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SYLLABUS FOR VI SEMESTER
III B.Sc. CHEMISTRY ELECTIVE – VII B

No. of Credits : 3

No. of h/w : 3

ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

UNIT-I

Introduction

9 h

Concept of Environmental chemistry-Scope and importance of environment in now adays – Nomenclature of environmental chemistry – Segments of environment - Natural resources – Renewable Resources – Solar and biomass energy and Nonrenewable resources – Thermal power and atomic energy – Reactions of atmospheric oxygen and Hydological cycle.

UNIT-II

Air Pollution

9 h

Definition – Sources of air pollution – Classification of air pollution – Acid rain – Photochemical smog – Green house effect – Formation and depletion of ozone – Bhopal gas disaster – Controlling methods of air pollution.

UNIT-III

Water pollution

9 h

Unique physical and chemical properties of water – water quality and criteria for finding of water quality – Dissolved oxygen – BOD, COD, Suspended solids, total dissolved solids, alkalinity – Hardness of water – Methods to convert temporary hard water into soft water – Methods to convert permanent hard water into soft water – eutrophication and its effects – principal wastage treatment – Industrial waste water treatment.

UNIT-IV

Chemical Toxicology

9 h

Toxic chemicals in the environment – effects of toxic chemicals – cyanide and its toxic effects – pesticides and its biochemical effects – toxicity of lead, mercury, arsenic and cadmium.

UNIT-V

Ecosystem and biodiversity

9 h

Ecosystem: Concepts – structure – Functions and types of ecosystem – Abiotic and biotic components – Energy flow and Energy dynamics of ecosystem – Food chains – Food web – Tropic levels – Biogeochemical cycles (carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus)

Biodiversity: Definition – level and types of biodiversity – concept - significance – magnitude and distribution of biodiversity – trends - biogeographical classification of India – biodiversity at national, global and regional level.

REFERENCE BOOKS

1. Fundamentals of Ecology by M.C.Dash
2. A Text book of Environmental chemistry by W. Moore and F.A. Moore
3. Environmental Chemistry by Samir k. Banerji

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