Syllabus for Entrance Examination M. Sc. Environmental

UNIT 1

Environment and Ecosystem: Biotic and abiotic factor; Plants, animals and microorganisms; Ecological factors, Ecology and ecosystem, Biodiversity and conservation with special reference to Jharkhand **UNIT 2**

Environmental Pollution: Concept of pollution, Air pollution; composition of air, chemical reactions occurring in different layers of atmosphere, effect of air pollutants, water pollution; types of water pollution, sources of water pollution, eutrophication, biological magnification, prevention and control of water pollution, soil pollution; sources and effect of soil pollution, noise pollution; noise pollution its health effects and control, electronic waste; sources, types and constituents of e-wastes, environmental consequences of e-wastes

UNIT 3

Contemporary Issues: Sustainable development, contemporary environmental issues, climate change, global warming, acid rain, environmental protection act, air and water (prevention and control of Pollution) Act.

Agriculture and Meteorology: Atmospheric and astronomical factors affecting depiction of solar radiation; ozone layer and ozone hole; Meteorological factors associated with incidence and development of crop, solar radiation and photosynthesis, soil temperature and plant growth, and evapotranspiration.

UNIT 4

Environmental Policy

Fundamental principles of environmental protection; Constitutional and Legislative Provisions; National Environmental Policy; State Environmental issues and policy framework. Constitutional Provisions (Article 48A, 51A); Functions of Central and State Pollution Control Boards

Basic Statistics: Measures of central tendency (mean, median and mode), Means (Arithmetic, geometric and harmonic), Percentiles and quartiles; Standard Error and Standard Deviation

UNIT 5

Soil Fertility: Nutrient cycling, soil organic matter, biofertilizer, major, minor ad trace elements, and plant nutrient uptake

Environmental Chemistry: Stoichiometry, Gibbs Energy, Chemical Potential, Chemical Equilibrium, Acid Base Reactions, Solubility Product, Solubility of gases in water, unsaturated and saturated hydrocarbon, radionuclide.