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Outline of Optional Course

LG 628 Environmental Governance

This course would deal with the need and necessity of governing 'environment'. Considering the fact that environment is composed of some of the basic resources like land, water, air, minerals and forests which are all depletable it is important that they be used more justifiably. The paper focuses upon the national and international institutions for environmental governance and the role of communities and indigenous wisdom in designing sustainable institutions for use of environmental resources. The paper also highlights the holistic parameters of environmental policies as there exists an interdependence of human, animal and plant life, rural and urban living, local, national and international markets of environmental entitlements. The linkages of environmental movements to grassroot issues and the policies of international financial institutions of trade have been suggesting policy restructuring towards inter-generational and intra-generational equity and justice. It demands 'glocal' action which is possible with greater decentralization, community participation and transparency in global governance.

- I. Concerns of environmental governance, The questions of property such as those of personal and the Common property and the State owned ; The issues concerning 'land ethics' within the framework of natural resource management, the ecological niche of human and non-human or sub-human communities and its impact on the emerging paradigm of governance.
- II. Role of the State; Environment-development debate and issues of equity and justice in global and local governance. Role of trans national companies and the theoretical framework of 'Sustainable development' ; issues of scarcity, of carrying capacity, intra-generational and inter-generational equity and justice, gender justice, habitat right.
- III. Sustainable livelihood practices; Green Revolution sustainable agriculture, Joint forest management, Alternative or Appropriate technology, Watershed Treatment practices and the issues of big dams, Environmental practices and the village republics for the management of grasslands and wastelands.
- IV. Environmental law; Regulatory framework in India, Public Liability of industries, Environmental Impact Assessment of Mega projects. Global Environmental standards and Trans-national companies.
- V. Environmental Movements: Issues in Environmental Movements from the Coastal Zone to the Himalayas, the mainland protests, the stakeholders and the Green groups, the gene campaigners, forest rights, water rights and the rights over mineral resources.