

## MA Semester: II

### Environment in Bhartiya Thought

Course Code: HIS474

Paper: Minor

Credits: 02

**Objective:** This course aims to introduce the student to the Bhartiya thought on environment since the ancient times.

**Learning Outcomes:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. understand the historical and geographical significance of environment in Bhartiya thought.
- b. know the various ideas related to environment and its necessity as propounded in the Bhartiya texts, viz. Veda and Purana.
- c. know about the need for their conservation as emphasized in the teachings and lifestyles of the people of the land.
- d. gain an idea about various environmental practices in Hindu culture and the relationship between festivals, religion and the environment.

#### Unit I

Environmental Thoughts in Veda, Vedanga and Upangas; Environmental Thoughts in Pauranic Literature; Environment and Karma-Kanda

#### Unit II

Environment, Jain Teachings and Jain Lifestyle; Environmental Thoughts and Bauddha Philosophy; Environment and Sikh Scriptures

#### Unit III

Environmental practices in Tribal Hindu Culture; Environmental thoughts and Tribal Rituals; Local Deities, Festivals and Environment; Hindu Reformers in the field of Environment

#### Suggested Readings

Dwivedi, O.P. (1987), *Environmental Crisis and Hindu Religion*, Gitanjali Publishing House, Delhi.

Gosling, David L. (2001), *Religion and Ecology in India and Southeast Asia*, Routledge, London & New York.

Malla, Bansi Lal (2000), *Trees in Indian Art, Mythology and Folklore*, Aryan Books International, New Delhi.

Narayan, R. and J. Kumar (2003), *Ecology and Religion: Ecological Concepts in Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam, Christianity and Sikhism*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.

Sahni, Pragati (2008), *Environmental Ethics in Buddhism: A Virtual Approach*, Routledge, New York.

Sensarma, Priyadarsan (2012), "Conservation of Biodiversity in Manu Samhita", *Indian Journal of History of Science*, 33 (4).

Singh, Vipul (2012), *The Human Footprint on Environment: Issues in India*, Macmillan India, New Delhi.