

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SOCIAL OUTREACH**

Syllabus for the

**Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SOCIAL OUTREACH**

For the award of the Degree in

**(SEMESTER: III)**

**Session: 2026-27**

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**Semester-III**

| Course Code | Course Title                              | Course Type | Hours/ week | Credit L-T-P | Marks |        |            |    | Examinationtime (Hours) |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|--------|------------|----|-------------------------|
|             |                                           |             |             |              | Total | Ext.   |            | CA |                         |
|             |                                           |             |             |              |       | Theory | Practic al |    |                         |
| VACE-3221   | Environmental Studies and Social Outreach | VAC         | 2-0-4       | 2-0-2        | 100   | 40     | 30         | 30 | 3                       |

**\*VAC-Value Added Course**

**COURSE OUTCOMES:**

After passing this course, students will be able to:

- CO1. Understand the concept and need of environmental education.
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- CO3. Learn about role of major Eco system and their conservation.
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- CO6. Understand the role of different agencies in the protection of environment.
- CO7. Knowledge regarding welfare programmes and Human rights.
- CO8. Knowledge about the applied value of environmental studies and generates environmental awareness among the students.

**Course Code: VACE-3221**

**Course Title: Environmental Studies and Social Outreach  
(Theory)**

**Time: 3 Hrs.**

**Credit: 2-0-2**

**Max. Marks: 100**

**Theory: 40**

**Practical: 30**

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**Instructions for the Paper Setter:**

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**The multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies**

Definition, scope and importance, Need for public awareness

**Unit II**

**Natural Resources: Renewable and non-renewable resources**

Natural resources and associated problems.

- (a) Forest resources: Use and over-exploitation, deforestation, case studies. Timber extraction, mining, dams and their effects on forests and tribal people.
- (b) Water resources: Use and over-utilization of surface and ground water, floods, drought, conflict over water, dams-benefits and problems.
- (c) Mineral resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using mineral resources, case studies.
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  - Role of an individual in conservation of natural resources.

- Equitable use of resources for sustainable lifestyles.

### **Unit III**

#### **Ecosystems**

- Concept of an ecosystem
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- Energy flow in the ecosystem
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- Food chains, food webs and ecological pyramids
- Introduction, types, characteristic features, structure and function of the following ecosystem: Forest ecosystem, Grassland ecosystem, Desert ecosystem, Aquatic ecosystems(ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, ocean estuaries)

### **Unit IV**

#### **Biodiversity and its conservation**

- Introduction – Definition: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity
- Biogeographical classification of India
- Value of biodiversity: consumptive use, productive use, social, ethical aesthetic and option values
- Biodiversity at global, national and local levels
- India as a mega-diversity nation
- Hot-spots of biodiversity
- Threats to biodiversity: habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man wildlife conflicts
- Endangered and endemic species of India
- Conservation of biodiversity: In-situ and Ex-situ conservation of biodiversity

### **Unit V**

#### **Environmental Pollution**

##### **Definition**

- Causes, effects and control measures of Air pollution, Water pollution, Soil pollution, Marine pollution, Noise pollution, Thermal pollution, Nuclear pollution
- Solid waste management: Causes, effects and control measures of urban and industrial wastes.
- Role of an individual in prevention of pollution
- Pollution case studies
- Disaster management: floods, earthquake, cyclone and landslides

### **Unit VI**

#### **Social Issues and the Environment**

- From unsustainable to sustainable development
- Urban problems and related to energy
- Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management
- Resettlement and rehabilitation of people; its problems and concerns. Case studies.
- Environmental ethics: Issues and possible solutions
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- Population growth, variation among nations
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