

Module 1 COURSE-XI(1.4.11) OPTIONAL

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AND POPULATION EDUCATION
TOPIC:CONCEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (UNIT-II)

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENT

- Environment includes each everything around us. Environment and environmental conditions arise due to interaction between abiotic and biotic factors. Environment involves Lithosphere, Hydro spare and Atmosphere.
- In the recent times a new concern has emerged for the conservation of our environment.
- The environment thus is now considered to be an organized, dynamic and evolving system of natural (I.e., physical, chemical, biological) and human (I.e., economic, political, social and cultural) factors in which living organisms operate or human activities take place, and which has a direct or indirect, immediate or long-term effect or influence on these living beings or on human actions at given time and in a circumscribed area.
- the environment includes all living organisms (Plants, animals and microorganisms) and nonliving things (such as air, rock and water) that influence organisms.

FATAL EFFECT ON ENVIRONMENT

- Population explosion,
- heavy transportation,
- deforestation,
- Urbanization,
- Industrialization.



DANGEROUS OUTCOMES

- Decrease in the rainfall,
- global warming,
- greenhouse effect,
- depletion of Ozone layer,
- depletion of bio-diversity and
- imbalanced eco-system.



Environmental Awareness

 Environmental Awareness refers to the knowledge which people have acquired about the total environment and its allied problems.



Environmental education

 Environmental education aims at developing in the individual, awareness and understanding of the physical and social environment in its totality. One of the objectives of environmental education is to help individuals and social groups to acquire sensitivity to and of the total environment and its allied problems.

Objectives of environmental education

- One of the MAJOR objective of environmental education is to help individuals and social groups to acquire sensitivity to and of the total environment and its allied problems.
- Other Objectives are:
- (i) Creation of environment awareness and involvement of people through active participation.
- (ii) Reporting on illegal acts pertaining to forests, wildlife, pollution and environmental degradation.
- (iii) Feedback regarding afforestation and survival of plants.
- (iv) Monitoring, including collection of sample, analysis of ambient air and water quality including vehicular pollution.

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Environment Programme

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- The Union Ministry of Environment and Forest conceived a scheme called "PARIAWARN", mainly with a view to create environmental awareness and to unite the people in the preservation of environment and forest wildlife.
- Biosphere Day, September 21.
- Earth Day, first celebrated on April 22, 1970,
- World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5th June to raise global awareness of the need to take positive environmental action. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was the day that United Nations Conference on the Human Environment began; which was from 5-16 June, 1972. The first World Environment Day was in 1973.

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