

K L UNIVERSITY
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND LAWS

SYLLABUS

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UNIT – 1 The Idea of Environment

Natural and Biological Sciences – Perspectives: Modern concept, Conflicting dimensions, recent issues -Environment and sustainable development - National and International Perspectives - Population and Development.

UNIT – 2 Environmental Policy and Law

Environmental Policy : Pre & Post Independence Period; From Stockholm to Johannesburg Declaration (Rio) and Role of Government - Five year Plans - Forest Policy - Conservation strategy - Water Policy; Conservation of Natural Resources and its Management; Constitution and Environment: Right to Environment - Constitutional provisions on Environment and its Protection - Role of Judiciary on Environmental issues - Evolving of new Principles - Polluter pays principle - Precautionary principle - Public trust doctrine.

UNIT – 3 International Law and Environmental Protection

International conventions in the development of Environmental Laws and its Policy - From Stockholm to recent conventions (Special Emphasis on Major conventions & Protocols) - Control on Marine Pollution; Common Law aspects of Environmental Protection; Remedies under other Laws (I.P.C., Cr. P.C, C.P.C.) - Riparian rights and prior-appropriation.

UNIT – 4 Prevention and Control of Pollution

Pollution of Water, Sources, Legal Control, The Water Act, 1974 - Pollution of Air, Modalities of control, The Air Act, 1981 - Noise Pollution and its control, Noise Pollution control order - Disposal of Waste, laws on waste, disposal and its control - Trans-boundary Pollution hazards & Regulation; Biological Diversity and Legal Order: Bio-diversity and Legal regulation - Utilization of flora and fauna - Experimentation on animals - Legal and Ethical issues - Genetic Engineering - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - Prevention of Cruelty against animals - Problems in Legal regulation of medicinal plants - The plant varieties Act - Wetland Conservation.

UNIT - 5

Environment Protection Act, 1986 including, Environment Protection Rules, Coastal Zone Regulation, ECO-Mark, Environment Impact Assessment, Environmental Audit, Public Participation in Environmental decision making, Environment information, public hearing, Regulation on Bio-Medical Waste.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. Environmental Law and Its Policy in India by Armin Rosencranz, 2nd Edition 2002.
2. Environmental Law in India /Cases by P. Leelakrishnan, 3rd Edition 2008.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

1. Lal's commentaries on Water and Air Pollution laws along with Environment (Protection) Act and Rules, 1986.
2. Environmental Law by Simon Ball Stuart Bell
3. Handbook on Environmental Laws by Sanjay Upadhyay and Videh Upadhyay
4. Introduction to Environmental Law by S. Shantha Kumar, 1st Edition 2002.
5. Relevant Bare Acts/Notifications 2nd Edition 2005.