

OPTIONAL – INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

SEMESTER - I

Objectives of the Course

Through the centuries of their growth, societies had done their best to keep their neighbourhood clean and health. Industrialization brought in its wake unprecedented and unpredicted environmental hazards and upset the old ethos and equilibrium. The environmental consciousness had made a radical change in the character of international law from a moral code of ethics among nations to an almost positive law imposing on the states to observe environmental norms. Striking a significant note at the close of the last millennium, areas of international concern of environment are legion. Modes of reconciling the conflicts are also varied. The concept of sustainable development is a significant tool both at the international level and at the domestic system for reconciliation of environmental values and developmental needs.

This paper prepared with the above neutered perspectives comprises about 43 units of one hour duration to be spread over semester.

Syllabus:

1. International Concern for Environment Protection

1.1 World Environment Movement

1.1.1 Stockholm Declaration

1.1.2 Brundtland Commission

1.1.3 Rio – declaration

1.1.4 Agenda 21

1.1.5 Earth Summit Plus Ten

1.1.6 Rio + 20

1.2 Natural and Cultural Heritage

1.3 Role of International and Regional Organisations

1.4 Climate Change – Green House Effect – Ozone – Global Warming.

2 International Obligations towards sustainable Development

2.1 Principle of State Responsibility

2.2 Intergenerational Financing Policy

2.3 World Environment Fund

2.4 Intergenerational Regulations and Supervision

2.5 Global Environment Facility (GEF)

2.5.1 International Co-operation

2.5.2 Poverty alleviation

2.5.3 Agenda - 21

3 Marine Environment

3.1 Marine Resources : Conservation and Exploitation

3.2 Scientific Research and Exploitation

3.3 Antarctic Environment

3.4 International Sea bed Authority

3.5 Polluter for ships

3.6 Dumping of oil and other wastes into the sea

4 Transboundary Pollution Hazards

4.1 Oil Pollution

4.2 Nuclear fall outs and accidents

4.3 Acid Rain

4.4 Chemical Pollution

4.5 Air Pollution

4.6 Space Pollution

5 Control of Multinational Corporations and Containment of Environmental Hazards and Disposal and Dumping of Hazardous Waste

5.1 Problems of liability and control mechanisms

5.2 Disaster management at international level

5.3 Monopoly of biotechnology by MNCs

5.4 Disposal and Dumping of Hazardous Wastes: Transnational Problems and Control

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Conventions

Important Decision.