

IL 309 Environmental Law

UNIT – I

- a. The Idea of Environment: Ancient and Medieval Writings, Traditions, Natural and Biological Sciences –
- b. Perspectives: Modern concept, Conflicting dimensions, recent issues –
- c. Environment and sustainable development –
- d. National and International Perspectives - Population and Development.

UNIT – II

- a. Environmental Policy and Law: Environmental Policy : Pre & Post Independence Period; From Stockholm to Johannesburg Declaration (Rio)
- b. Role of Government - Five year Plans - Forest Policy - Conservation strategy - Water Policy; Conservation of Natural Resources and its Management;
- c. Constitution and Environment: Right to Environment - Constitutional provisions on Environment and its Protection –
- d. Role of Judiciary on Environmental issues –
- e. Evolving of new Principles - Polluter pays principle - Precautionary principle –
- f. Public trust doctrine. International Law and Environmental Protection:
- g. International conventions in the development of Environmental Laws and its Policy
 - a. From Stockholm to recent conventions (Special Emphasis on Major conventions & Protocols) –
- h. Control on Marine Pollution; Common Law aspects of Environmental Protection; Remedies under other Laws (I.P.C., Cr.P.C, C.P.C.)
- i. Riparian rights and prior appropriation.

UNIT – III

- a. Prevention and Control of Pollution:
- b. Pollution of Water, Sources, Legal Control, The Water Act, 1974 –
- c. Pollution of Air, Modalities of control, The Air Act, 1981 –
- d. Noise Pollution and its control, Noise Pollution control order –
- e. Disposal of Waste, laws on waste, disposal and its control –
- f. Trans-boundary Pollution hazards & Regulation;
- g. Biological Diversity and Legal Order:
- h. Bio-diversity and Legal regulation - Utilization of flora and fauna - Experimentation on animals –

- i. Legal and Ethical issues - Genetic Engineering - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 –
- j. Prevention of Cruelty against animals –
- k. Problems in Legal regulation of medicinal plants - The plant varieties Act - Wetland Conservation.

UNIT – IV

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

Suggested Readings

- 1. Armin Rosencranz - Environmental Law and Its Policy in India.
- 2. P. Leelakrishnan - Environmental Law in India /Cases.
- 3. Lal's commentaries on Water and Air Pollution laws along with Environment (Protection) Act and Rules, 1986.
- 4. Simon Ball Stuart Bell - Environmental Law.
- 5. Sanjay Upadhyay and Videh Upadhyay - Handbook on Environmental Laws.
- 6. S. Shantha Kumar- Introduction to Environmental Law.