M.Sc. Environmental Science Semester-I

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND AWARENESS UNIT- I

Environmental awareness: Introduction and need, role of media in environmental awareness, Role of NGOs, public participation in environmental movements, role of Government, role of Educational Institutes.

UNIT-II

Current environmental issues, Role International environmental initiatives, Stockholm Declaration, Ramsar convention on wetlands, Outer space treaty, Vienna convention & Montreal Protocol, Kyoto Protocol, Earth Summit, Agenda 21, UNF Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC).

UNIT-III

Case Studies: Ganga Action Plan, Yamuna Action plan, Love Canal Incidence, Teri Dam, Sardar Sarovar Dam, Chipko movement, Appiko Movement, Global warming, Asian Brown Cloud, Photochemical smog, Acid rain, Bhopal gas tragedy, Chernobyl nuclear accident, Minamata accident, Leaded gasoline, Sukinda Valley, Space waste.

UNIT-IV

Introduction to Environmental ethics, ethical theories, Environmental ethics and population, environmental ethics and pollution, animal ethics, biocentrism, ecocentrism, Environment and Poverty, Environmental Education, Concept of Sustainable Development.