

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

SYS 409 Sociology of Environment

Objectives

The main objectives of the course are to -

- 1 Make aware of the meaning of Environment and its relationship with society.
- 2 Understand the changing environment and modes of living in different ecological conditions.
- 3 Develop holistic approach to feel man-environment relationship taking into account technology and socio-cultural facts.
- 4 Acquaint students to the technological conditions and its impact on social organization of society.
- 5 Learn the policies to safeguard environment

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Understand the issues related to environment
- CO2. Role of sociology in promoting environmental protection.
- CO3. Understand policies to protect environment.
- CO4. Look at the environment from sociological perspective.
- CO5. Analyse the rise of environmental movements in India.
- CO6. Societal impact of environmental pollutions.

Course Content:

UNIT – I: Introduction

Hrs - 12

- a. Emergence of Environmental Sociology
- b. Scope and Significance of Sociology of Environment
- c. Approaches to the study of environment : Marxian, Gandhian, Eco- feminism

UNIT -II: Environment and Environmental Problems

Hrs - 12

- a. Inter-relation between Environment and Society
- b. Nature of Environmental Problems
- c. Types of Environmental Problems

UNIT – III: Contemporary Environmental issues in India

Hrs - 14

- a. Pollution and their effects
- b. Deforestation; Environmental Disasters
- c. Developmental Projects- Displacement & Rehabilitation

UNIT– IV: Toward Environmental Conservation in India

Hrs - 14

- a. Environment and Development

- b. Environmental Movements & The Politics of Development
- c. Environment policies in India

UNIT-V: State, Society and Environment

Hrs - 12

- a. Constitutional provisions in India
- b. The State and International Agencies
- c. Role of NGO's in environment protection

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