

THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY

PART-IV ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SYLLABUS

(For all UG Degree Courses)

(with effect from 2012-2013)

SEMESTER I

UNIT-I: INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES: NATURAL RESOURCES :

Environmental Sciences - Relevance - Significance - Public awareness - Forest resources - Water resources - Mineral resources - Food resources - conflicts over resource sharing - Exploitation - Land use pattern - Environmental impact - fertilizer - Pesticide Problems - case studies.

UNIT-II: ECOSYSTEM, BIODIVERSITY AND ITS CONSERVATION:

Ecosystem - concept - structure and function - producers, consumers and decomposers - Food chain - Food web - Ecological pyramids - Energy flow - Forest, Grassland, desert and aquatic ecosystem.

Biodiversity - Definition - genetic, species and ecosystem diversity - Values and uses of biodiversity - biodiversity at global, national (India) and local levels - Hotspots, threats to biodiversity - conservation of biodiversity - Insitu & Exsitu.

UNIT-III: ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND MANAGEMENT

Environmental Pollution - Causes - Effects and control measures of Air, Water, Marine, soil, solid waste, Thermal, Nuclear pollution and Disaster Management - Floods, Earth quake, Cyclone and Land slides. Role of individuals in prevention of pollution - pollution case studies.

UNIT-IV: SOCIAL ISSUES - HUMAN POPULATION

Urban issues - Energy - water conservation - Environmental Ethics - Global warming - Resettlement and Rehabilitation issues - Environmental legislations - Environmental protection Act. 1986 - Air, Water, Wildlife and forest conservation Act - Population growth and Explosion - Human rights and Value Education - Environmental Health - HIV/AIDS - Role of IT in Environment and Human Health - Women and child welfare - Public awareness - Case studies.

UNIT-V: FIELD WORK

Visit to a local area / local polluted site / local simple ecosystem - Report submission

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