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Watershed Planning and Management

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Objective

To acquaint the students with different aspects of watershed planning and management including participatory approaches and also on the integrated watershed management practices

Theory

Watershed- introduction and characteristics; Watershed management- concept, objectives, factors affecting watershed planning based on land capability classes, hydrologic data for watershed planning, watershed codification, delineation and prioritization of watersheds – sediment yield index.

Community mobilization and participatory institution building: participatory watershed management, role of watershed associations, user groups and self-help groups; Participatory Rural Appraisal, understanding gender in relation to agriculture.

Water budgeting in a watershed; Management measures - rainwater conservation technologies *in-situ* and *ex-situ* storage, water harvesting and recycling; Dry farming techniques - inter-terrace and inter-bund land management; Integrated watershed management- concept, components, arable

lands - agriculture and horticulture, non-arable lands - forestry, fishery and animal husbandry; Effect of cropping systems, land management and cultural practices on watershed hydrology.

Application of remote sensing and GIS in watershed planning and management; Introduction to Remote Sensing and GIS, Map projections and co-ordinate system. Spatial data structure: Raster, vector. Spatial relationship. Topology. Delineation of watersheds and generation of stream network; Preparation of various thematic maps in watershed; Hydrological Response Unit (HRU); Prioritization of watersheds; Watershed characterization; Watershed action plan; Analytical Hierarchy Process; Watershed evaluation and impact assessment; Quantification of surface and groundwater resources in watersheds; Computer models used for hydrologic and watershed modelling; Soil water assessment tool (SWAT); Case studies.

Watershed programme- execution, follow-up practices, maintenance, monitoring and evaluation; Planning and formulation of project proposal for watershed management programme including cost-benefit analysis; Financial management and accounting procedure

Practical

Delineation of watersheds using toposheets; Surveying and preparation of watershed map; Quantitative analysis of watershed characteristics and parameters; Investigations on watershed for planning and development including PRA; Analysis of hydrologic data for planning watershed management; Measurement of discharge and sediment in a watershed; Water budgeting of watersheds; Study of thematic maps using remote sensing; Study of watershed action plan using GIS; Prioritization of watersheds based on sediment yield index; Study of functional requirement of watershed development structures; Study on components of earth embankments and its design; Study of watershed management technologies; Study of role of various functionaries in watershed development programs; Study of accounting and financial management systems in watershed entities; Visit to watershed development project areas.

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