

Chapter-1 ENV

Multidisciplinary nature of Environmental studies:
Defn, scope & impo.

- Defn → Environmental studies developed because of the fusion of 3 disciplines: (i) Earth science, (ii) Social Science, (iii) Life science.
- The life sci. deals with aquatic ecosystem, terrestrial ecosystem, ocean ecosystem, study of all animals & plants.
- (iii) Earth sci. deals with study of hydrology, ^{meteo} atmospheric science, sm meteorology, Geology, study of geography.
- (iii) Social science gives laws, policies, politics, management, Engineering, ethics.

Environment It is the sum total of social, economical, biological & chemical factors which constitute the surroundings of humans being.

Scope of Environmental studies :-

- (i) Developing an awareness & sensitivity to the total environment & its related problems.
- (ii) Motivating people for active participation in environmental protection & improvement.
- (iii) Developing skills for active identification & development of solutions to environmental problems.
- (iv) imbibe & inculcate the necessity for conservation of natural resources.
- (v) Evaluation of environmental programmes in terms of social, economic, ecological & aesthetic factors.

Impo. of Environmental studies

In the industrialized era that we live today, every component that we intake - be it air, water or food - are contaminated by industrial activities. - to minimize this problem, knowledge of environmental study is ~~more~~ essential.

- The environmental study will help us in the following ways:
 - (i) we will begin to appreciate & adopt the idea of development without destruction of the environment.
 - (ii) knowledge about various types of environments & diff. environmental hazards.
 - (iii) playing an effective role in protecting the environment by demanding changes in law & enforcement system.
 - (iv) Having a positive impact on quality of life.
 - (v) Creating a concern & respect for the environment.

Need for public awareness:-

- Increasing population, urbanization & poverty have generated pressure on the natural resources & lead to a degradation of the environment.
- To prevent the environment from further degradation, the Supreme Court has ordered & initiated environmental protection awareness through government & non-government agencies to take part in protecting our environment.
- Environmental pollution prevented by laws alone. Public participation is equally important with regard to environmental protection.
- Environmental education is a process of learning by giving an overall perspective of knowledge & awareness of the environment.
- It sensitizes the society about environmental issues & make them interested to develop skills & expertise to provide appropriate soln.
- climate change, loss of biodiversity, ozone layer depletion, illegal destruction of habitats, land degradation, depleting ground water supplies, introduction of alien species, environmental pollution, etc a serious threat to ecosystem in forest, rural, urban & marine ecosystems.
- Hence, both formal & informal education on the environment will give the individual the knowledge, values, skills & tools needed to face the environmental challenges on a local

Chapter-2 Natural Resources

~~that resources & associated problems~~

Resources :- Resource is a type of natural environment or it is a part of natural environment which is useful in well-being of human beings, or which ^{satisfying the human need} may be natural or man-made.

natural resource :-

natural resources are the substances which are inherent to earth & obtained from nature & utilized to create products & services which are useful to human beings.

ex Forest, water, air, soil etc

Renewable & non-renewable resources :- natural resources can be classified into 2 categories. (Renewable & non-renewable)

Renewable Res :- Renewable resources are those resources that can be replenished or renewed naturally over time.

ex Air, water, wind, solar energy etc.

non-renewable Res :- Non-renewable resources are those natural resources that are available in limited quantities.

- These resources can't be renewed or replenished in short duration.

- Therefore they are also called exhaustible resources.

ex Coal, natural gas, petroleum etc.

Forest resource :- It is a dense growth of trees, covering a large area of land. Forest is one of the most natural resources on this earth. about 1/3rd of the world's land area is forested.

Useful forest :-

Commercial use :- Forests provide a large no. of commercial goods which includes timber, firewood, pulpwood, food items, gum, resin, non-edible oils, rubber, latex, bamboo, cane, medicine, drugs etc.

- Timber is used for heating & cooking. Lumber is used for building material, plywood, hardwood are converted into pulp & used for paper industry. Many forest lands are used for mining, agriculture, grazing & recreation & for development of dams.

Biological use :-

The trees produce oxygen by this earth.

is absorbed by forest ^{affirming} ~~problem~~ of global warming.

- (iii) wild life habitat: Forests are the home of millions of wild animal & plants
- (iv) Regulation of hydrological cycle; Forested watersheds acts like giant sponges, absorbing the rainfall, slowing down the runoff & slowly releasing the water for recharge of spring
- (v) Soil conservation; Forest binds the soil particles tightly in their roots & prevent soil erosion.
- (vi) Pollution moderators; Forest can absorb many toxic gases & can help in keeping the air pure & clean.

Over exploitation of forests:

- Humans ^{are} dependent heavily on forest for food, medicine, shelter, wood & fuel. With growing civilization the demands for raw material like timber, pulp, mineral, fuel, wood etc shoot up resulting large scale logging, mining, road building & clearing of forests.
- Excessive use of fuel wood & charcoal, expansion of urban, agricultural & industrial area have together led to over exploitation of our forest leading to their rapid degradation.

Deforestation:-

- Deforestation is when human remove or ~~clear~~ ^{clear} large areas of forest lands & related ecosystems for non-forest use. This includes clearing of forest for farming purpose, ranching & urban use.
- Since the industrial age, about half of world's original forests have been destroyed & millions of animals & living things have been endangered.

Causes of deforestation:-

1. Agricultural activities: Due to overgrowing demand for food, products, huge amount of trees are fell down to grow crops & for cattle grazing.
2. Logging: wood based industries like paper, match-sticks, furniture etc need a substantial amount of wood supply. wood is also used as fuel, firewood, charcoal are examples of wood being used as fuel.
3. Urbanization: trees are cut to create roads, to ~~urbanize~~ ^{urbanize} affect forest cover,

as with the expansion of cities more land is needed to establish housing & settlements, therefore forest land is reclaimed.

4. Desertification of land:

4. Mining: Oil & coal mining require considerable amount of forest land. Apart from this roads & highways have to be built to move away for trucks & other equipment.

5. Fires: Hundreds of trees are lost each year due to forest fires in various portion of the world. This happens due to extreme warm summer & milder winter. Fires whether caused by man or nature results in huge loss of forest cover.

Major consequences of deforestation :-

- (i) It threatens the existence of many wild life species due to destruction of their natural habitat.
- (ii) biodiversity is lost & along with that genetic diversity is eroded.
- (iii) Hydrological cycle gets affected, thereby influencing rainfall.
- (iv) problems of soil erosion & loss of soil fertility increases.

Effect of timber extraction:

Timber: There has been unlimited exploitation of timber for commercial use, due to increased industrial demand; → timber extraction has significant effect on forest & tribal people they are.

- (i) Thinning of forest.
- (ii) Loss of biodiversity, especially the tree breeding birds.
- (iii) Soil erosion & loss of fertility.
- (iv) Loss of tribal culture.
- (v) Migration of tribal people in search of new forests.

Effect of mining: Mining is a process of removing deposits of ores from the ground level.

- Mining operation for extracting minerals & fossil fuels like coal often involves least forest areas.

types: Surface mining - shallow deposits of ores.

Subsurface mining - deep deposit. " " "

- effects:
- (i) Clear cutting of forest leads to deforestation.
 - (ii) Soil erosion & loss of water resources.
 - (iii) Formation of acid drainage in case of coal mining.

Dams & their effect on forest:

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred dam & canal projects as 'temples of modern india'. These big dams & canal projects have multi-purpose uses. However, these dams are also responsible for the destruction of forests.

→ Big dams have been in focus of various environmental groups all over the world which is mainly because of several ecological problems including deforestation & socio-economic problems related to tribal people associated with them.

eg: → The Silent Valley hydroelectric project was one of the first such project situated in tropical rain forest area of western ghats which attracted much concern of the people.

→ The cause of Sarovar Sarovar dam related issues have been taken up by the environmental activists Medha Patkar, joined by Arundhati Ray & Baba Aash

→ For building big dams large scale ~~destruction~~ deforestation takes place which breaks the natural ecological balance of the region. Floods, droughts & landslides become more prevalent in such areas.

→ Forest are the repositories of invaluable gifts of nature & deforestation results in loss of this storehouse of species which have evolved over millions of year in a single stroke.

Water resources:

Water is ^{the} most abundant, inexhaustible resource. It covers 70% of the globe in the form of ocean, river, lakes, etc. ^{out} of this 70%, only 3% is available as freshwater. From this 3%, 2% is frozen in polar icecaps & only a fraction of remaining 1% is used as drinking water. 90% of water is used for agricultural purposes.

Use of surface & ground water:

consumable use: in such use, water is completely utilized & can't be reused.

Ex Domestic, industrial, & irrigation.

Over utilization of surface & ground water:

- The rapid increase in population & industrial growth led to severe demand on water resources. After using all available surface water, human beings began using groundwater to meet their needs.

⊕ Over utilization of groundwater in coastal areas leads to rapid intrusion of salt water from the sea thereby rendering it unusable for drinking & agriculture.

→ over-utilization of groundwater leads to drop in water level thereby causing earthquakes, landslides etc.

→ over-utilization of groundwater leads to drying up of wells as well as bore wells.

→ Due to excess use of groundwater near agricultural field, agricultural water that contain nitrogen as a fertilizer percolates rapidly & pollutes the groundwater thereby rendering the water unfit for drinking.

Floods & Droughts, &

- floods & droughts are two natural hazards in the world. Flood is due to excess in water flow & the Drought is due to scarcity of water.

→ The amount of rainfall in an area varies from one place to another depending on the local climate. In some place it rains almost throughout the year whereas in other places it might rain for only few days. India records most of its rainfall in monsoon season.

→ Heavy rain leads to rise in water level of rivers, seas, & ocean. Water get accumulated in the coastal areas, which results floods.

Floods bring in extensive damage to crops, domestic animals, property & human life. During floods many animals get carried away by the force of water & eventually die.

— on the other hand, droughts set in when a particular region goes without rain for a long period of time. In a meantime, the soil will continuously lose groundwater by the process of evaporation & transpiration. Since the water is not brought back to earth in the form of rains, the soil becomes very dry.

— The level of water in ponds & rivers goes down & in some cases water bodies get dried up completely. Groundwater becomes scarce & this leads to droughts. In droughts conditions, it is very difficult to get food & fodder for the survival. Life gets very difficult.

— ~~Frequency of floods & droughts are mostly due to~~ climate change & global warming.

Dams: benefits & problems:

— Dams are built across rivers to store water for irrigation, hydroelectric power generation & flood control. The dams built to serve more than one purpose are called "multi-purpose dams".

Benefits of dams:

- (i) Dams are built to control & store flood water.
- (ii) Sometimes dams are used for diverting part or all of water from rivers into a channel.
- (iii) Dams are used mainly for drinking & agricultural purpose.
- (iv) Dams are built for generating electricity.
- (v) Fishery can be developed in the dam area.

Problems of dams: — Dams may face problems like:

- (i) Displacement of tribal people
- (ii) Loss of Non-forest land
- (iii) Loss of forests, flora & fauna.
- (iv) Landslides, sedimentation occurs.
- (v) Stagnant & water logging around reservoirs retards plant growth

- (vi) Breeding of
- (vii) Reservoir induces seismicity causes earthquakes
- (viii) Salt intrusion at river mouth.
- (ix) Since the sediments carrying nutrients gets deposited in the reservoir, the fertility of the land along the river gets reduced.
- (x) Due to structural defects or faulty design of the dam may cause sudden dam failure leading to collapse & destruction of life & property.

Mineral Resources

- Minerals are naturally occurring, inorganic, crystalline solids having a definite chemical composition & characteristic physical properties.
- An ore is a mineral or combination of minerals from which a useful substance, such as a metal can be extracted & used to manufacture a useful product.
- Minerals are formed over a period of millions of years in the earth's crust.

Use & Exploitation :-

The main uses of minerals are as follows :-

- (i) Development of industrial plant & machinery
- (ii) Generation of energy e.g. coal, lignite, uranium
- (iii) Minerals are used in construction, housing, settlements. They can be used for defense equipments weapons.
- (iv) They can be used in transport means
- (v) In communication systems - telephone wires, cables, electronic device.
- (vi) used in medical system - particularly in Ayurvedic system
- (vii) Formation of alloys for various purposes

- (ix) In Agriculture: as fertilizers, seeds dressings & fungicides e.g. Zineb contains zinc & maneb contains manganese etc.
- (x) In Jewellery: e.g. Gold, platinum, diamond etc.

types of minerals: Based on their properties, minerals are basically of two types:

- Non-metallic minerals: e.g. Graphite, diamond etc.
- metallic minerals: Bauxite, laterite, Haematite etc.

Distribution & uses of some major metallic & non-metallic minerals

Metal	Major world Reserves	Major uses
Aluminium	Australia	Packaging, food items, transport, utensils, electronics
Chromium		For making high strength steel alloys, in textile, tanning industries
Copper		Electric & electronic goods, building, construction, vessels.
Lead		Car batteries, paints.
Platinum		use in automobile, <u>Catalytic converters</u> , electronics, medical uses.
Gold		ornaments, medical use, electronic use, use in aerospace.
Silver		photography, electronics, jewellery.
Nickel		chemical industry, steel alloys.

Non metal.

Non-metallic mineral

Silicate mineral	uses
Limestone	Sand & gravel for construction, bricks, paving etc.
Gypsum	used for concentrate, building stone, used in agriculture and neutralizing acid soils, used in cement industry
Potash	used in agriculture
phosphorite	used in fertilizer
Sulphur pyrite	used in medicine, car battery, industry

- Surface mining :
- (i) open-pit mining : in which remove the ores.
eg : Cu, ~~iron~~ iron, limestone, sandstone, marble
 - (ii) Dredging : in which chained buckets & draglines are used which scrap up the minerals from under-water mineral deposits.
 - (iii) strip mining : in which the ore is stripped off by using bulldozers, power shovels & stripping wheels.

* The environmental damage caused by mining activities are as follows :

- (i) subsidence of land.
- (ii) groundwater contamination.
- (iii) surface water pollution
- (iv) Air pollution.
- (v) occupational health hazards

Food Resource :-

- food is one of the basic requirements of human being, it is the most impo. material that our body needs for its proper functioning & ~~well being at all stages of our life~~
- Man eats a variety of foods of plant & animal origin, as no single food provides us with all the nutrients that we need.

World Food problem :

There are 2 types of food problems mainly :-
 (i) Malnutrition (ii) Undernourishment.

malnutrition :-

- malnutrition arises due to lack of minimum amount of proteins, vitamins, lipids, carbohydrates & other essential nutrients required for proper health & growth

* problems due to malnutrition :

- (i) Anemia : it is caused by inability to absorb iron
- (ii) Goiter : " " " by iodine deficiency lead to mental retardation. & it is caused due to
- (iii) Marasmus : lack of protein & calories
- (iv) Kwashiorkor : lack of protein in diet leads to neural development & learning disabilities
- (v) Pellagra : deficiency of tryptophan & lysine vitamin
- (vi) Chronic Hunger : occur when people have just enough food to stay alive but not satisfactory lives

• Undernourishment :-

- undernourishment means lack of sufficient calories in available food, resulting in little or no ability to move or work.
- people who receive less than 90% of their minimum dietary intake on a long-term basis are called considered undernourished.
- children in this category are likely to suffer from stunted growth, mental retardation & other social & developmental disorders.

→ Every year, food problem kill as many people as were killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima during world war-II. This shows that there is drastic need to increase food production.

* changes caused by Agricultural & overgrazing:

overgrazing: overgrazing occurs when too many animals graze too long & exceed the carrying capacity of a grass land area.

Impact of overgrazing:

- (i) Land degradation: overgrazing removes the grass cover. The humus content of soil ~~is~~ is decreased & it leads to poor, dry, compacted soil. ~~grasses are removed, the soil becomes hard.~~
- (ii) Soil-erosion: The plant roots are very good binders of soil. when the grasses are removed, the soil becomes loose & susceptible to the action of wind & water.

- (iii) Loss of useful species: Due to overgrazing the nutritious species like cereals, pulses, etc. are replaced by thorny plants like parthenium, xanthium etc. These species don't have a good capacity of binding the soil particles & therefore, the soil becomes more prone to soil erosion.

Agriculture :- From centuries, agriculture is providing

it's to large no. of industries involved in production, processing & distribution of food.

- The agriculture makes impact on the usage of land generally as follows:

- (i) Deforestation
- (ii) Soil-erosion

- (iii) Depletion of nutrients
- (iv) Impact related to high yielding varieties.
- (v) Fertilizer related problems include micronutrient imbalance, nitrate pollution & eutrophication.
- (vi) Pesticide related problems include creating resistance in pests & producing new pests, death of non-target organisms, biological magnification.
- (vii) Some other problems including water logging, Salinity problems.

Effect of Modern agriculture :-

Modern agriculture :- It makes use of hybrid seeds of selected & single crop variety.

- High-tech equipments, lots of energy subsidies in the form of fertilizers & pesticides, irrigation water.

Effects/Impacts:-

(i) Fertilizer related problems:-

(i) Micronutrient imbalance: Chemical fertilizers have nitrogen, phosphorous & potassium which are essential macronutrients.

- Excessive use of fertilizers cause micronutrient imbalance. For example, excessive fertilizer use in Punjab & Haryana has caused deficiency of the micronutrient Zn in the soils which is affecting productivity of soil.

(ii) Nitrate pollution: Nitrogenous fertilizers applied in the fields often leach deep into the soil & ultimately contaminate the ground water. Nitrate get concentrated in water & when their conc. exceeds 25 mg/L, they become the cause of serious health hazard called 'blue baby syndrome' or methaemoglobinemia. This disease affects the infants to the maximum extent causing even death.

(iii) Eutrophication: A large proportion of N & phosphorus used in crop fields is washed off along with runoff water & reach the water bodies causing over nourishment of the ^{water bodies} ~~lakes~~, This process is called Eutrophication.

- Due to Eutrophication the lakes get invaded by algal bloom. These algal species grow very fast.

by rapidly using up the nutrients.

- The algal species quickly complete their life cycle & die thereby adding a lot of dead matter. The fishes are also killed & there is lot of dead matter that start getting decomposed.
- oxygen is consumed in the process of decomposition & very soon the water get depleted of dissolved oxygen. This affects aquatic fauna & ultimately anaerobic condⁿ are created where only pathogenic aerobic bacteria can survive.
- Thus due to excessive use of fertilizers in the agricultural field the same ecosystem get degraded.

② Pesticide related problems :-

Thousands of pesticides are used in agriculture. The first generation pesticides include chemical like sulphur, arsenic, lead or mercury to kill the pests. They have no. of side effects as follows:

- ① Creating resistance in pests & producing new pests:
 - About 20 species of pests are now known which have become immune to all type of pesticides are known as "super pests".
- ② Death of non-target organisms: Many pesticides not only kill the target species but also several non-target species that are useful to us.
- ③ Biological magnification: Many of the pesticides are non-biodegradable & keep on accumulating in the food chain, this process is called biological magnification. This is very harmful.

③ Water-logging: over irrigation of crop lands by farmers for good growth of their crop usually leads to water logging.

- Inadequate drainage caused excess water to accumulate underground & gradually forms a continuous column with the water table.

- under water-logged conditions, pore spaces in the soil get fully drenched with water & the soil-air gets depleted. The roots of plants do not get adequate air for respiration.
- Sub-surface drainage technology & bio-drainage with trees like Eucalyptus are some of the remedial measures to prevent water-logging.

(11) Salinity problem: At present one-third of the total cultivable land area of the world is affected by salts.

- Saline soils are characterised by the accumulation of soluble salt like sodium chloride, Sodium sulphate, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride etc. In the soil profile.
- Their electrical conductivity is more than 4 dS/m . So also soils have carbonates & bicarbonates of Sodium. The pH usually exceed 8.0 & the exchangeable Sodium percentage is more than 15%.

Land Resource :-

Land as Resource: Land area ~~constitute~~ ^{constitute} about 1/5 of the ~~earth's~~ ^{earth's} surface. To meet out the challenging demand of food, fibre & fuel for human population

- The most impo. natural resource, upon which all human activity is based since time immemorial, is land.

- Land resource is our basic resource.

- Throughout history, we have drawn most of our substances & much of our fuel, clothing & shelter from the land

- It is useful to ~~use~~ ^{use} us as a source of food, as a place to live, work & play. It is a productive economic factor in agriculture, forestry, grazing, fishing, & mining.

- It is considered as a barometer of social prestige & is the basis of wealth & political power.

Land degradation :-

- * Man's progress towards development has however, considerably damaged our land resource base, probably since the dawn of civilization.
- * Out of the total land area, as many as 175 million hectares suffer from degradation.
- * Land degradation is caused largely by soil erosion but also by water logging & excessive salinity.
- * The most serious threat to the land is posed by deforestation.
- * The exponentially growing population in the country has placed immense pressure on degrading the land resource.
- * The high degree of degradation of existing land resource, the changing climate & increasing diversion of land from agricultural to nonagricultural uses have aggravated the problems.
- * Consequently, the productivity of land has suffered to a great extent, sometime beyond repair.
- * India being a large agrarian society, has therefore, an enormous task to meet the growing demands for food, fuel, fiber, together with environmental security for its people in the coming years.

Soil erosion :-

- * The top soil is precious to all living beings.
- * The top soil is being continuously eroded by the different natural agents like air & water.
- * Accelerated erosion is due to overgrazing, deforestation, mining.
- * Two types of agents mostly cause soil erosion: water & wind.

Chapter 3 Ecosystem

- ecosystem refers to a region where living organisms interact with non-living components of the environment by exchanging material b/w them.

ex: forest, desert, grassland, ocean, pond etc.

- The term of 'ecosystem' was coined by A. G. Tansley in 1935.

Structure of ecosystem: The ecosystem has

two main components: (i) Biotic component

(ii) Abiotic component.

(i) Biotic or living component: The living components of an ecosystem.

ex: plants, animals, fungi, bacteria etc

(ii) Abiotic or non-living compo: The non living component of an ecosystem.

ex: water, sunlight, soil, air, etc.

→ Some factors of biotic component as follows.

(a) producers: This component of the ecosystem includes the organisms which are able to prepare their own food using atmospheric CO_2 as a source of carbon & ammonia & use solar energy to convert into potential chemical energy.

- This produce are of two types (i) photosynthetic autotrophs & (ii) chemosynthetic autotrophs.
Photosynthetic autotrophs: They contain the green pigment chlorophyll used in the synthesis of carbohydrates.

ex plants, grasses, algae etc.
chemosynthetic autotrophs: This includes some bacteria like nitrifying bacteria, sulphur bacteria etc.

- (b) Consumers: The component of the ecosystem include those organisms which are unable to prepare their own food. They depend on producers.
- The consumers are divided into 4 categories
- (i) Decomposers: An organism that breaks down dead organisms to get energy.
ex: bacteria, fungi etc.
 - (ii) Herbivores / ^{primary consumers}: The animals that feed on plants
ex: rabbit, insect, cow etc.
 - (iii) Omnivores / ^{secondary consumers}: animal that eat a variety of animal & plants.
ex human, ~~best~~ bears, crocodiles etc.
 - (iv) Carnivores / ^{tertiary}: The animals that feed on other animals.
ex lion, wolves etc.
 - (v) Detritivores: animals that ~~to~~ feed on dead organic materials, especially plants.
ex ~~to~~ worms, snails.
- Function of ecosystem:
- Abiotic or non living compo:
- Sub?
- Abiotic compo divided into 3 categories as follows
- (i) The physical condn of the region like air, water, light, pH etc
 - (ii) climatic factor: it includes temp, humidity, wind etc
 - (iii) organic & inorganic materials: organic ~~material~~ ^{materials} are present in living things. ex: protein, lipid, carbony etc & inorganic material are present in surrounding. ex water, carbon, oxygen, N etc.

Function of ecosystem: There are mainly 3 functions

of ecosystem. they are:

- ① Ecological Succession
- ② Energy flow
- ③ Nutrient cycling (biological cycle)

1 Ecological Succession :-

The process by which communities of plant & animal species in an area are replaced or changed into another over a period of time is known as ecological succession.

— Succession is characterized by increased productivity, increased diversity of organisms with increased niche development, gradual increase in the complexity of food webs

— types of succession: ① primary & secondary succession.

primary: ^{Area} Succession is a process that starts where ~~no living organisms are there~~ - These could be area where ~~no living organisms ever existed~~, say bare rock; ^{secondary} in area that somehow lost all living organisms that existed there.

① Autogenic & Allogenic Succession:
Allogenic is succession driven by the abiotic component of an ecosystem & autogenic succession is driven by biotic compo of ecosystem.

• ② Energy flow :- The flow of energy from producers to top consumers is called energy flow & is unidirectional in nature.

— The level through which energy passes from one group of organisms to other are called trophic level.

— energy level decreases from first trophic level upwards due to loss of energy in the form of heat at each trophic level.

- This energy lost at each trophic level is quite significant. The no. of trophic level is restricted as the transfer of energy flow is 10% law - only 10% of the energy transferred to each trophic level from the lower trophic level.

plant \rightarrow grasshopper \rightarrow hawk
 10% \rightarrow 10% \rightarrow ~~100%~~ 1%

- Hence there are usually not more than 4-5 trophic level, beyond this energy available is negligible to support an organism.

- Energy flow consist of following concepts
 food chain, food web & ecological pyramid
Food chain: The chain of transformation & transfer of food energy in the ecosystem from one group of organism to another group through a series of steps or trophic level is called food chain.

\rightarrow eg Grasses \rightarrow grasshoppers \rightarrow frog \rightarrow snake \rightarrow Eagle.

- types of food chain are as follows

(a) Grazing food chain: In a grazing food chain, the first level starts with plants as producers & ends with carnivores as consumers at last level.

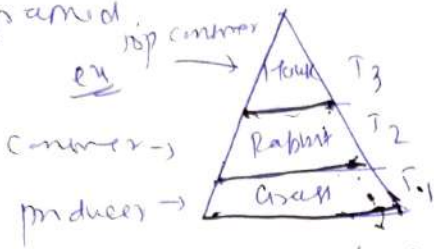
(b) Detritus food chain: This type of food chain goes from dead organic matter into microorganism & then to organism feeding on detritus & their predators.

eg Detritus \rightarrow Earthworm \rightarrow chicken \rightarrow Hawk

- Detritus food chain may be connected with grazing food chain at some levels
- This natural interconnection of food chains make it a food web

Ecological pyramid:

→ It is a graphical representation of trophic levels of different organisms based on their ecological position, producer to consumer is called as an ecological pyramid.



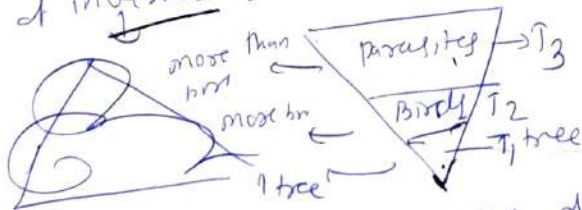
- The pyramid consists of no. of horizontal bars depicting specific trophic levels.
- The length of each bar represents the total no. of individuals or biomass or energy at each trophic level in an ecosystem.
- The ecological pyramids are of 3 categories

- pyramid of no. of individuals
- pyramid of biomass
- pyramid of energy or productivity.

→ represents the total no. of individuals of different species at each trophic level.

- Depending upon size, the pyramid may not always be upright, & may be completely inverted.

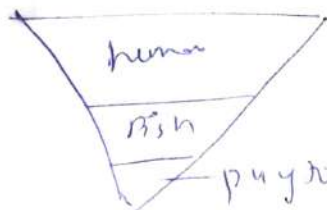
ex of upright: grassland ecosystem pond ecosystem
 ex of inverted: tree ecosystem



Pyramid of biomass: it is usually determined by collecting all organisms occupying each trophic level separately & measuring their dry weight.

- This overcomes the size diff prob bcoz all kind of organisms at a trophic level are weighted. biomass is measured in g/m^2 .

- mostly pyramid of biomass is upright but in many aquatic ecosystem the pyramid of biomass is inverted.



energy pyramid: It represents the amount of energy at each trophic level & less at each transfer to another trophic level. Hence the pyramid is always upright with the large energy at the bottom.

③ Nutrient cycling / biological cycle: The movement of nutrient elements through the various components of an ecosystem is called nutrient cycling.

- nutrient cycle are of 2 types

① ~~gas~~ gaseous & ② sedimentary.

gaseous: study of carbon etc.

sedimentary: study of phosphorus cycle, sulphur cycle etc.

Forest ecosystem: - types, character, structure, & use

- It includes a complex assemblage of different kinds of biotic communities.

- Forest ecosystem is a favourable environment for growth of flora & fauna species.

- The forest ecosystem have been classified into 3 major types

① Coniferous ^{forest} ② Temperate forest ③ tropical forest

→ These are cold region having high rainfall & long winter & short summer.

Some evergreen species like spruce, fir, pine are found in this region.

- The productivity of soil of this region is very much lesser than other forest ^{type} because of its soil fertility is not good & other minerals are also not available in this soil.

• Temperate forest:-

This region are left colder condⁿ than coniferous & colder than tropical forest.

- In Temperate forest there are 3 major variants i.e. Temperate deciduous forest, Temperate evergreen forest, temperate rain forest.
- Temperate deciduous forest: Here the climatic condition is moderate & broad leave tree. & These trees here shed their leaves in winter season period & they regrow in spring season. The soil in this forest is more good than coniferous.
- Temperate evergreen forest: They have mediterranean climatic condition i.e. They have warm & dry summer & moist & cold winters. They are mainly inhabitate by broad leave tree which are comparatively lower in height.
- Temperate rain forest: here precipitation is very high. rainfall or fog is very high.

Tropical forest: They are also of 3 types. i.e. tropical rain forest, tropical seasonal forest, sub-tropical rain forest.

* tropical rain forest: They are near the equator & they are evergreen type of forest. ~~here~~ There is very high humidity & high temp, because of this huge amount of moist atmosphere & rich biotic community can be found here.

- Here there is dense vegetation ~~and~~ trees here are very high. They have deficiency of sunlight.

* Tropical seasonal forest: - also known as monsoon forest. In this type of forest there is seasonal rainfall so rainfall may be very high but there is specific wet season & dry season. This type of forest are mostly found in ^{southern} ~~northern~~ America, South Africa, northern Australia region etc.

Sub-tropical rain forest: They are ^{broadly leaved} evergreen forest. They are found in a region where there is fairly high rainfall but the temperature difference b/w summer & winter is less & differential.

Impo. of forest: They help in keeping natural ^{tree} balance.

- Purify the air, They help in maintaining ^{the} ~~micro~~ climate. They play key role in precipitation, They prevent flood, soil erosion. They provide fuel & timber & raw material for industries.

Structure of Forest ecosystem:

Diff. organisms exist within the forest layers. These organisms interact with each other & their surroundings. Each organism has a role in sustaining the ecosystem.

- Some provide food for other organisms; others provide shelter or control population through predation.

Producers: All living organisms intake energy in order to survive. In a ~~forest~~ forest ecosystem, trees & other plants get their energy from sunlight. plant produces their food in the form of carbohydrates.

Consumers: Animals can't produce their ~~own~~ food. They must consume food source for energy to survive. All animal including mammals, insects & birds are called consumers.

Decomposer: Leaves, needles & old branches fall to the forest floor as tree growth. Eventually all plants & animal die. So their materials are decomposed by worms, microbes, fungi, ants & other bugs.

- Decomposer breaks the items ~~down~~ down into smallest primary element to be used again.
- Decomposers are important in ecosystem as they sustain the nutrient cycle of ecosystem.

Human are part of forest ecosystem:

Humans are consumers. we get food & materials from forest. Because of this, we are a part of the forest ecosystem.

- Human intervention may be necessary to sustain forest communities under the increased pressure of human use.

Aquatic ecosystems:-

Aquatic ecosystem deal with water bodies & the biotic components present in them. ^{Aquatic} are either fresh water or marine water.

- Fresh water ecosystem are again divided into lentic & lotic.

lentic: stationary water ex. lake, pond etc
lotic: flow water ex. streams, rivers etc

Pond ecosystem:- It is a small fresh water ecosystem where water is stagnant.

- Ponds are seasonal in nature i.e they receive enough water during rainy season.
- Ponds are usually shallow water bodies which play a very impo. role in villages.
- They contain algal, aquatic plants, insects, fishes etc
- They are used for washing clothes, bathing, drinking water etc. So it get polluted.

Lake ecosystem: Lakes are big fresh water bodies with stationary water.

- It has a shallow water zone called littoral zone.
- An open water zone whose effective penetration of light take place is called limnetic zone.
- Depending Deep water zone where no light penetrates is called profundal zone.

Stream ecosystem:- It is a fresh water aquatic ecosystem where water current is a major controlling factor. ~~oxygen &~~

- oxygen & nutrient in the water is more
- nutrient & sand water exchange is more extensive.
- All stream organism have ~~to~~ to face more
- extreme temp & action of current is more
- compared to lake & ponds.
- These have large area of ~~exposure~~ ^{exposure} to air,
- ~~hence~~ producing lots of O_2 . Dissolved
- oxygen is very high. Hence aquatic plants
- & animals are more grown in streams.

River ecosystem: Rivers are large streams, that flow downward over mountains, highland & flowing through the plains.

- River ecosystem has 3 phases i.e

Phase-i: - Cold water - ~~from~~ ^{rather} rushes down as water fall from the mountain. Large amount of dissolved oxygen.

- once it falls over large height on small rocks, plants sticked to that rock. & The animal like fishes flow down with the water fall.

Phase-ii: - Here, There are some gentle ~~the~~ slopes for the water to get warmer & support the growth of plant.

Phase-iii: - The river water are very rich in biotic diversity among them the hill.

- They bring rich nutrients, minerals with them, which is deposited on the plain below

→ Ocean ecosystem: - The ocean covers about 70% of earth's surface. The ocean contains large variety of animal life, including fish, mollusk, dolphins, whale, walrus, bacteria etc.

ocean is divided up into 3 zones based on how much sunlight they receive. The top layer is called euphotic zone, which receive lots of sunlight. 2nd zone is dysphotic zone, which receive some sunlight but not enough for plant to survive. 3rd zone is aphotic zone, which gets no sunlight, completely dark, few marine animal can survive here.

Biodiversity :- The term biodiversity is defined as the variety of plant & animal life in the world or in a particular habitat.

ex (cont)

- Biodiversity is the degree of variation of life. It is a measure of the variety of organisms present in diff ecosystem.

types of biodiversity

Genetic diversity: The variety of genes ~~are~~ are individual inheritable characteristics that are present in a population comprise it's genetic diversity.

- It refers to the diversity of genes within a species.
- It is related to the no. of genes in a particular population.

ex Domestic Dogs.

Species diversity :- Species diversity is the no. of diff species that are represented in a given community. The effective no. of species is the no. of equally abundant species.

- The no. of species that live in a certain location is called species richness.
- ex plants, animal, people.
- It has been estimated that more than 1.7 million species have been discovered ~~which~~ ^{by} ecologists ~~are~~.

Ecological diversity :- ^{view that} Ecological diversity refers to the variety of ecosystem in a given area where in a community of organisms interact with their physical environment, climate & temp etc.

- An ecosystem can occupy a large area of thousand of kilometers.

ex ocean waters, ~~is~~.

• Biogeographical classification of India:

- India has a rich biological diversity because of its unique location & rich climatic variation.

- India is located in South Asia b/w the latitude 66° ^{to} 38° North & 89° to 97° East, with a coastal line of 7,500 km & an exclusive

^{Economic zone of 2 million Sq km}
① Biogeographically India can be divided into 10 diff regions.
Trans-Himalayan Region: This zone is

present in the northernmost area of the Country in the state of Jammu & Kashmir & Himachal Pradesh.

① Himalayan Region: This region is spread over the entire northern part of India, including ~~over~~ five major states of the Country Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim & north eastern state. (more than 20 inches)

② Desert Region: - It is an extremely arid zone with xerophytic vegetation, include the Salty desert of Gujarat & Sand desert of Rajasthan. (where rained/year \approx 20 inches)

③ Semi-arid region: The region constitutes part of Gujarat, Rajasthan & some part of Punjab & Haryana.

④ Western Ghats: This region is present in the western part of 'South peninsular' India consisting of chain of mountains running parallel to the ~~peninsula~~ western coast.

⑤ Deccan peninsula: This region extends to the south central ~~plateau~~ ^{peninsula} spread across the state of Madhya pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Kerala.

⑥ Gangetic plains: This region extends from the foothills of the Himalayan & the most region of India.

- It extends from eastern Rajasthan through Uttar Pradesh to Bihar & West-Bengal.

(viii) North-East India:- The North East zone of India consist of states of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland & Sikkim.

(ix) Island: This zone include Andaman & Nicobar island in the bay of Bengal & Jaisalmer island in the Arabian Sea.

(x) Coastal:- This include the eastern & western coastlines

Value of biodiversity:- values of biodiversity are classified into direct values & indirect values.

→ direct values includes 3 types productive ^{value} consumptive values & economical values.

→ 2 indirect values includes ethical, genetic values optional values & ecological values.

Productive values:- ^{using} Replacing some harmful substances with other nonharmful ^{value} ~~The variation in the amount of substances in products~~

→ Pesticide:- We are using pesticides to kill pest this pesticide cause lots of pollution. So instead of using this pesticide there are some berries called as Calabar berries these also kill pest we can use this Calabar berries which causes no pollution.

→ Medicine:- medicines used lots of chemical which sometime causes harm so instead of medicine we can use soap, Sampoos etc. which has no chemical.

Consumptive use:- This is related to natural products that are used directly for food. we are consuming food are some products from the environment such as fodder, herbs, bull, wood etc.

- we use atleast 40,000 species of plants & animals on a daily basis.

Economical values:- ^{They are the} basic needs of human life food, Raw material for clothing, medicines & other products.

Factor contributing to habitat loss:-

- deforestation, urbanization, industrialization these 3 are one of the most imp. factors to habitat loss.
- conversion of forest to agricultural land. ~~crop~~ & ~~livestock~~ production, livestock production.
- new type of pollution

Poaching of wildlife:-

Poaching - poaching is an illegal practice of hunting, killing or capturing animals for commercial purpose.

- Animals are poached by using arrows & bows, trap nets etc.

Main causes of poaching:-

- human kills animals for ~~skin & bones~~ of tiger & leopard to make fashion for their skin & bones to make fashion products & it also uses in medicines.
- human kill elephants for their ivory tusk (teeth).
- human kill rhinoceros for their horn.
- human kill bears for their skin, ~~teeth~~ & claws.
- " " sheep for their skin.
- " " deer for cosmetic.
- " " snake & lizard for their skin for leather industries.
- hen for food.
- goat as milk & food.
- around 25% of the world species will undergo extinction at rate of 10,000 to 25,000 species per ~~year~~ years.

ways to protect wildlife from poaching:-

- National park administration should be provided with a dedicated anti-poaching team with essential equipments like torches, first aid kit etc.
- Wildlife forensic lab should be setup at wildlife institutes of India.
- But we need ~~volunteers~~ to give ~~donate time~~ & money to many organizations.

Volunteer: If you don't have
donate your time, many organization, & zoos
have volunteer programs, you can help clean
beaches, rescue wild animal or teach visitors.
- visit zoos aquarium, national park & &
learn more ~~about~~ about our planet.

- stop investing money or purchasing products
made from endangered animal.
- Govt should keep some laws for poachers.

③ Man-wildlife conflict :-

Reason behind man-wildlife conflict:

- Transformation of forest & other ecosystems
into urban area
- Degradation, fragmentation & honey-combing of
wildlife habitats.
- Climatic effect
- Increase in livestock population resulting
in overgrazing & decrease in no. of
herbivores.
- Deforestation

Can be reduced by:

- creation of ideal condition in sanctuaries, ~~zoos~~ ^{zoos etc}
- protection of rural-livelihood & reduce
their vulnerability such that wild animal get
a home
- Afforestation should be done, hunting of wild
animal should be decreased.
- wildlife habitats should be brought under the
conservation network by declaring them as
national park.

Chap-4 Environmental pollution: 9

• Air pollution: Air pollution is the introduction of harmful material into the atmosphere causing damage to living organisms & to the non-living organisms & to the environment

Ex (i) The pollutants include smoke & soot formed by burning of fuel to power the motor vehicle, chlorofluorocarbons used in air condition

(ii) Gases like CO , NO_2 , O_3 , Pb , SO_2 ~~formed upon~~

~~Sources of the air pollution~~

~~formed upon the~~ sources of emission of pollutants.

(i) Natural source: ~~volcanic~~ volcanoes, forest fire, natural & organic & inorganic decay, pollen grains & blower etc.

(ii) Man-made source: during power generation, mining, waste treatment at plants, industrial & agricultural activities, ~~vehicle~~ ^{emission} ~~emission~~ etc.

→ basically divided into primary source & secondary source

primary source: The harmful substances are directly released into the atmosphere from an identifiable source

Ex: volcanic eruption, motor vehicle exhaust etc.

secondary source: The harmful substances are formed in the air by chemical reaction mechanism b/w the pollutant of that environment.

Ex photochemical smog, acid rain etc.

Causes of air pollution:-

(i) Rapid industrialization: As the no. of industrialized increased pollution increased

(ii) Fast urbanization: development of villages to cities which increased pollution.

(iii) Rapid increase of population: Growth of population increases the pollution

(iv) Growth of road traffic: due to growth of vehicle on road more smoke & harmful substance released to atmosphere causing air pollution

(v) Burning of fossil fuel: As no. of vehicle increased on road burning of fossil fuel will be more & air pollution will be more.

- Volcanic eruption: It is a natural cause of air pollution.
 - forest on fire: forest on fire lead to ^{harmful} smoke which causes air pollution.
 - Deforestation: Deforestation also causes air pollution.
- effect of air pollution:

- (i) Respiratory & heart problem: - If the polluted air we inhale we will face respiratory problem & heart problem.
- (ii) Global warming: - The ^{harmful} dangerous gases ~~like~~ causes global warming.
- (iii) Acid rain: - addition of ^{harmful} acidic gases to the water vapour or cloud & forms some acid like Nitric acid, Sulphuric acid & falls as rain which is very dangerous.
- (iv) Depletion of ozone layer: - The ozone layer which protect us from the UV rays get depleted due to air pollution.
- (v) Effect on wildlife: - It affects to the wildlife also.

Steps to decrease air pollution:-

- (i) Conserve energy: We need to conserve energy because if we use less energy like electrical energy fuel energy less pollution will occur.
- (ii) we need to understand the concept of reduce, reuse & recycle, & we should use the product which can be reuse & recycle.
- (iii) use energy efficient devices: - we should use the more efficient devices i.e. the ~~conserve~~ consumption of energy will be less & opp will be more.
- (iv) Afforestation should be done: planting of trees helps in consuming some harmful gases & provide us useful gases.
- (v) emission of dangerous gases from industries should be stopped: it should be purified upto some level so that it ~~does~~ will not cause pollution.

Water pollution :- water polln is the contamination of water bodies (eg. lake, ocean, ground water etc)

- water polln occurs when pollutants are directly or indirectly discharged into water bodies without adequate treatment to remove ^{the} harmful components.

eg. → pesticides & fertilizers in water.

→ oil, grease & chemicals from our cars & trucks in water.

→ industrial waste in water.

Source → dumping waste into water bodies etc.

Types of water pollution :- there are two types of sources i.e. point source & non-point source.

Point source :- ~~at is direct emission of water~~ ~~directly discharging into water~~ ~~direct emission of water~~ It includes the outfall from factories & waste treatment plants.

Point source
directly dumped into water

Non-point source :- ~~at is indirect emission of water~~ It includes the pollutants that enter the water supply from soils or groundwater system & from the atmosphere via rain water.

- Here pollutants are indirectly dumped into the water.
- this includes the pollutants that enter the water supply from soils or groundwater system & from the atmosphere via rain water.

Causes of water pollution :-

- Dumping of industrial waste into water bodies
- ~~uses of~~ ^{current} fertilizers & pesticides ~~used~~ applied on crops, runoff into rivers & streams & causes water polln.
- Human activities like mining, ~~po~~ deforestation, generation of ~~water~~ power also leads to water polln.
- Oil spills ~~are very hard to clean~~. These are hard to purify the oil & causes water polln.
- domestic sewage is drained into the water bodies thus causing water polln.
- Testing of nuclear weapons & during nuclear accidents, the radioactive waste causes water polln.

Effect of water pollution :-

- It contaminates water ^{body} bodies.
- It affects all ecosystem, ^{specially} ~~the~~ marine ecosystem.
- It ~~infects~~ leads to many disease causing factors.

- More than 1400 people die due to water pollution.
- damage to aquatic ecosystem.
- Reduces availability of drinking water.
- Diseases like cholera & Malaria are commonly found.

Steps to decrease water pollution:-

- prevent groundwater contamination.
- Do afforestation.
- Reduce air pollution.
- Follow reduce, reuse & recycle.
- safely dispose of human excreta.
- usage of plastic items should be decreased.
- use ecofriendly products which don't cause harm to ecosystem.
- Purify the industrial waste so that it won't cause water pollution.

Soil pollution:- Soil pollution is defined as the change in physical, chemical & biological condition of soil through man's activities resulting in the degradation in quality & productivity.

types of soil pollution:- 2 types: (i) Agricultural soil pollution
(ii) Soil pollution by industrial effluents & solid waste.

(i) Agricultural soil pollution:- pollution of surface soil & pollution of underground soil due to use of fertilizers & pesticides in Agriculture.

Soil pollution by industrial effluents & solid waste:-

- Throwing up waste material on the surface of soil is called pollution of surface soil. \rightarrow due to industrial waste like chemicals which can easily damage the soil ~~and~~ ~~even~~ interior parts. This is called disturbance in soil profile.

Causes of soil pollution:-

- \rightarrow It causes due to acid rain
- \rightarrow Deforestation causes soil pollution
- \rightarrow Nuclear waste causes ~~pollution~~ on surface of soil
- \rightarrow Mining & other industrial activities.
- \rightarrow Oil & fuel dumping

→ Agricultural practices such as application of pesticides, fertilizers.

~~Effect~~

→ dispersal of coal ash.

Effect of soil pollution:-

- Soil pollution reduces soil fertility.

→ it reduces nitrogen fixation.

→ ^{due to soil pollution} increases loss of soil & nutrients.

→ it reduces crop yield.

→ Due to soil pollution, dangerous chemicals entering underground water.

→ ~~due to soil pollution~~ it releases & pollutant gases.

→ it reduces vegetation.

→ it causes public health problems.

→ it causes ^{toxic} diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid etc.

Steps to decrease soil pollution:-

→ we need to follow reduce, reuse, recycle.

→ Afforestation should be done.

→ Solid waste treatment should be done to purify the soil waste.

→ we should use ecofriendly products & use manure.

→ ~~we~~ stop using fertilizers & use manure products.

→ Dangerous chemical usage should be decreased.

Marine pollution :- The presence of undesirable material in the ocean environment directly or indirectly by humans that adversely affect ~~the~~ biological resource & human beings is called marine pollution.

Sources of marine pollution:-

→ Shipping activities :- oil leakage of ships, ~~materials~~ radiation by nuclear powered ships, chemicals etc.

→ Dumping :- disposing waste of land based activities - radio active waste, sewage, industrial waste etc.

→ Sea-bed activities :- structures, industrial debris, domestic refuse, chemical etc.

Land based & atmospheric pollution: Pesticides & herbicides & sewage, industrial waste etc.

Causes of marine pollution:

- 3rd causes due to air pollution
- oil spillage & petrol spillage into the marine
 - industrial waste & chemical.
 - Sewage
 - Solid waste
 - Agricultural runoff water due to fertilizers & pesticides
 - Electronic waste like batteries & some unwanted electronic waste.

Effect of marine pollution:

- Reduction in photosynthetic rate: as increase in pollution rate, water loses its minerals. So marine plant can't perform photosynthesis
- decrease in oxygen conc. in water & leads to effect sea to decrease in underground plants
- Increases toxicity level in water.
- 9th effects alot on sea life.
- 1st effects human being: As human eat sea food they can easily get disease
- Eutrophication occurs: extreme higher conc. of nutrients which causes hazard to organism

Steps to decrease marine pollution:

- we need to reduce air pollution
- " " " usage of toxic chemicals
- Stop dumping wastes into sea or ocean
- Follow Reduce, Reuse & Recycle ~~principle~~ principle
- Use ecofriendly products
- Purify the industrial waste.

Noise pollution :- The unwanted, unpleasant or disagreeable sound that causes discomfort to all living beings.

- units of noise = decibel (db)

- 35-60 db normal sound. if it crosses 80db it's causes unpleasant & if crosses 140db it causes painful.

Sources of Noise pollution :-

- Transport system are main source of noise pollution in urban areas
- Construction of buildings, highways & streets ~~are~~ cause a lot of noise, due to the usage of air compressors, bulldozers etc.
- Industrial noise & ~~the~~ loud speakers noise also causes noise pollution.

Causes of Noise pollution :-

- Traffic noise
- Air craft noise
- Noise from construction work
- Near by industries
- Horns, explosion etc.
- Railway station etc.

Effect of Noise pollution :-

- ^{it may cause} permanent hearing loss.
- High blood pressure
- Insomnia
- Labored breathing
- Stress, ^{brain} ~~brain~~ disorder
- Permanent damage to voice

Steps to decrease Noise pollution :-

- The sources of the noise must be reduced
- The path of transmission of sound must be stopped
- ~~we~~ know which noise can ~~cause~~ cause damage
- wear earplugs or other protecting devices.
- Be alert on environment
- protect the ears of children and also too younged
- use sound absorbent.
- plant trees around the houses.

Thermal pollution :- Thermal pollution is the discharge or runoff of heated water from the ~~industry~~ industrial processes into the water bodies like stream, river, lakes & ocean water resulting in killing or injuring the aquatic organisms.

Sources

- (i) electric power plant :- Huge amount of energy is released in the form of heat when coal, oil or natural gas is burnt or nuclear fuels undergo fission.
- (ii) Industrial factories :- water from these rivers or ocean is used to ~~cool~~ ^{cool} their machinery.
- (iii) Loss of vegetation near water bodies :- Increased water temp losses at the minerals which are required for plants.

Causes of thermal pollution :-

- Nuclear power plant
- Industrial ~~effluent~~ ^{water}
- Domestic sewage
- Hydro-electric power
- Coal based power
- Thermal shacks
- deforestation
- Soil erosion

Effect of Thermal pollution

- Decrease dissolved oxygen content.
- Reduce in water productivity.
- Reduce in water quality
- Loss of vegetation
- Aquatic ecosystem will be damaged both plants & animals can't survive

Steps to decrease the pollution

- cooling ponds :- Artificial ponds should be created & water from industries should be cooled & purified before disposal.

- cooling towers & spray ponds to be created, so that the hot water before entering into water bodies they are cooled down to normal temp.

Nuclear pain: Any undesirable effect caused to the environment due to radioactive substances or radiation is called nuclear pain.

Nuclear fission: - The process in which a large nucleus splits into smaller nuclei with the release of energy.

Causes of Nuclear pain:-

- Uranium mining
- production of nuclear fuel
- Nuclear power reactors.
- Transportation of nuclear matter.
- Nuclear Accidents.
- Nuclear test carried out by the defense personnel.
- Disposal of nuclear waste.

Effect of nuclear pain:-

- weakens the immune system of the body.
- when radioactive material is shipped via water then it can also cause toxicity in water & we use the same water for various purpose.
- Nuclear pain is another major cause of earth warming
- skin diseases
- Damages the reproductive organs
- Destroys the **Retina** of eyes
- shortening the life span

Steps to decrease:-

- proper maintenance of nuclear plants
- The disposal of radioactive material must be safe & secure
- Ban usage of nuclear weapons
- Safe transportation
- proper storage
- practice nuclear experiments
- fission reaction need to be minimized
- Minimum use of nuclear element.

Solid waste management refers to application of suitable techniques, technology & management aimed for reduction in waste & ~~le~~ environmental pollution.

Solid waste refers to waste from household industries or hospital waste.

- (i) household waste: It includes vegetable & fruit peel peels, left over food stuff, carry bags, containers, trash ~~bag~~ ^{bags}, bottles, leaves from garden, construction waste. These are also called as municipal waste.
- (ii) Industrial waste: It includes old batteries, shoe polish, paint tins, old medicine & medicine bottles etc, machinery wastes etc.
- (iii) Hospital waste: It includes hazardous, infectious waste, coats, low level radioactive waste. etc. medicines etc.

→ types of waste :-

Biodegradable :- Biodegradable material can be decomposed by organisms such as bacteria, enzyme & fungi.

ex : ~~dead body~~ ^{leaves} human waste, Dead animals & plants, food waste, paper waste.

Non biodegradable : Substances that can't be decomposed into organic & environmentally safe waste products. ~~They can't be decomposed~~ ^{ex. glass, plastic, metallic waste, nuclear waste etc}

→ Municipal Solid waste are divided into two

Non point source - which delivers pollution indirectly through environmental changes

ex road side waste products

point source : when harmful subst are directly left off.

ex shopping malls, household waste, dustbin etc

Disaster Management :- A continuous & integrated process to a planning, organizing, coordinating & implementing measures which are necessary for -

- prevention of ~~damage~~ danger or threat of any disaster
- Reduction of ~~the~~ risk of any disaster or its severity or consequences.
- Assessing the severity or magnitude of effects of any disaster.
- Evacuation, rescue & relief.
- Rehabilitation & reconstruction.

→ following
concerning to
it's original
(text)

Integrated disaster management :-

Preparedness :- The activities prior to a disaster are as follows :

- preparedness plans.
- Emergency exercise
- Training
- warning system.

Response :- The activities during a disaster are :

- public warning system
- Emergency ops
- Search & rescue.

Recovery :- Activities following a disaster are.

- Temporary housing
- Claims processing
- Grants.

Mitigation :- Activities that reduce effects of disaster.

- Building codes & zoning
- vulnerability analysis.
- public education

Chaps Social issues & the environment

Sustainable development :-

→ Sustainable development can be defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

→ Sustainable development is the objective used to resource for economic development while preserving the environment & ecosystem so that not only the needs of presents are fulfilled but also for future generations.

How to achieve sustainable development :-

(i) Reduce our dependency on heavy metals & fossil fuels such as coal, oil & natural gas.

(ii) Reduce our dependency on synthetic chemicals & use natural products ~~like~~ ~~like~~

(iii) Reduce our destruction of nature which includes cleaning of forest & natural habitats for human needs.

(iv) Ensure that we don't stop people from meeting their needs in order to achieve environmental sustainability. We must maintain a balance b/w environmental & economical sustainability.

(v) Recycle & Reuse as many waste products & resources possible.

(vi) Make more goods that last longer & easy to use, recycle & repair.

(vii) Depend on renewable sources of energy, ~~like~~ ~~like~~ sun, ~~and~~ wind, biomass, biomass & waste, geothermal & tidal.

problems to obtaining sustainability :-

(i) Disagreement b/w stakeholders: each stakeholder has diff priorities & hence it is extremely difficult for all to agree upon common goal of sustainable development.

(ii) Uncertainty: there is always uncertainty regarding diff. ~~goals~~ global environmental issues & the manner in which they interact with global system.

* Consumption & Lifestyle: People don't want to change their life style to the betterment of country.

• Urban problems related to Energy :-

Urbanization :- It is the process by which large numbers of people become permanently concentrated in relatively small areas, forming cities.

→ There are 2 factors which lead to urbanization.

Pull factors :- These are those factors which attract the person for the availability of employment like more income, best education, etc

Push factors :- Those factors which force the person to migrate from their home due to circumstances.

→ In India urbanization is mostly due to pull factors.

Causes of urbanization :-

(i) Industrialization :- Industrialization is major cause of urbanization, As it has expanded employment opportunities. So rural people migrated to cities.

(ii) Social factors :- Many social factors such as attraction of cities, better standard of living, better educational facilities, induces migrate to cities.

(iii) Employment opportunities :- In rural sector people have to depend on agriculture as their livelihood, but Indian agriculture depends upon monsoon. In Drought situation rural people have to migrate to cities in search of food, then they preferred to stay there.

(iv) Modernization :- urban areas are characterized by sophisticated technology, better infrastructure, communication, medical facilities etc. So people feel they can live a comfortable life in city & thus migrate to cities.

problems related to urbanization :-

(i) unplanned urbanization :- due to unplanned urbanization, India is facing too much problems. Such as unemployment, electricity problems, pollution, social problems, improper sanitation facilities etc

- Urban prob related to energy :-
- Energy is one of the major pillars of economic development of the society & economic growth is along with growing population which consume a lot of energy.
 - Houses in urban area are made up of more hard sensitive material such as metals which includes iron, steel, Aluminium, glass etc. instead of hard insulating material such as wood, bricks, so consume lots of energy.
 - to make their houses comfortable we use Air conditioner, room heater which run by electricity & hence use of energy.
 - High rise building needs a ~~lot~~ energy to operate lifts & electric energy for lighting in houses.
 - Most urban people use their individual transport rather than a public one.
 - Similarly each & every step in an urban centre needs energy, to meet the normal energy need & for long term sustainability we should be more specific about the most efficient & cost effective manner of energy use.
 - Energy is a essential need of a man wherever he lives in urban or ⁱⁿ rural society. In urban area the need of ^{more} energy.

Water Conservation :- (water saving)

Water conservation refers to preservation, control & development of water resource, both surface & ground water & prevent pollution.

Few water conservation measures :-

- Avoid washing of fruits & vegetables under running water, but wash them in a bowl water.
- we may take shorter showers.
- Taps may be turned off after use.
- washing dishes & clothes should be done only

→ Avoid playing with water toys which needs frequent filling of water.

• → use drip irrigation method so that it can save lots of water in Agriculture

→ Collect rain water by using rain water harvesting

→ Avoid using of toilets as a water basket or brushing it without any reason.

→ ~~washing~~ while washing vehicles, sponge them this helps conserve around 300 ltr of water.

→ while brushing & hair shaving don't let water to blow off.

→ Fill the glass with just enough water to quench them thirst.

Rain water harvesting :-

- Rain water harvesting is one of the most important & economic tools for water conservation at a time of rainwater.

- It is the method of collecting, storing & conserving rainwater from roof tops of buildings for agricultural production.

Ways of Rainwater Harvesting :-

(i) Surface runoff Harvesting :- The surface runoff of rainwater is used to recharge the ground water in urban areas.

(ii) Roof ~~runoff~~ ^{top} rainwater harvesting :- The rainwater from the ~~roof~~ ^{top} of roofs ~~is~~ ~~collected~~ at building or houses are collected & directed to artificial recharge system to recharge the ground water.

• Rainwater harvesting :- It is a simple method by which rainwater is collected for further use. The collected rainwater may be stored, utilized in diff. ways or direct use for recharge purpose.

Advantage :-

- It provides self-sufficiency to water supply.
- reduce cost for pumping of ground water.
- provides high quality water.
- Reduces soil erosion & flooding.
- The rooftop rain harvesting is less expensive.
- In saline or coastal areas & island, rain water provide good quality of water.

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- limited & uncertain local rainfall ^{install &}
- Requires some technical skill to provide regular maintenance
- If it is not installed ~~people~~ properly it may cause attack of mosquitoes.
- Certain rooftop may lead chemical, pesticide & other pollutants into the water that can harm the plants.

Watershed management :- watershed management is a process to guide & organize natural resources in a watershed including land.

— This management of land resource is aimed to provide goods & services without adversely affecting soil, water & other natural resources.

Objective of watershed management :-

- To provide adequate quantities of usable water by ~~opt~~ adopting sustainable land use measures
- ~~pro~~ protection of reservoirs.
- To control damaging runoff & degrading & thereby conservation of soil & water.
- to manage & utilize the runoff water for useful purpose
- to increase percolating of rain water.

Resettlement :- It is process of simple relocation

or displacement of human population
[due to last page]

Rehabilitation: It is a process of making, system to work again by allowing, system to function naturally

- It includes replacing the lost economic assets, safeguard employment, provide safe land for building something or increase to satisfactory state.

~~Other~~ Resettlement :- We are benefited ~~many~~ ^{Some} many

through developmental projects like construction of dams, mining, creation of national park etc. but quite often, the native people of the project sites are displaced from their home land. This is called resettlement.

Causes of displacement :-

Displ. due to dams - Millions of people were displaced during the big river, valley projects like Hirakud dam, Bhakra Nangal Dam (punjab), Sardar Sarovar dam (Andhra pradesh), Pand dam (Himachal pr) & have made refugees in their own home land.

Displ. due to mining :-

many people across thousand of lands & local people are displaced.

Ex in Jharkhand coal field (Jharkhand)

→ Major prob caused due to underground coal & residents are asked to vacate, Till now there is no ultimate land for them.

Resp due to national parks.

when a forest area is converted into a national park, it deprives the local dwellers of their ancestral rights. As a result, the tribal protest by starting destructive activities

Ex wayanad wildlife sanctuary (Kerala)

→ due to this wildlife sanctuary 53,472 tribal families displaced but till 2003, only 843 families could get the land

— tribal felt betrayed & have started encroachment into the forest.

• Rehabilitate debt (last page).

Rehabilitate issues :-

→ The united nations universal declaration on human rights has declared that housing is a basic human right.

→ Act to Land Acquisition Regd 1894. The ^{Govt} ~~Govt~~ is empowered to serve notice to the people to vacate their lands if there is a need ~~at~~ as per govt planning

→ provision of cash compensation in lieu of the land vacated exists in section 16 of the Act

Major issues related to displ. & rehabilitation

→ Kinship systems, marriages, social & cultural practices vanishes with their displacement

→ Loss of identity & intimate bond b/w people & environment is one of the biggest loss

→ Displacement ~~of~~ ~~of~~ already poor tribes increases their poverty as tribes aren't family familiar with market policies & trends.

Rehabilitate policy :-

- There is a need for comprehensive national rehabilitate policy - land for land is better policy than cash settlement of displaced people
- displaced should be rehabilitated their ^{own} environment.
- necessary services should be provided to continue agriculture in the new areas.

- Tribal should be provided job opportunities.
- displaced people should be provided monetary & post resettlement services.

Environmental ethics :- It refers to a feeling of moral responsibility & personal conduct towards the natural landscape, resources, species & non human organisms.

→ We depend on ~~the~~ nature for our food, supplies, source of wood, medicines etc.

Few Human activities (ethics) which are damaging environment

- (i) overpopulation - The population of Earth is going at an incredible pace. At the rate of population increases, pollution increases, man's requirement increases, industry increases which causes lots of problems to environment.
- (ii) Wastage of Natural Resources: The various natural resources in the environment are land, water, minerals, forest & wildlife. With increase in human population there is increase in the usage of natural resources. Over usage of natural resources causes depletion in them.
- (iii) Deforestation :- It is cutting down the forest for natural resources which causes problems in environment.
 - This cause soil erosion.
 - extinction of species.
 - ~~loss~~
 - increase in temperature.
- (iv) Pollution Rapid industrialization, vehicles causes a lot of air pollution, dumping waste into water causes water pollution. Human activities are main reason for pollution → It also causes the following:
 - soil degradation
 - depletion of groundwater
 - depletion of ozone layer.

Global warming :-

→ It refers to increase in the ~~area~~ average surface temp of our planet due to the effect of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, water vapour, chlorofluorocarbon etc

→ Causes -

- (i) Natural cause :- It include release of methane gas from Arctic tundra & wetland
- (ii) Manmade cause :- It include burning of fossil fuel, deforestation, population explosion, urbanization, pollution & environment.

Impact of Global warming :-

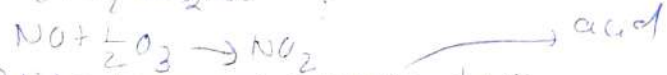
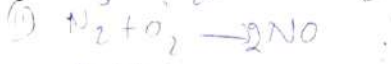
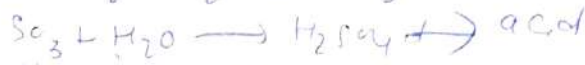
- Rising in Sea level :- The density of water decreases as temp ~~raises~~ increases. Thus increase in temp warms the ocean water thus sea level increases
- Change in precipitation b/w rain & snows.
- M.P of ice at the ^{take place} polar pole near ~~Antarctic~~ Antarctic, Greenland ~~& Arctic sea~~ etc
- Loss of species & ecosystem ~~change~~.
- Scarcity of fresh water in some areas due to the disappearance of glaciers.

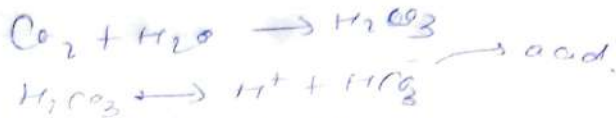
→ Preventive measures :-

- Land & water polln should be stopped
- Mass ~~awareness~~ awareness prog. should be conducted
- Afforestation should be done.
- Emission of greenhouse gases should be stopped.
- Alternative source of energy should be used.

Acid rain - The phenomenon of acid rain involves the combination of atmospheric water droplets with air pollutants which falls as acid rain

→ Acid rain consist of mainly sulphuric acid, carbonic acid, nitric acid produced from fossil fuel combustion in car engine & power plant





Causes of Acid Rain :-

- (i) Nat causes :- It includes volcanic eruption & lightning etc.
- (ii) Man made :- It includes, rapid industrialisation, burning of coal, & fossil fuels

Impact of Acid Rain :-

- It causes damage to human health like lung disorders, asthma, nervous system problems
- It causes damage to land & like soil erosion & loss of minerals etc.
- Acid rain runoff causes acid burn of lakes, rivers, streams & ocean. & can cause toxic water
- It can also melt metals & become toxic metal liquids

Preventive measures :-

- use less energy hence less fuel burnt
- use clean fuels
- Remove oxides of sulphur & nitrogen before releasing
- Follow reduce, reuse & recycle.

Ozone layer depⁿ :- The ozone layer is ~~low~~ band b/n stratosphere & the troposphere. The ozone layer filters out & convert UV light into ~~the~~ heat energy. This makes it a higher temp than other part of the upper atmosphere.

- Ozone or tri-oxygen gas made of 3 oxygen atoms forms a thin layer of 3mm over the entire earth at approximately 10 to 30 miles above the earth surface.
- In the absence of ozone layer, life on earth would not have existed.
- It is a natural layer formed as a ~~natural~~ shield or protection layer at higher

altitude of stratosphere against the bombardment of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Impact of ozone layer depletion :-

- Skin disease.
- Destruction of marine life
- Damaged plants & rivers ecosystem.

Preventive measures :-

- Limit private vehicle driving
- Use eco-friendly products.
- Avoid using pesticides.
- Follow reduce, reuse & recycle.
- Emission of dangerous gases from industries should be stopped.

→ due to some gases like CFC in the atmosphere breaks the ozone oxygen molecules which causes ozone layer depletion.

Nuclear accident & ~~hazard~~ holocausts :-

- Nuclear energy is a clean & cheap substitute to energy from fossil fuels. Though greatly beneficial to mankind this form of energy has many problems.
- When accident happens at nuclear power plants massive radioactivity is released. This can cause huge loss of human life, long term illness like cancer, thyroid disorder, tumours etc.
- Accidents at Three Mile Island (USA - 1979) and Chernobyl (USSR - 1986) are important examples.
- Disposal of nuclear waste also remains a major problem.
- Nuclear weapons used in war cause holocausts. Hiroshima & Nagasaki (Japan 1945) are examples.

set permissible limits for
pollution & release of hazardous substances.

AIR Prevention & Control Act (1981)

→ The Air Act is a Central Act of Parliament passed in 1981.

→ This Act is for the prevention and control of air pollution and maintaining the good quality of air, & to appoint the pollution control board to prevent, control & abatement of air pollution.

→ This Act assigns a set of responsibilities, powers, & functions to the boards for the prevention & control of air pollution.

Air pollutant:- It means any solid, liquid or gaseous substance (including noise) present in the atmosphere in such concentration as may be or tend to be injurious to human beings or other living creatures or plants or property or environment.

Functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

1. The main function of the Central Board shall be to improve the quality of air & to prevent ~~the air~~ & control air pollution.

1. To advise the central Govt of any matter concerning the prevention & control of air pollution.
2. To co-ordinate the activities of the state boards & resolve disputes among them.
3. To provide technical assistance & guidance to the state boards, carry out & sponsor investigations & research relating to pollution of air pollution & prevention & control of air pollution.
4. To plan & ~~execute~~ cause to be executed a nation-wide programme for the prevention & control of air pollution.
5. To plan & organize the training of persons at different states who are engaged or to be engaged in programs for the prevention, & control of air pollution.
6. To collect, compile & publish technical & statistical data relating to the air pollution.
7. The Central board may establish or recognize a laboratory to enable the central board to perform its functions under this section efficiently.

Control of air pollution (Central board (CPCB))

1. To plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, & control of air pollution in the state.
2. To ~~advise~~ ~~the~~ ~~state~~ ~~Govt~~ or any ~~matter~~

2. To encourage, conduct & participate in investigations & research relating to problems of air pollution.
3. To collaborate with central board in organizing the training of persons engaged ~~or to be~~ in programmes relating to air pollution to organize mass-education programme.
4. To inspect industrial plants & to give such direction to take steps for prevention & control of air pollution
5. To inspect air pollution control areas & to ~~access~~ assess the quality of air.
6. To lay down, in consultation with the central board, standards for emission of air pollutants into the atmosphere.

Powers of Central & State boards under Air pollution act. -

- power to declare Air pollution control areas.
- power to give instructions for ensuring standards for emission from automobiles.
- power to restrict the use of certain industrial plants.
- power to enter & inspect any places for the purpose of performing its functions.
- power to obtain information & to collect sample of air.

Penalties :- Imprisonment up to 3 months or a fine of Rs. 10,000 or both.

Water prevention & Control Act (1924)

→ Objective of the water act is prevention & Control of water pollution.

- ~~main~~ to maintain or restore the wholesomeness of water & establishment of boards for prevention & control of water pollution.

Water pollution :-

→ pollution means contamination of water or alteration of physical, chemical or biological properties of water or discharge of any sewage effluent or trade effluent or any other liquid substance into water.

sewage effluent :- effluent from any sewage system or any sewage disposal works include sludge.

Trade effluent :- liquid/solid/gaseous effluent from premises being used for a business, trade or industrial process.

Implementation Mechanism :-

- * Central pollution control board (CPCB) - constituted by central government.
- * State pollution control board (SPCB) - constituted by state government.
- * Joint board - Two or more states or Union territory.

Function of CPCB :-

- Lay down standards for wells & streams.
- To advise the union government regarding matters concerning prevention & control of water pollution.
- To co-ordinate the activities of state boards & to resolve & disputes arising among them.
- plan & execute nation-wide program for prevention of water pollution using mass media.

- Establishing or recognizing laboratory for analysis of any sample or any other purpose.
 - collect, compile & publish data relating to water pollution & measure taken for its control etc.
- Function of State pollution control board

- To plan & implement program for prevention of water pollution.
- To advise state government for prevention of water pollution.
- To collect & disseminate data regarding water pollution.
- To engage or arrange training of person engaged in water pollution.
- To inspect any sewage, trade effluent, plant, equipment, manufacturing process etc. to prevent water pollution.
- To inspect water pollution control area to control pollution in such area.
- To recognize any laboratory to perform its function.
- To develop methods of disposal of sewage or trade effluent.
- To lay down standard of emission of water pollution from industries etc.

Powers & procedure to take samples:

- When a sample is taken, the person taking the sample will
- serving of an immediate notice on the agent/occupier stating intention to get the sample analyzed.
 - Sample to be taken in the presence of occupier.
 - Sample to be divided into two parts, if requested by occupier.

→ container is required to be marked, sealed & signed.

→ one sample to be sent to board laboratory

~~→ at no request~~

→ at the occupier makes a request, then sample to be sent to state water laboratory → at no request to division of sample, then the sole sample to be sent to board laboratory.

Legal provisions regarding prevention & control of water pollution :-

→ liability of person in charge of premises to inform PCB about ~~pre~~ excessive discharge caused by accident or unforeseen circumstances

→ liability of SBCB to take corrective measures.

→ ~~pre~~ powers of SPCB to call for information

→ powers of SPCB to issue appropriate directions including directions for closure, prohibition, regulation etc.

Public awareness :-

Chap^r Human population & The environment

~~Population growth? change in population over time~~

Population:- A group of organisms of the same species that live in the same area at a given time.

Parameters affecting population size:-
 → Scientific study of human population is called demography.

Birth rate: Number of live birth per 1000 people in a population in a given year.

Death rate: Number of death per 1000 people in a population in a given area.

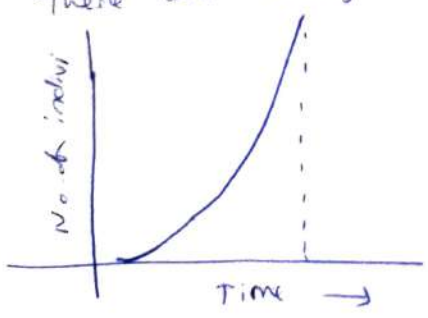
Immigration: Arrival of individuals from neighbouring population other area.

Emigration: Dispersal of individuals from the original population to new areas.

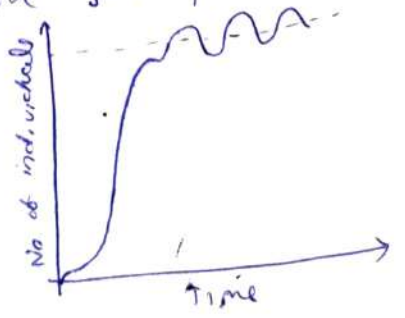
Population growth:- It refers to increase in its size. It is determined by number of individuals added to the population (birth + immigration) & the number of individuals lost from the population at a time (death + emigration) in a given time.

Growth curve:- Mathematical operation of growth of a population from its beginning till the stabilizes. ~~at a time.~~

There are two types of growth curve J-shape & S-shape.



(J-shaped)
 ↓
 (Exponential growth curve)



(S-shaped)
 (Sigmoid growth curve)

population Variation among nation :-

- Different regions of the world bind themselves at different stages of demographic transition from high to low mortality & fertility.
- Their growth path also differs considerably, resulting in significant shifts in the geographical distribution of the world's population.
- At present the world's population has crossed 7 billions.
- This existing population is also not evenly distributed.
- Less developed ~~countries~~ countries have 80% population while the developed countries have only 20%.

Population Explosion - family welfare program

Population explosion :- The rapid increase in population over a relatively short period is called population explosion.

- World population which was around 2 billions in 1900 & reached about 6 billions by 2000
- In India approximately 350 ~~millions~~ million at the time of independence reached ~~to~~ close to billion by 2000 & crossed 1 billion in May 2000 (MMR)
- Rapid decline in death rate (EMR) & infant mortality rate and in increase in number of people in reproductive ^{are} probably reasons for this.
- Reproductive & child health care programmes we could bring down the population growth rate.

Reasons for high population growth:

1. Spread of education for disease.
2. Control of disease.
3. Advancement in agriculture.
4. Storage facilities.
5. Better transportation.
6. Protection from calamity.
7. Government efforts.

Consequences of overpopulation :-

1. poverty
2. Food supply decreases
3. Hygienic condition
4. Unemployment
5. Housing problem
6. pollution
7. Education problem.

Family welfare programme

→ It was started in the year 1951.

→ The concept of welfare is basically related to quality of life, as such it includes, education, nutrition, women's welfare & rights, shelter, safe drinking water all vital factors associated with the concept of welfare.

Aim :- To promote adoption of small family size norm

→ To promote the use of spacing methods (gap b/w 2 children)

→ To ensure adequate supply of contraceptive to all eligible couple within easy reach.