

**V.S.M. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
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**RAMACHANDRAPURAM**

**Foundation course – 2 : ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**  
(For all I B.A./B.Com./B.Sc. Courses)

**SYLLABUS FOR I SEMESTER**

No. of Credits : 2

No. of h/w : 2

**Semester-I: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

**30 hrs**

**UNIT-I :**

**Natural Resources:**

**6 Hrs**

Definition, scope and importance. Need for public awareness.

Brief description of :

**i) Forest resources:**

Use and over-exploitation. Deforestation, timber extraction, mining, dams, effect of deforestation, environment and tribal people

ii) Water resources: Use and over-utilization, effects of over utilisation of surface and ground water, floods, drought.

iii) Mineral resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using mineral resources.

iv) Food resources: World food problems, effects of modern agriculture, fertilizer- pesticide, salinity problems.

v) Energy resources: Growing energy needs, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources.

vi) Land resources: Land as resource, land degradation, man induced landslides, soil erosion and desertification.

**UNIT-II :**

**Ecosystems, Biodiversity and its conservation**

**6 Hrs**

**i) Concept of an ecosystem**

ii) Structure and function of an ecosystem

iii) Producers, consumers and decomposers

iv) Food chains, food webs and ecological pyramids

v) Characteristic features of the following ecosystems:-

Forest ecosystem, Desert ecosystem, Aquatic ecosystem.

vi) Value of biodiversity: Consumptive use, productive use. Biodiversity in India.

- vii) Threats to biodiversity: habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man wildlife conflicts.
- viii) Endangered and endemic species of India
- ix) Conservation of biodiversity

**UNIT-III :**

**Environmental Pollution**

**6 Hrs**

- i) Definition
- ii) Causes, effects and control measures of :-
  - a) Air pollution
  - b) Water pollution
  - c) Soil pollution
  - d) Noise pollution
- iii) Solid waste management; Measures for safe urban and industrial waste disposal
- iv) Role of individual in prevention of pollution
- v) Disaster management: Drought, floods and cyclones

**UNIT-IV :**

**Social Issues and the Environment**

**6 Hrs**

- i) From Unsustainable to Sustainable development
- ii) Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management.
- iii) Climate change, global warming, ozone layer depletion,
- iv) Environment protection Act
- v) Wildlife Protection Act, Forest Conservation Act

**UNIT-V :**

**Human Population and the Environment**

**6 Hrs**

- i) Population explosion, impact on environment.
- ii) Family welfare Programme
- iii) Environment and human health
- iv) Women and Child Welfare
- v) Value Education
- vi) Role of Information Technology in Environment and humanhealth.

**BOOKS FOR REFERENCE:**

1. Environmental Studies by Dr. M. Satyanarayana, Dr. M.V.R.K. Narasimhacharyulu, Dr. G. Rambabu and Dr.V. VivekaVardhani, Published by Telugu Academy, Hyderabad.
2. Environmental Studies by R.C. Sharma, Gurbir Sangha, Kalyani Publishers.
3. Environmental Studies by Purnima Smarath, Kalyani Publishers.

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<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Course outcome number</b>	<b>Course Outcome</b>
1	1610202	Environmental Studies	CO1	Explaining ideas or concepts
			CO2	Using information in another familiar situation
			CO3	Breaking information into parts to explore understandings and relationships
			CO4	Generate new ideas, products, or ways of viewing things