



CURRICULUM FOR THE FOUR-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME UNDER THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY

SEMESTER-II

PHIIDC151T

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

Contact Hours: 45

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70)/CCA (30)]

Course Objectives: The objectives of the course is to acquaint the students with the concept of Environmental Ethics. Environmental Ethics attempts to provide moral justification for various policies for protecting the environment and to inverse environmental degradation. It also deals with the fact that environment plays a vital role in the existence of human beings. The study of this course will establish a relationship between human beings and environment, and dependence of one upon the other.

Unit – 1: Environmental Ethics: Scope of Environmental Ethics, Importance of Environmental Ethics, Environmental Pollution

Unit – 2: Types of Environmental Ethics: Ecofeminism, Deep Ecology, Social Ecology

Unit – 3: Theories of Environmental Ethics: Anthropocentrism, Ecocentrism, Biocentrism

Unit – 4: Animal Ethics: Respect for Animals and Ecology, Animal Rights

Unit – 5: Bioethics: Meaning and Nature of Bioethics, Importance of Bioethics in Contemporary Society

Course Outcome: The students are expected to learn about various aspects of Environmental Ethics. They will, thereby, be aware of the danger of growing pollution level, leading to climate change, and the importance of sustainable development. The course will also help the students to understand their responsibility and obligation towards the environment.

Suggested Readings:

1. Singer, Peter. Practical Ethics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993
2. Sargent, Michael. Biomedicine and the Human Condition: Challenges, Risks and Rewards. Cambridge UP, 2005
3. Taylor, Paul W. Respect for Nature: A Theory of Environmental Ethics. Princeton University Press, 2011