

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

M.Sc. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

ESS404 ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Introduce environmental geology.
- CO2 Describe the structure and processes of earth.
- CO3 Study the basic aspects of paleontology.
- CO4 Know the various mineral resources available on earth.
- CO5 Gain the knowledge of geomorphology and ground water.

UNIT I (13 hours)

Introduction to Environmental Geology: Components of physical environments, geospheres - atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere.

Seismology and structure of earth: Mineralogy, seismic and tectonic processes, soil formation and its conservation; biogeochemical cycles.

UNIT II (13 hours)

Geomorphology: Weathering and erosion, slopes, valleys, streams, springs, lakes, landscapes and environmental aspects of reservoir siltation; river networks; natural hazards – earthquakes, landslides and volcanoes.

Basic aspects of paleontology: Geological time scale, ice age, geology of ocean floor, waves, tides and currents and shore line processes; environmental aspects of coastal zones; sea level rise and siltation.

UNIT III (13 hours)

Ground water - origin movement and storage of ground water, factors, controlling storage and movement; wells - permanent and artisan; springs and factors controlling their location tanks - major and minor and their siltation.

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