



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
MSc Geography

ELECTIVE COURSE: GYE 456 : Environmental Geography

Course Learning Outcomes:

- CO1. Understand the environment from different perspectives
- CO2. Examine the geographical explanations for biological diversity of the world
- CO3. Develop an environment perceptive when approaching complex development issues.
- CO4. Evaluate the vulnerability of ecosystem services
- CO5. Demonstrate methodological procedure for conducting Environment Impact Assessment
- CO6. Appreciate and recognize the complexity and value of ecosystem

Unit 1: Nature and interdisciplinary aspect of environmental geography. Ecological approaches. Definition and meaning of environment, habitat. Ecological niche. Bio-sphere and biodiversity.

Unit 2: Ecosystem: Structure and functioning of ecosystem, pond as a ecosystem, food chains, food webs, food pyramid. Biomes – equatorial to tundra i.e., 11 types. Man and environmental relationships. Resource use and ecological imbalance with reference to soil, forests and energy resources. Manmade ecosystem - Urban, ecotourism, national parks and sanctuaries. Depletion of ozone, greenhouse effect and acid rain.

Unit 3: Man induced changes in environment: Environmental pollution, i.e. Air, water, noise, solid waste with special reference to India. Environmental hazards, i.e. earth as warehouses, flood, famines, landslides, avalanches, forest fires, impact of green revolution and extinction of species.

Unit 4: Principles of environmental management- Environmental policy of India, (post 2000AD). Environment impact assessment (EIA). Global summits and agencies of environment conservation.

Essential Readings:

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