientific, social, economic and political aspects of current and past environmental issues and explores how some of the issues may be addressed through interdisciplinary management and mitigation.

(18hrs)

Unit 3:

Sustainable development

Environment & development: Sustainable development, Alternatives in communication, Issues: Water, Shelter Poverty/Hunger, Food-self-sufficiency & political sovereignty, Problems faced in development support communication.

MODULE II

Role of different Media for development. Comparative advantages and potential of different media for development communication. Community media –Indian Scenario. Strategies in designing social service messages.

(18hrs)

MODULE III

Scope and need of Environmental Journalism; Environment awareness and Media; Role of Environmental Journalists; P. Sainath, People's Archive of Rural India, Environmental Journalism and Development Communication.

(18hrs)

MODULE IV

Environment advocacy through media; issues in climate and environment - population growth, sustainability, energy conservation, global warming, climate change, acid rain, destruction of tropical rain forests, accumulation of toxic wastes, disposal of all wastes, pollution of air and water etc.-Noted environmental journalists and publications; environmental journalism awards in India

(18hrs)

Module - V

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

(18 Hours)