

**Lecture Plan**  
**Department of Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada**

**Name of Course: Environmental Law, Policy and Governance (MEPM223)**

Programme & Sem:	<b>Master of Planning (Environmental Planning &amp; Management), Semester Four</b>
Course Duration:	January 2024 to April 2024
Course Coordinator:	Rajeev R, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Planning (rajeevnair@spav.ac.in)
Subject Category:	Theory
Number of Credits:	03
Total Periods/Week:	03 (See Time Table for details)
Internal Assessment	50 (minimum pass marks 50%)
End Evaluation	50 (minimum pass marks 50%) – Written Exam.
Total Marks	100 (to be converted to CGPA credit pattern as per regulations)

**Subject Objective:** To develop knowledge of key policies, legislations and regulations related to Environment in India and its application.

Week	Lecture / Session Topic (Teaching-Learning Objective aimed)	Session Mode (Optional)	References / Suggested Readings
Week 1 and 2	Subject Orientation and Lecture Plan Discussion; Constitutional Mandates; Doctrine of Separation of Powers; Eminent Domain; Rule of Law.	Course Orientation and Lecture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constitution of India (selected Articles)</li> <li>2. Damodaran A. (2012), 'The Challenge of Multi Level Environmental Governance In India', Periodica Oeconomica, Pp. 29–37.</li> <li>3. G. Hardin, Tragedy of the Commons, <a href="http://dieoff.com/page95.htm">http://dieoff.com/page95.htm</a> (10 pp.)</li> <li>4. E. Ostrom. (2000). Private and Common Property Rights, <a href="http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~gdegeest/2000book.pdf">http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~gdegeest/2000book.pdf</a> (pp. 332-352)</li> </ol>
Week 3	Good Governance: Concept, Characteristics, Indicators, Initiatives	Interactive Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fredrick Esko Lange.'Urban Governance'-An essential determinant of city Development. World Vision Institute for Research and Development.2010.</li> <li>2. United Nations Economic and Social Council. 'Definition of basic terminology in governance and public administration'.2006.</li> </ol>
Week 4	International Principles : Permanent Sovereignty Over Natural Resources; Polluter Pays, Precautionary Principle;	Lecture, Interactive Session	Salient Features of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forest Acts 1927, 1980, 2006;</li> <li>2. Water Act 1974&amp; Air Act 1980;</li> <li>3. Wildlife Act 1972;</li> </ol>
Week 5	International Principles : Sustainable Development; Obligation Not To Cause Transboundary Environmental Damages; Relevant Case examples.	Lecture, Interactive Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Sarin, M (2005) Logs, Lores and Logjams: Critical Issues in the Indian Forest Conservation Act, The Gatekeeper Series of the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED) weblink: <a href="http://dlc.dlib.indiana.edu/dlc/bitstream/handle/10535/6153/116.pdf?sequence=1">http://dlc.dlib.indiana.edu/dlc/bitstream/handle/10535/6153/116.pdf?sequence=1</a></li> </ol>
Week 5	Assessment – 1 : Assignment (Environmental Legislation in India – Understanding Salient Features of Bare Acts and Discussion on Case Laws) – 15 marks		
Week 6-7	Field Work for Planning Thesis Data Collection		
Week 8	Environmental Legislation in India	Lecture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EPA 1986</li> <li>2. Forest Legislation (1927, 1980,</li> </ol>

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Week 8	Environmental Legislation in India	Lecture	2006) 3. Air and Water Acts 4. Wildlife Act 5. MSW Management Rules etc.
Week 9	Assessment 2: MID TERM EXAM : 20 marks		
Week 10	<p>Natural resources and its governance in India – Legislation and related Case Laws</p> <p>Forests related Legislations: since post-independence period – in the policy and the five year plans- Forest Conservation Act (1980); Need and utility of a forest rights act in India - Forest Rights Act (2006); Biodiversity Rules; National Forest Policy;</p> <p>Highlights of Mines and minerals Act 1952 and 2011</p> <p>Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act and its significance.</p>	Lecture, Interactive Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forest Acts 1927, 1980, 2006;</li> <li>2. Biodiversity Rules;</li> <li>3. National Forest Policy;</li> <li>4. Mines and minerals Act 1952 and 2011;</li> </ol>
Week 11-12	<p>Building Resilience through Governance : Natural and manmade disasters and the role of state apparatus, judiciary, civil society and media is developing resilience Climate Governance, National action plan for climate change (MoEF) and related initiatives</p>	Lecture, Interactive Session, Quiz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NDMA Guidelines, measures and relevant provisions.</li> <li>2. Sendai Framework</li> <li>3. Vogt, Erich (2012), "Current State of Climate Politics", In Environmental Policy &amp; Law", Vol. 43: 3, pp. 188 – 198;</li> <li>4. Keohane, Robert and Victor, David (2010). "The Regime Complex for Climate Change", In The Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements; see</li> <li>5. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. 2014. Climate Change 2014 - Synthesis Report - Approved Summary for Policymakers. 01 Nov. 2014 <a href="http://ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR_AR5_SPM.pdf">http://ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR_AR5_SPM.pdf</a></li> <li>6. Greenprint: A New Approach to Cooperation on Climate Change By Aaditya Mattoo, Arvind Subramanian</li> <li>7. Knowledge Systems and Change in Climate Governance: Comparing India By Babette Neve</li> <li>8. LARRDIS, Lok Sabha, Parliament of India (2013) Reference Note: Climate Change: India's Perspective</li> </ol>

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			<a href="http://164.100.47.134/intranet/CLIMATE_CHANGE-INDIA's_PERSPECTIVE.pdf">http://164.100.47.134/intranet/CLIMATE_CHANGE-INDIA's_PERSPECTIVE.pdf</a>
Week 13	Environmental Jurisprudence in India : National Green Tribunal; Human rights and the environment; role and significance of MOEF; Appellate Authority Act; Role of civil society.	Lecture, Interactive Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raghav Sharma, 'Green Courts in India: Strengthening Environmental Governance?' 4/1 Law, Environment and Development Journal (2008), p. 50, available at <a href="http://www.lead-journal.org/content/08050.pdf">http://www.lead-journal.org/content/08050.pdf</a>.</li> <li>2. Ranjan, S.M. and Adhikari, K. (2013). The Role of Indian Judiciary in Protection of Environment in India- A Critical and Analytical Role. International Journal of Basic And Advanced Research,2013; 2(2); 48-53.</li> <li>3. Banerjee,D. (2008). Environmental Jurisprudence in India: a look at the Initiatives of the Supreme Court of India and their Success at Meeting the Needs of Enviro- Social justice. Paper selected for oral presentation at International Congress of Environmental Research, December 2008.</li> <li>4. Damodaran A. (2012), 'The Challenge of Multi Level Environmental Governance In India', Periodica Oeconomica, Pp. 29–37.</li> </ol> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act;</p>
Week 14			
Week 14-15	Assessment 3 – (A) Assignment (Environmental Governance Good Practices) (5 Marks); (B) Time bound Test : 10 marks		
Week 15-16	Revision and Discussion		

In addition to the reading material:

*NPTEL Videos links shall be shared during the tutorial hours assigned.*

**Note:**

1. Any other closed holidays as declared by SPAV shall supercede the above lecture plan. Holidays shown above may alter as per Notice from time to time.
2. Assessment Sessions may be re-scheduled, with prior intimation.
3. Reading lists provided is not exhaustive and is subject to addition – students are advised to follow progression of class to keep abreast of the new reading lists, if any.