

COURSE HANDOUT
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
BBALLB-603 6th SEMESTER
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Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Cd	L	T	P	Marks		
							Sessional	Final Exam	Total
BBALLB-603	Environmental Law	Generic Core	4	4	0	0	30	70	100

COURSE OUTCOMES

At the end of the course the student will be able to:	
CO1	Discuss environmental protection perspectives and foundational principles.
CO2	Analyse the evolution of environmental policy and the judiciary's role in India.
CO3	Describe international conventions and laws influencing global environmental protection policies.
CO4	Examine key legislative frameworks and judicial approaches in environmental protection.

CO5	Investigate contemporary trends and the role of agencies in environmental regulation.
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Unit-I Environmental Protection: International and National Perspective

- 1.1 1.1 Environment - Meaning and Contents
- 1.2 Pollution - Meaning, Kinds of Pollution, Effects of Pollution
- 1.3 Stockholm Conference, Rio Conference, Bio-diversity, U.N. Declaration on Right to Development, Conference on Wetlands, Climate Change
- 1.4 Foundational Norms and Principles
- 1.5 Environmental Jurisprudence

(08 Hour)

Unit-II Environmental Policy and Law

- 2.1 2.1 Pre & Post Independence Period - Constitutional Provisions on Environment and Its Protection
- 2.2 Right to Environment and Duty to Protect Environment
- 2.3 Public Interest Litigation and Environment
- 2.4 Role of Judiciary on Environmental Issues
- 2.5 Doctrines of Environmental Pollution: Evolving new Principles – Absolute Liability, Polluter Pays Principle, Precautionary Principle, Inter-Generational Equity Principle, Public trust doctrine

(12 Hours)

Unit-III International Law and Environmental Protection

- 3.1 Sustainable Development
- 3.1 International Conventions in the Development of Environmental Laws and Its Policy: Stockholm, Rio & Johannesburg Declaration
- 3.2 Trans-boundary Pollution Hazards & Regulation
- 3.3 Common Law Aspects of Environmental Protection
- 3.4 Criminal Law and Environment.

(08 Hours)

Unit- IV Legislative Framework

- 4.1 **Water** Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 - Pollution Control Boards and Its Powers and Functions, Offences and Penalties, Remedies in Case of Water and Air Pollution
- 4.1 Noise Pollution and Its Control: Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000
- 4.2 Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Hunting, Trade in Animal Articles, Authorities under Wildlife Protection Act, Role of Judiciary on Wildlife protection
- 4.3 Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - Judicial Approach
- 4.4 Biological Diversity Act, 2002 – Relevant Sections

(12 Hours)

Unit-V Environment Protection Act, 1986 and Current Trends

- 5.1 Protection Agencies: Power and Functions
- 5.2 Hazardous Waste, Bio-medical Waste, Genetic Engineering, Environment Impact Assessment, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Audit and ECO Mark
- 5.3 Climate Change - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; Kyoto Protocol, 2005 and Doha Amendment, 2012; Copenhagen Accord, 2009; Paris Agreement, 2015



- 5.4 National Greens Tribunal – Constitution, Functions and Powers
5.5 Animal Welfare Laws

(10 Hours)

Textbooks

S.No	Name of the Books	Name of the Author	Publisher Name	Edition (Pub.Yr.)
1	Environmental Law and Policy in India Cases and Materials	Shyam Divan and Armin Rosencranz	Oxford India	3rd Edition, November 2022
2.	Environmental Law	Paramjit S Jaswal	Allahabad Law Agency	5 th Edition, January 2022

Reference Books

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1	International Environmental Law Text, Cases and Materials	Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Queen Mary	Edward Elgar Publishing	2022
2.	Environmental Law in India	P Leelakrishnan	LexisNexis	6 th Edition, 2021
3.	LJP's Landmark Judgements on Environment Protection	Prepared by Pro Bono India	Law & Justice Publishing	Edition 2022.

COURSE PLAN

Unit-I Environmental Protection: International and National Perspective

S.No	Topics	Recommended Books
1	Environment - Meaning and Contents	Book 1, Ch.1
2	Pollution - Meaning, Kinds of Pollution, Effects of Pollution	Book 2, Ch.2
3	Stockholm Conference, Rio Conference, Bio-diversity, U.N. Declaration on Right to Development, Conference on Wetlands, Climate Change	Book 2, Ch.4
4	Foundational Norms and Principles	Book 2, Ch.4
5	Environmental Jurisprudence	

Unit-II Environmental Policy and Law



6	Pre & Post Independence Period - Constitutional Provisions on Environment and Its Protection	Book 2, Ch.2
7	Right to Environment and Duty to Protect Environment	Book 2, Ch.3
8	Public Interest Litigation and Environment	Book 2, Ch.5
9	Role of Judiciary on Environmental Issues	Book 1, Ch.4
10	Doctrines of Environmental Pollution: Evolving new Principles – Absolute Liability, Polluter Pays Principle, Precautionary Principle, Inter-Generational Equity Principle, Public trust doctrine	Book 1, Ch.11
Unit-III International Law and Environmental Protection		
11.	Sustainable Development	Book 1, Ch.5
12	International Conventions in the Development of Environmental Laws and Its Policy: Stockholm, Rio & Johannesburg Declaration	Book 1, Ch.6
13	Trans-boundary Pollution Hazards & Regulation	Book 2, Ch.13
14	Common Law Aspects of Environmental Protection	Book 2, Ch.14
15	Criminal Law and Environment.	
Unit-IV Legislative Framework		
16	Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 - Pollution Control Boards and Its Powers and Functions, Offences and Penalties, Remedies in Case of Water and Air Pollution	Book 1, Ch.3
17	Noise Pollution and Its Control: Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000	Book 2, Ch.9
18	Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Hunting, Trade in Animal Articles, Authorities under Wildlife Protection Act, Role of Judiciary on Wildlife protection	Book 1, Ch.7
19	Forest Conservation Act, 1980 - Judicial Approach	Book 1, Ch.8
20	Biological Diversity Act, 2002 – Relevant Sections	Book 2, Ch
Unit-V Environment Protection Act, 1986 and Current Trends		
21	Protection Agencies: Power and Functions	Book 2, Ch.11
22	Hazardous Waste, Bio-medical Waste, Genetic Engineering, Environment Impact Assessment, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Audit and ECO Mark	Book 2, Ch.11
23	Climate Change - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; Kyoto Protocol, 2005 and Doha Amendment, 2012; Copenhagen Accord, 2009; Paris Agreement, 2015	Book 2, Ch 4
24	National Greens Tribunal – Constitution, Functions and Powers	Book 2, Ch 11
25	Animal Welfare Laws	Book 2, Ch 8

ADDITIONAL WEB RESOURCES

1.	MOOC: Introduction to Environmental law and Policy https://www.mooc-list.com/course/introduction-environmental-law-and-policy-coursera
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| 2. | NPTEL: Constitution of India and Environmental Governance: Administrative and Adjudicatory Process
https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc20_lw02/preview |
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GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

- **Sessional Test:** 15 marks
- **Assignment:** 10 marks
- **Attendance:** 5 marks
- **Final Examination:** 70 marks

COURSE POLICIES

- **Attendance:** Minimum 75% attendance is mandatory to appear in the final examination of the course.
- **Academic Integrity:** MIET's academic integrity policies apply. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- **Late Submissions:** Assignments and projects must be submitted by the specified timelines.

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