SEMESTER - IV

CPS 5e ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Credits: 4 Internal: 40 marks

Hours/Week: Theory-4hrs Practical 4 hrs External: 60 marks

Total: 100 marks

Course Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student-teachers will be able to

- construct the objectives, scope and nature of Environmental Education;
- perceive the causes and remedies for environmental hazards and pollution;
- analyze the causes and control measures for environmental degradation;
- prioritize the need for inclusion of Environmental Education in the school curriculum;
- apply the knowledge of environmental policies and issues in India; and
- predict the various types of disasters and identify the control measures.

Unit I: Objectives, Scope and Nature of Environmental Education

Meaning – Definition - Concept and Objectives of Environmental Education- Need and Significance of Environmental Education- Scope and guiding Principles of Environmental Education.

Unit II: Environmental Hazards and Pollution

Pollution: Meaning, Definition-Causes, Effects and Control Measures of Air ,Water, Soil, Marine, Noise hazards - Solid waste management: Causes, effects and control measures- Warfare: Nuclear, Thermal, Chemical and Bio.

Unit III: Natural Resources and Associated Problems

Forest Resources: Use and Over - Exploitation, Deforestation, Timber extraction – Mining - Dams and their effects on forests and people.

Water Resources: Use and over –utilization of surface and ground water, water disputes.

Mineral Resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using Mineral Resources.

Food Resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and overgrazing, effects of modern agriculture, fertilizer- pesticide problems, water logging.

Land Resources: soil erosion, conversion of wet land into dry land-Equitable use of resources for sustainable lifestyles.

Unit IV: Environmental Education in the School Curriculum

Environmental Education at Primary , Secondary and Higher Education level-Programmes- Field trips ,workshops ,exhibitions, videos, nature clubs and nature walks- Celebrations – Earth Day, Environmental Day, World Water Day, World Food Day-Global Warming- Growing energy needs, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources, hygiene and sanitation programmes, Ecofriendly behaviour inside and outside the school campus, organic farming, clean and green campus programme-Role of a teacher at different levels of programme.

Unit V: Environmental Issues and Policies

Major environmental problems in India- - Environmental Protection and Policies in India - Threat to Biodiversity: Habitat loss, Poaching of wild life, Endangered and Endemic species of India-Measures taken in India- Role of Green Tribunals in environment issues.

Unit VI: Disaster Management

Natural and Man-made Disasters- Disaster cycle- Natural disasters: Floods, Earthquake, Drought, Cyclone, Landslides, Tsunami, their causes, effects and control measures.

Man-made disasters: building collapse, bridge collapse, train accidents, bomb blasts, their causes, effects and control measures.

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