

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Course Code	21CV654	CIE Marks	50
Teaching Hours/Week (L:T:P: S)	2+2+0	SEE Marks	50
Total Hours of Pedagogy	40	Total Marks	100
Credits	3	Exam Hours	3

Course objectives: Make the students to learn

1. Learn types of land forms, soil conservation and sustainable land use planning.
2. Apprehend water resources, types, distribution, planning and conservation. Water pollution and types of uses.
3. Know the types of minerals and rocks.
4. Know the atmospheric composition of air, pollution and effects on human beings, animals and plants. Air pollution control.
5. Apprehend basics of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Teaching-Learning Process (General Instructions)

These are sample Strategies, which teacher can use to accelerate the attainment of the various course outcomes.

1. Power point Presentation
2. Video tube, NPTEL materials
3. Quiz/Assignments/Open book test to develop skills
4. Adopt problem based learning (PBL) to develop analytical and thinking skills
5. Encourage collaborative learning, site visits related to subject and impart practical knowledge
6. Mini projects

Module-1

Land: Land as a resource, types of lands, conservation of land forms, deforestation, effect of land use changes. Soil health, ecological and economic importance of soil, impact of soil degradation on agriculture and food security, need for soil conservation, sustainable land use planning.

Teaching-Learning Process

Chalk and talk, PowerPoint Presentation & PBL

Module-2

Water: Global water resources, Indian water resources, Resources system planning. Water use sectors- domestic, industrial, agriculture. Water deficit and water surplus basins in India, equitable distribution, Inter-basin water transfers, Interlinking of rivers – Himalayan component, peninsular component, issues involved. Ground water, its potential in India, conjunctive use, recharge of ground water. Contamination of ground water, sea water ingress, problems and solutions.

Teaching-Learning Process

Chalk and talk, PowerPoint Presentation & PBL

Module-3

Air: Introduction, composition, sources and classification of air pollutants, National Ambient Air quality standards (NAAQS), Air quality index, effects of air pollution on human health. Economic effects of air pollution. Control of air pollution by equipment, smoke and its control. Ozone depletion –impacts, photochemical changes.

Teaching-Learning Process

Chalk and talk, PowerPoint Presentation and Model preparation

Module-4

Biodiversity: Introduction, Flora and Fauna, Importance of biodiversity, Economic values-medicinal plants, drugs, fisheries biogeochemical cycling. Threat to biodiversity, natural & anthropogenic disturbance, habitat loss. Conservation of biodiversity, National parks, wild life sanctuaries, zoological gardens, gene banks, pollen culture, ecological restoration, social forestry. Ecosystem: Definition, Types: forest, grass land, marine, desert, wetlands, estuarine, lotic, lentic. Abiotic & biotic components of ecosystem.

Teaching-Learning Process

Chalk and talk, PowerPoint Presentation and Field visits.

Module-5

Global warming: concept, indicators, factor and effects. Global climate change-indicators, health impacts, effect on biodiversity. Introduction to global efforts in conservation of biodiversity. EIA regulations in India, status of EIA in India, list of projects needing environmental clearance under EIA notifications. Case study of hydro power/ thermal power projects

Teaching-Learning Process

Chalk and talk, PowerPoint Presentation and Mini-projects

Course outcome (Course Skill Set)

At the end of the course the student will be able to :

1. Apprehend various components of land as a natural resource and land use planning.
2. Know availability and demand for water resources as applied to India.
3. Analyse the components of air as resource and its pollution.
4. Discuss biodiversity & its role in ecosystem functioning.
5. Critically appreciate the environmental concerns of today.

Assessment Details (both CIE and SEE)

The weightage of Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) is 50% and for Semester End Exam (SEE) is 50%. The minimum passing mark for the CIE is 40% of the maximum marks (20 marks). A student shall be deemed to have satisfied the academic requirements and earned the credits allotted to each subject/ course if the student secures not less than 35% (18 Marks out of 50)in the semester-end examination(SEE), and a minimum of 40% (40 marks out of 100) in the sum total of the CIE (Continuous Internal Evaluation) and SEE (Semester End Examination) taken together

Continuous Internal Evaluation:

Three Unit Tests each of 20 Marks (duration 01 hour)

1. First test at the end of 5th week of the semester
2. Second test at the end of the 10th week of the semester
3. Third test at the end of the 15th week of the semester

Two assignments each of 10 Marks

4. First assignment at the end of 4th week of the semester
5. Second assignment at the end of 9th week of the semester

Group discussion/Seminar/quiz/mini project, any one of these suitably planned to attain the COs and POs for 20 Marks (duration 01 hours)

6. At the end of the 13th week of the semester

The sum of three tests, two assignments, and quiz/seminar/group discussion will be out of 100 marks and will be scaled down to 50 marks

(to have less stressed CIE, the portion of the syllabus should not be common /repeated for any of the methods of the CIE. Each method of CIE should have a different syllabus portion of the course).

CIE methods /question paper is designed to attain the different levels of Bloom's taxonomy as per the outcome defined for the course.

Semester End Examination:

Theory SEE will be conducted by University as per the scheduled timetable, with common question papers for the subject (duration 03 hours)

1. The question paper will have ten questions. Each question is set for 20 marks.
2. There will be 2 questions from each module. Each of the two questions under a module (with a maximum of 3 sub-questions), should have a mix of topics under that module.

The students have to answer 5 full questions, selecting one full question from each module.

Suggested Learning Resources:

Books

1. Modi, P.N., "Irrigation Water Resources and Water Power Engineering". Standard Book House, New Delhi. 10th Edition 2019.
2. Raghunath, H.M., "Groundwater", 3rd Edition, New Age International Publishers, New Delhi, 2007.
3. Krishnan, M.S., "Geology of India & Burma". CBS publishers, New Delhi, 2017.
4. P.Jaya Rami Reddy, "A Textbook of Hydrology", University Science Press, New Delhi, 2011.
5. M N Rao and H V N Rao, "Air pollution", McGraw Hill Publications 2017.
6. Krishnamurthy K.V., "An advanced textbook of Biodiversity- principle & practices." Oxford and IBH publications Co.Pvt ltd, New Delhi. 2004.

Reference Books :

1. Odum, E.P., "Fundamentals of Ecology", W.B sounders, Philadelphia, USA, 1971
2. Singh J.S, Singh S.P & Gupta, S.R., "Ecology, environment and resource conservation", Anamaya publications, 2006.
3. Edmond A. Mathez & Jason E.Smerdon, "Climate Change: The science of Global warming and our energy feature", Columbia University Press, 2009.
4. National Council of Applied Economic Research, "Economic Impact of Interlinking of Rivers Program", Revised Final Report, April 2008.
6. <http://nwda.gov.in/content>.
7. Madhav Gadgil, "Biodiversity and Indias degraded lands", Indian Academy of Sciences, Volume 22- No

Web links and Video Lectures (e-Resources):

Activity Based Learning (Suggested Activities in Class)/ Practical Based learning

- Seminars /Quiz (to assist in GATE preparations)
- Demonstrations in lab
- Self-Study on simple topics
- Simple problems solving by Excel, C+
- Virtual lab experiments

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