

# **Syllabus for B.Sc (Hons.) Geology**

**Six Semester Course Under  
Choice Based Credit System**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>CORE COURSE (14)</b>	<b>ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COURSE (2)</b>	<b>SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (3)</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE) (4)</b>	<b>GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE) (4)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	I	i) EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE ii) MINERAL SCIENCE	COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH			GE-1
	II	iii) ELEMENTS OF GEOCHEMISTRY iv) STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE			GE-2
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	III	v) IGNEOUS PETROLOGY vi) SEDIMENTARY PETROLOGY vii) PALEONTOLOGY		SEC-I (Field Work-I)		GE-3
	IV	viii) METAMORPHIC PETROLOGY ix) STRATIGRAPHIC PRINCIPLES AND INDIAN STRATIGRAPHY x) HYDROGEOLOGY		SEC-II (Field Work-II)		GE-4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	V	xi) ECONOMIC GEOLOGY xii) GEOMORPHOLOGY			DSE - 1 DSE - 2	
	VI	xiii) ENGINEERING GEOLOGY xiv) REMOTE SENSING AND GIS			DSE - 3 DSE - 4	

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
I	Ability Enhancement: compulsory course - I	Communicative English	2
	Core Course - I	Earth System Science	4
	Core Course – I (Practical)		2
	Core Course - II	Mineral Science	4
	Core Course – II (Practical)		2
	Generic Elective – I	GE - I	6
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
II	Ability Enhancement: compulsory course - II	Environmental Science	2
	Core Course – III	Elements of Geochemistry	4
	Core Course – III (Practical)		2
	Core Course - IV	Structural Geology	4
	Core Course – IV (Practical)		2
	Generic Elective - II	GE – II	6
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
III	Core Course – V	Igneous Petrology	4
	Core Course – V (Practical)		2

	Core Course - VI	Sedimentary Petrology	4
	Core Course – VI (Practical)		2
	Core Course – VII	Paleontology	4
	Core Course – VII (Practical)		2
	Generic Elective - III		6
	Skill enhancement course - I	Field Work - I	2
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
IV	Core Course – VIII	Metamorphic Petrology	4
	Core Course – VIII (Practical)		2
	Core Course – IX	Stratigraphic Principles and Indian Stratigraphy	4
	Core Course IX Practical		2
	Core Course – X	Hydrogeology	4
	Core Course – X (Practical)		2
	Skill Enhancement Course - II	Field Work - II	2
	Generic Elective - IV	GE - 4	6
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>26</b>

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
V	Core Course – XI	Economic Geology	4
	Core Course – XI (Practical)		2

	Core Course – XII	Geomorphology	4
	Core Course – XII (Practical)		2
	Discipline Specific Elective - I	DCE - I	4
	Discipline Specific Elective - I (Practical)		2
	Discipline Specific Elective - II	DCE - II	4
	Discipline Specific Elective - II (Practical)		2
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>COURSE OPTED</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
VI	Core Course – XIII	Engineering Geology	4
	Core Course – XIII (Practical)		2
	Core Course – XIV	Remote Sensing & GIS	4
	Core Course – XIV (Practical)		2
	Discipline Specific Elective - III	DSE - III	4
	Discipline Specific Elective (Practical - III)		2
	Discipline Specific Elective - IV	DSE - IV	4
	Discipline Specific Elective (Practical - IV)		2
		<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Grand Total of Credits in Six Semesters</b>			<b>140</b>

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**  
**Paper -I**  
**EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Earth as a planet

Holistic understanding of dynamic planet 'Earth' through Astronomy, Geology, Meteorology and Oceanography.

Introduction to various branches of Earth Sciences.

General characteristics and origin of the Universe, Solar System and its planets. The terrestrial and jovian planets.

Meteorites and Asteroids

Earth in the solar system - origin, size, shape, mass, density, rotational and revolution parameters and its age.

Unit 2: Earth's magnetic field

Earth's magnetic field

Formation of core, mantle, crust, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere

Convection in Earth's core and production of its magnetic field

Mechanical layering of the Earth.

Unit 3: Plate Tectonics

Concept of plate tectonics, sea-floor spreading and continental drift

Geodynamic elements of Earth- Mid Oceanic Ridges, trenches, transform faults and island arcs

Origin of oceans, continents, mountains and rift valleys

Earthquake and earthquake belts

Volcanoes- types, products and their distribution.

Unit 4: Hydrosphere and Atmosphere

Oceanic current system and effect of Coriolis force

Concepts of eustasy

Land-air-sea interaction

Wave erosion and beach processes

Atmospheric circulation

Weather and climatic changes

Earth's heat budget.

Unit 5: Soil

Soils- processes of formation, soil profile and soil types.

Unit 6: Understanding the past from stratigraphic records

Nature of stratigraphic records

Standard stratigraphic time scale and introduction to the concept of time in geological studies

Introduction to geochronological methods and their application in geological studies

History of development in concepts of uniformitarianism, catastrophism and neptunism

Laws of superposition and faunal succession

Introduction to geology and geomorphology of Indian subcontinent.

Unit 7: Cosmic abundance of elements  
Distribution of elements in solar system and in Earth  
Chemical differentiation and composition of the Earth  
General concepts about geochemical cycles and mass balance  
Properties of elements  
Geochemical behavior of major elements  
Mass conservation of elements and isotopic fractionation.

**PRACTICALS:**

Study of major geomorphic features and their relationships with outcrops through physiographic models.  
Detailed study of topographic sheets and preparation of physiographic description of an area  
Study of soil profile of any specific area  
Study of distribution of major lithostratigraphic units on the map of India  
Study of distribution of major dams on map of India and their impact on river systems  
Study of major ocean currents of the World  
Study of seismic profile of a specific area and its interpretation

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Duff, P. M. D., & Duff, D. (Eds.). (1993). *Holmes' principles of physical geology*. Taylor & Francis.
2. Emiliani, C. (1992). *Planet earth: cosmology, geology, and the evolution of life and environment*. Cambridge University Press.
3. Gross, M. G. (1977). *Oceanography: A view of the earth*.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -II**

**MINERAL SCIENCE**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Crystallography

Elementary ideas about crystal morphology in relation to internal structures  
Crystal parameters and indices  
Crystal symmetry and classification of crystals into six systems and 32 point groups

Unit 2: Crystal symmetry and projections

Elements of crystal chemistry and aspects of crystal structures  
Stereographic projections of symmetry elements and forms

Unit 3: Rock forming minerals

Minerals - definition and classification, physical and chemical properties  
Composition of common rock-forming minerals  
Silicate and non-silicate structures; CCP and HCP structures

Unit 4: Properties of light and optical microscopy

Nature of light and principles of optical mineralogy  
Introduction to the petrological microscope and identification of common rock-forming minerals

### **PRACTICALS:**

Observation and documentation on symmetry of crystals

Study of physical properties of minerals in hand specimen

Silicates: Olivine, Garnet, Andalusite, Sillimanite, Kyanite, Staurolite, Beryl, Tourmaline, Augite, Actinolite, Tremolite, Hornblende, Serpentine, Talc, Muscovite, Biotite, Phlogopite, Quartz, Orthoclase, Plagioclase, Microcline, Nepheline, Sodalite, Zeolite

Quartz varieties: Chert, Flint, Chalcedony, Agate, Jasper, Amethyst, Rose quartz, Smoky quartz, Rock crystal.

Native Metals/non-metals, Sulfides, Oxides- Copper, Sulfur, Graphite, Pyrite, Corundum, Magnetite

Hydroxides, Halides, Carbonates, Sulfates, Phosphates: Psilomelane, Fluorite, Calcite, Malachite, Gypsum, Apatite.

Study of some key silicate minerals under optical microscope and their characteristic properties

### **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Klein, C., Dutrow, B., Dwight, J., & Klein, C. (2007). The 23rd Edition of the Manual of Mineral Science (after James D. Dana). J. Wiley & Sons.
2. Kerr, P. F. (1959). Optical Mineralogy. McGraw-Hill.
3. Verma, P. K. (2010). Optical Mineralogy (Four Colour). Ane Books Pvt Ltd.
4. Deer, W. A., Howie, R. A., & Zussman, J. (1992). An introduction to the rock-forming minerals (Vol. 696). London: Longman.

## **CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

### **Paper -III**

#### **ELEMENTS OF GEOCHEMISTRY**

**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**

#### **THEORY**

#### **LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Concepts of geochemistry

Introduction to properties of elements: The periodic table

Chemical bonding, states of matter and atomic environment of elements

Geochemical classification of elements

Unit 2: Layered structure of Earth and geochemistry

Composition of different Earth reservoirs and the nuclides and radioactivity

Conservation of mass, isotopic and elemental fractionation

Concept of radiogenic isotopes in geochronology and isotopic tracers

Unit 3: Element transport



Advection and diffusion

Chromatography

Aqueous geochemistry- basic concepts and speciation in solutions, Eh, pH relations

Elements of marine chemistry

Mineral reactions- diagenesis and hydrothermal reactions.

Unit 4: Geochemistry of solid Earth

The solid Earth – geochemical variability of magma and its products.

The Earth in the solar system, the formation of solar system

Composition of the bulk silicate Earth

Meteorites

Unit 5: Geochemical behavior of selected elements like Si, Al, K, Na etc.

**PRACTICALS:**

Types of geochemical data analysis and interpretation; of common geochemical plots.

Geochemical analysis of geological materials.

Geochemical variation diagrams and its interpretations.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Mason, B. (1986) Principles of Geochemistry. 3rd Edition, Wiley New York.
2. Rollinson, H. (2007) Using geochemical data – evaluation, presentation and interpretation. 2nd Edition. Publisher Longman Scientific & Technical.
3. Walther, J. V. (2009). Essentials of geochemistry. Jones & Bartlett Publishers.
4. Albarède, F. (2003). Geochemistry: an introduction. Cambridge University Press.
5. Faure, Gunter and Teresa M. Mensing (2004). Isotopes: Principles and Applications, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -IV**

**STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Structure and Topography

Effects of topography on structural features, Topographic and structural maps; Importance representative factors of the map

Unit 2: Stress and strain in rocks

Concept of rock deformation: Stress and Strain in rocks, Strain ellipses of different types and their geological significance.

Planar and linear structures; Concept of dip and strike; Outcrop patterns of different structures.

### Unit 3: Folds

Fold morphology; Geometric and genetic classification of folds; Introduction to the mechanics of folding: Buckling, Bending, Flexural slip and flow folding

### Unit 4: Foliation and lineation

Description and origin of foliations: axial plane cleavage and its tectonic significance  
Description and origin of lineation and relationship with the major structures

### Unit 5: Fractures and faults

Geometric and genetic classification of fractures and faults  
Effects of faulting on the outcrops  
Geologic/geomorphic criteria for recognition of faults and fault plane solutions

### **PRACTICALS:**

Basic idea of topographic contours, Topographic sheets of various scales.  
Introduction to Geological maps: Lithological and Structural maps  
Structural contouring and 3-point problems of dip and strike  
Drawing profile sections and interpretation of geological maps of different complexities Exercises of stereographic projections of mesoscopic structural data (planar, linear, folded etc.)

### **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Davis, G. R. (1984) Structural Geology of Rocks and Region. John Wiley
2. Billings, M. P. (1987) Structural Geology, 4th edition, Prentice-Hall.
3. Park, R. G. (2004) Foundations of Structural Geology. Chapman & Hall.
4. Pollard, D. D. (2005) Fundamental of Structural Geology. Cambridge University Press.
5. Ragan, D. M. (2009) Structural Geology: an introduction to geometrical techniques (4th Ed). Cambridge University Press (For Practical)
6. Lahee F. H. (1962) Field Geology. McGraw Hill

## **CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -V**  
**IGNEOUS PETROLOGY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Concepts of Igneous petrology

Introduction to petrology: Heat flow, geothermal gradients through time, origin and nature of magma

Unit 2: Forms

Classification of igneous rocks

Textures and structures of igneous rocks

Mode of occurrence of Igneous rocks

Unit 3: Phase diagrams and petrogenesis

Binary and Ternary Phase diagrams in understanding crystal-melt equilibrium in basaltic and granitic magmas

Magma generation in crust and mantle, their emplacement and evolution

Unit 4: Magmatism in different tectonic settings

Magmatism in the oceanic domains (MORB, OIB)

Magmatism along the plate margins (Island arcs/continental arcs)

Unit 5: Petrogenesis of Igneous rocks

Petrogenesis of Felsic and Mafic igneous rocks

Komatiites, Granitoides, Basalt, Gabbros

Alkaline rocks, kimberlites and lamproites.

**PRACTICALS:**

Study of important igneous rocks in hand specimens and thin sections- granite, granodiorite, diorite, gabbro, anorthosites, ultramafic rocks, basalts, andesites, trachyte, rhyolite, dacite,

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Philpotts, A., & Ague, J. (2009). Principles of igneous and metamorphic petrology. Cambridge University Press.
2. Winter, J. D. (2014). Principles of igneous and metamorphic petrology. Pearson.
3. Rollinson, H. R. (2014). Using geochemical data: evaluation, presentation, interpretation. Routledge.
4. Raymond, L. A. (2002). Petrology: the study of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. McGraw-Hill Science Engineering.
5. McBirney, A. R. (1984). Igneous Petrology. San Francisco (Freeman, Cooper & Company) and Oxford (Oxford Univ. Press),
6. Myron G. Best (2001). Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology,
7. K. G. Cox, J. D. Bell. (1979). The Interpretation of Igneous Rocks. Springer/Chapman & Hall.
8. Bose M.K. (1997). Igneous Petrology.
9. G W Tyrrell. (1926). Principles of Petrology. Springer

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -VI**  
**SEDIMENTARY PETROLOGY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Origin of sediments

Weathering and sedimentary flux: Physical and chemical weathering, soils and paleosols.

Unit 2: Sediment granulometry

Grain size scale, particle size distribution, Environmental connotation; particle shape and fabric

Unit 3: Sedimentary textures, structures and environment

Fluid flow, sediment transport and sedimentary structures: Types of fluids, Laminar vs. turbulent flow, Particle entrainment, transport and deposition.

Paleocurrent analysis- Paleocurrents for different sedimentary environments

Sedimentary structure- Primary and syn-sedimentary structures

Unit 4: Varieties of sedimentary rocks

Siliciclastic rocks: Conglomerates, sandstones, mudrocks.

Carbonate rocks, controls of carbonate deposition, components and classification of limestone, dolomite and dolomitisation

Unit 5: Diagenesis

Concepts of diagenesis

Stages of diagenesis

Compaction and cementation.

**PRACTICALS:**

Exercises on sedimentary structures

Particle size distribution and statistical treatment

Paleocurrent analysis

Petrography of clastic and non-clastic rocks through hand specimens and thin sections

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Prothero, D. R., & Schwab, F. (2004). Sedimentary geology. Macmillan.
2. Tucker, M. E. (2006) Sedimentary Petrology, Blackwell Publishing.
3. Collinson, J. D. & Thompson, D. B. (1988) Sedimentary structures, Unwin- Hyman, London.
4. Nichols, G. (2009) Sedimentology and Stratigraphy Second Edition. Wiley Blackwell

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -VII**  
**PALEONTOLOGY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Fossilization and fossil record

Nature and importance of fossil record; Fossilization processes and modes of preservation

Unit 2: Taxonomy and Species concept

Species concept with special reference to paleontology, Taxonomic hierarchy Theory of organic evolution interpreted from fossil record

Unit 3: Invertebrates

Brief introduction to important invertebrate groups (Bivalvia, Gastropoda, Brachiopoda) and their biostratigraphic significance

Significance of ammonites in Mesozoic biostratigraphy and their paleobiogeographic implications

Functional adaptation in trilobites and ammonoids.

Unit 4: Vertebrates

Origin of vertebrates and major steps in vertebrate evolution.

Mesozoic reptiles with special reference to origin diversity and extinction of dinosaurs

Evolution of horse and intercontinental migrations.

Human evolution.

Unit 5. Introduction to Paleobotany, Gondwana Flora

Introduction to Ichnology.

Unit 6: Application of fossils in Stratigraphy

Biozones, index fossils, correlation

Role of fossils in sequence stratigraphy

Fossils and paleoenvironmental analysis

Fossils and paleobiogeography, biogeographic provinces, dispersals and barriers

Paleoecology – fossils as a window to the evolution of ecosystems

**PRACTICALS:**

Study of fossils showing various modes of preservation

Study of diagnostic morphological characters, systematic position, stratigraphic position and age of various invertebrate, vertebrate and plant fossils

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

1. Raup, D. M., Stanley, S. M., Freeman, W. H. (1971) Principles of Paleontology
2. Clarkson, E. N. K. (2012) Invertebrate paleontology and evolution 4th Edition by Blackwell Publishing.
3. Benton, M. (2009). Vertebrate paleontology. John Wiley & Sons.
4. Shukla, A. C., & Misra, S. P. (1975). Essentials of paleobotany. Vikas Publisher
5. Armstrong, H. A., & Brasier, M.D. (2005) Microfossils. Blackwell Publishing.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**  
**Paper -VIII**  
**METAMORPHIC PETROLOGY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Metamorphism: controls and types.

Definition of metamorphism. Factors controlling metamorphism Types of metamorphism - contact, regional, fault zone metamorphism, impact metamorphism.

Unit 2: Metamorphic facies and grades

Index minerals, Chemographic projections

Metamorphic zones and isogrades.

Concept of metamorphic facies and grade

Mineralogical phase rule of closed and open system

Structure and textures of metamorphic rocks

Unit 3: Metamorphism and Tectonism

Relationship between metamorphism and deformation

Metamorphic mineral reactions (prograde and retrograde)

Unit 4: Migmatites and their origin

Metasomatism and role of fluids in metamorphism

Unit 5: Metamorphic rock associations- schists, gneisses, khondalites, charnockites, blue schists and eclogites

**PRACTICALS:**

Megascopic and microscopic study (textural and mineralogical) of the following metamorphic rocks:

Low grade metamorphic rocks: serpentinites, albite-epidote-chlorite-quartz schist, slate, talc-tremolite-calcite-quartz schist.

Medium to high grade metamorphic rocks: Gneisses, amphibolite, hornfels, garnetiferous schists, sillimanite-kyanite-bearing rocks, Granulites, eclogite, diopside-forsterite marble.

Laboratory exercises in graphic plots for petrochemistry and interpretation of assemblages.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Philpotts, A., & Ague, J. (2009). *Principles of igneous and metamorphic petrology*. Cambridge University Press.
2. Winter, J. D. (2014). *Principles of igneous and metamorphic petrology*. Pearson.
3. Rollinson, H. R. (2014). *Using geochemical data: evaluation, presentation, interpretation*. Routledge.
4. Raymond, L. A. (2002). *Petrology: the study of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks*. McGraw-Hill Science Engineering.
5. Yardley, B. W., & Yardley, B. W. D. (1989). *An introduction to metamorphic petrology*. Longman Earth Science Series.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -IX**  
**STRATIGRAPHIC PRINCIPLES AND INDIAN STRATIGRAPHY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**

**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Principles of stratigraphy

Fundamentals of litho-, bio- and chrono-stratigraphy

Introduction to concepts of dynamic stratigraphy (chemostratigraphy, seismic stratigraphy, sequence stratigraphy)

Unit 2: Code of stratigraphic nomenclature

International Stratigraphic Code – development of a standardized stratigraphic nomenclature.

Concepts of Stratotypes. Global Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP).

Brief introduction to the concepts of lithostratigraphy, biostratigraphy, chronostratigraphy, seismic stratigraphy, chemostratigraphy,

Magnetostratigraphy

Sequence stratigraphy and their subdivisions with Indian examples.

Unit 3: Principles of stratigraphic analysis Facies concept in stratigraphy

Walther's Law of Facies.

Concept of paleogeographic reconstruction

Unit 4: Physiographic and tectonic subdivisions of India

Brief introduction to the physiographic and tectonic subdivisions of India.

Introduction to Indian Shield

Introduction to Proterozoic basins of India.

Geology of Vindhyan and Cudappah basins of India

Unit 5: Phanerozoic Stratigraphy of India

Paleozoic Succession of Kashmir and its correlatives from Spiti and Zaskar Stratigraphy

Structure and hydrocarbon potential of Gondwana basins.

Mesozoic stratigraphy of India:

a. Triassic successions of Spiti,

b. Jurassic of Kutch,

c. Cretaceous, successions of Cauvery basins

Cenozoic stratigraphy of India:

a. Kutch basin,

b. Siwalik successions,

c. Assam, Andaman and Arakan basins.

Stratigraphy and structure of Krishna-Godavari basin, Cauvery basin, Bombay offshore basin, Kutch and Saurashtra basins and their potential for hydrocarbon exploration

Unit 6: Volcanic provinces of India

a. Deccan,

b. Rajmahal,

c. Sylhet Trap

Unit 7: Stratigraphic boundaries

Important Stratigraphic boundaries in India - a. Precambrian-Cambrian boundary, b. Permian-Triassic boundary, and c. Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary

**PRACTICALS: -**

1. Study of geological map of India and identification of major stratigraphic units.
2. Study of rocks in hand specimens from known Indian stratigraphic horizons
3. Drawing various paleogeographic maps of Precambrian time
4. Study of different Proterozoic supercontinent reconstructions.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Krishnan, M. S. (1982) Geology of India and Burma, CBS Publishers, Delhi
2. Doyle, P. & Bennett, M. R. (1996) Unlocking the Stratigraphic Record. John Wiley
3. Ramakrishnan, M. & Vaidyanadhan, R. (2008) Geology of India Volumes 1 & 2, Geological society of India, Bangalore.
4. Valdiya, K. S. (2010) The making of India, Macmillan India Pvt. Ltd.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -X**

**HYDROGEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Introduction and basic concepts

Scope of hydrogeology and its societal relevance

Hydrologic cycle: precipitation, evapo-transpiration, run-off, infiltration and subsurface movement of water.

Rock properties affecting groundwater, Vertical distribution of subsurface water

Types of aquifer, aquifer parameters, anisotropy and heterogeneity of aquifers

Unit 2: Groundwater flow

Darcy's law and its validity

Intrinsic permeability and hydraulic conductivity

Groundwater flow rates and flow direction

Laminar and turbulent groundwater flow

Unit 3: Well hydraulics and Groundwater exploration

Basic Concepts (drawdown; specific capacity etc)

Elementary concepts related to equilibrium and non-equilibrium conditions for water flow to a well in confined and unconfined aquifers.

Surface-based groundwater exploration methods

Introduction to subsurface borehole logging methods

Unit 4: Groundwater chemistry



Physical and chemical properties of water and water quality  
Introduction to methods of interpreting groundwater quality data using standard graphical plots  
Sea water intrusion in coastal aquifers

Unit 5: Groundwater management

Surface and subsurface water interaction

Groundwater level fluctuations

Basic concepts of water balance studies, issues related to groundwater resources development and management

Rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge of groundwater

**PRACTICALS:**

Preparation and interpretation of water level contour maps and depth to water level maps

Study, preparation and analysis of hydrographs for differing groundwater conditions

Water potential zones of India (map study).

Graphical representation of chemical quality data and water classification (C-S and Trilinear diagrams)

Simple numerical problems related to: determination of permeability in field and laboratory, Groundwater flow, Well hydraulics etc.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Todd, D. K. 2006. Groundwater hydrology, 2nd Ed., John Wiley & Sons, N.Y.
2. Davis, S. N. and De Weist, R.J.M. 1966. Hydrogeology, John Wiley & Sons Inc., N.Y.
3. Karanth K.R., 1987, Groundwater: Assessment, Development and management, Tata McGraw-Hill Pub. Co. Ltd.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -XI**

**ECONOMIC GEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1 Ores and gangues

Ores, gangue minerals, tenor, grade and lodes

Resources and reserves- Economic and Academic definitions

Unit 2: Mineral deposits and Classical concepts of Ore formation

Mineral occurrence, Mineral deposit and Ore deposit

Historical concepts of ore genesis: Man's earliest vocation- Mining

Plutonist and Neptunist concepts of ore genesis

Unit 3: Mineral exploration

Exploration and exploitation techniques  
Remote Sensing, Geophysical and Geochemical Explorations  
Geological mapping at different scales, drilling, borehole logs and transverse sections

Unit 4: Structure and texture of ore deposits

Concordant and discordant ore bodies

Endogenous processes: Magmatic concentration, skarns, greisens, and hydrothermal deposits  
Exogenous processes: weathering products and residual deposits, oxidation and supergene enrichment, placer deposits,

Unit 5: Ore grade and Reserve, assessment of grade, reserve estimation

Unit 6: Metallic and Nonmetallic ores

Metallogenic provinces and epochs

Important deposits of India including atomic minerals

Non-metallic and industrial rocks and minerals, in India.

Introduction to gemstones.

#### **PRACTICALS:**

Megascope identification

Study of microscopic properties of ore forming minerals (Oxides and sulphides).

**Preparation of maps:** Distribution of important ores and other economic minerals in India.

#### **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Guilbert, J.M. and Park Jr., C.F. (1986) The Geology of Ore deposits. Freeman & Co.
2. Bateman, A.M. and Jensen, M.L. (1990) Economic Mineral Deposits. John Wiley.
3. Evans, A.M. (1993) Ore Geology and Industrial minerals. Wiley
4. Laurence Robb. (2005) Introduction to ore forming processes. Wiley.
5. Gokhale, K.V.G.K. and Rao, T.C. (1978) Ore deposits of India their distribution and processing, Tata-McGraw Hill, New Delhi.
6. Deb, S. (1980) Industrial minerals and rocks of India. Allied Publishers.
7. Sarkar, S.C. and Gupta, A. (2014) Crustal Evolution and Metallogeny in India. Cambridge Publications.

### **CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -XII**  
**GEOMORPHOLOGY**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Introduction to Geomorphology,  
Endogenic and Exogenic processes

Unit 2: Geoid, Topography, Hypsometry, Global Hypsometry, Major Morphological features Large Scale Topography - Ocean basins, Plate tectonics overview, Large scale mountain ranges (with emphasis on Himalaya).

Unit 3: Surficial Processes and geomorphology, Weathering and associated landforms, Hill slopes Glacial, Periglacial processes and landforms, Fluvial processes and landforms, Aeolian Processes and landforms, Coastal Processes and landforms, Landforms associated with igneous activities

Unit 4: Endogenic- Exogenic interactions, Rates of uplift and denudation, Tectonics and drainage development, Sea-level change, Long-term landscape development

Unit 5: Overview of Indian Geomorphology, Extraterrestrial landforms

**PRACTICALS:**

Reading topographic maps ,Concept of scale Preparation of a topographic profile , Preparation of longitudinal profile of a river; Preparing Hack Profile; Calculating Stream length gradient index, Morphometry of a drainage basin, Calculating different morphometric parameters , Preparation of geomorphic map , Interpretation of geomorphic processes from the geomorphology of the area

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Robert S. Anderson and Suzanne P. Anderson (2010): Geomorphology - The Mechanics and Chemistry of Landscapes. Cambridge University Press.
2. M.A. Summerfield (1991) Global Geomorphology. Wiley & Sons.

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -XIII**  
**ENGINEERING GEOLOGY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Geology vs. Engineering, Role of Engineering geologists in planning, design and construction of major man-made structural features

Unit 2: Site investigation and characterization

Unit 3: Foundation treatment; Grouting, Rock Bolting and other support mechanisms

Unit 4: Intact Rock and Rock Mass properties  
Rock aggregates; Significance as Construction Material

Unit 5: Concept, Mechanism and Significance of Rock Quality Designation (RQD)  
Concept, Mechanism and Significance of:  
a. Rock Structure Rating (RSR)  
b. Rock Mass Rating (RMR)  
c. Tunneling Quality Index (Q)  
Geological, Geotechnical and Environmental considerations for Dams and Reservoirs

Unit 6: Tunnels and Tunneling Methods

Unit 7: Landslides; Causes, Factors and corrective/Preventive measures

Unit 8: Earthquakes; Causes, Factors and corrective/Preventive measures

Unit 9: Case histories related to Indian Civil Engineering Projects

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Computation of reservoir area, catchment area, reservoir capacity and reservoir life.
2. Merits, demerits & remedial measures based upon geological cross sections of project sites.
3. Computation of Index properties of rocks.
4. Computation of RQD, RSR, RMR and 'Q'

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Krynin, D.P. and Judd W.R. 1957. Principles of Engineering Geology and Geotechnique, McGraw Hill (CBS Publ).
2. Johnson, R.B. and De Graf, J.V. 1988. Principles of Engineering Geology, John Wiley.
3. Goodman, R.E., 1993. Engineering Geology: Rock in Engineering constructions. John Wiley & Sons, N.Y.
4. Waltham, T., 2009. Foundations of Engineering Geology (3rd Edn.) Taylor & Francis.
5. Bell: F.G-, 2006. Basic Environmental and Engineering Geology Whittles Publishing.
6. Bell, .F.G, 2007. *Engineering Geology*, Butterworth-Heineman

**CORE COURSE: GEOLOGY**

**Paper -XIV**  
**REMOTE SENSING AND GIS**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Photogeology

Types and acquisition of aerial photographs; Scale and resolution; Principles of stereoscopy, relief displacement, vertical exaggeration and distortion

Elements of air photo interpretation

Identification of sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks and various aeolian, glacial, fluvial and marine landforms

Unit 2: Remote Sensing, Concepts in Remote Sensing

Sensors and scanners

Satellites and their characteristics

Data formats- Raster and Vector

Unit 3: Digital Image Processing, Image Errors, Rectification and Restoration, FCC, Image Enhancement, Filtering, Image Rationing, Image classification and accuracy assessment.

GIS integration and Case studies-Indian Examples

Unit 4: GIS, Datum, Coordinate systems and Projection systems

Spatial data models and data editing

Introduction to DEM analysis

Unit 5: GPS, Concepts of GPS

Integrating GPS data with GIS

Applications in earth system sciences

**PRACTICALS:**

Aerial Photo interpretation, identification of sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks and various aeolian, glacial, fluvial and marine landforms

Introduction to DIP and GIS softwares. Digital Image Processing exercises including analysis of satellite data in different bands and interpretation of various objects on the basis of their spectral

signatures Creating a FCC from raw data, Registration of satellite data with a toposheet of the area

Enhancing the satellite images; Generating NDVI images and other image ratio and its interpretation

Classification of images. DEM analysis: generating slope map, aspect map and drainage network map and its applications

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Demers, M.N., 1997. *Fundamentals of Geographic Information System*, John Wiley & sons. Inc.
2. Hoffmann-Wellenhof, B., Lichtenegger, H. and Collins, J., 2001. *GPS: Theory & Practice*, Springer Wien New York.
3. Jensen, J.R., 1996. *Introductory Digital Image Processing: A Remote Sensing Perspective*, Springer-Verlag.
4. Lillesand, T. M. & Kiefer, R.W., 2007. *Remote Sensing and Image Interpretation*, Wiley.
5. Richards, J.A. and Jia, X., 1999. *Remote Sensing Digital Image Analysis*, Springer-Verlag.

## **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

### **Paper - I**

#### **EXPLORATION GEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

#### **THEORY**

#### **LECTURES:**

##### Unit 1: Mineral Resources

Resource reserve definitions, Mineral resources in industries – historical perspective and present, A brief overview of classification of mineral deposits with respect to processes of formation in relation to exploration strategies.

##### Unit 2: Prospecting and Exploration,

Principles of mineral exploration, Prospecting and exploration- conceptualization, methodology and stages, Sampling, subsurface sampling including pitting, trenching and drilling, Geochemical exploration.

##### Unit 3: Evaluation of data

Evaluation of sampling data

Mean, mode, median, standard deviation and variance

##### Unit 4: Drilling and Logging

Core and non-core drilling

Planning of bore holes and location of boreholes on ground

Core-logging

##### Unit 5: Reserve estimations and Errors

Principles of reserve estimation, density and bulk density

Factors affecting reliability of reserve estimation

Reserve estimation based on geometrical models (square, rectangular, triangular and polygon blocks)

Regular and irregular grid patterns, statistics and error estimation

#### **PRACTICALS:**

1. Identification of anomaly

2. Concept of weighted average in anomaly detection

3. Geological cross-section

4. Models of reserve estimation

#### **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Clark, G.B. 1967. Elements of Mining. 3rd Ed. John Wiley & Sons.
2. Arogyaswami, R.P.N. 1996 Courses in Mining Geology. 4th Ed. Oxford-IBH.
3. Moon, C.J., Whateley, M.K.G., Evans, A.M., 2006, Introduction to Mineral Exploration, Blackwell Publishing.

## **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

### **Paper -II**

#### **EARTH AND CLIMATE**

**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**

#### **THEORY**

#### **LECTURES:**

##### Unit 1: Climate system: Forcing and Responses

Components of the climate system

Climate forcing, Climate controlling factors

Climate system response, response rates and interactions within the climate system

Feedbacks in climate system

##### Unit 2: Heat budget of Earth

Incoming solar radiation, receipt and storage of heat

Heat transformation

Earth's heat budget. Interactions amongst various sources of earth's heat

##### Unit 3: Atmosphere - Hydrosphere

Layering of atmosphere and atmospheric Circulation

Atmosphere and ocean interaction and its effect on climate

Heat transfer in ocean

Global oceanic conveyor belt and its control on earth's climate

Surface and deep circulation

Sea ice and glacial ice

##### Unit 4: Response of biosphere to Earth's climate

Climate Change: natural vs. anthropogenic effects

Humans and climate change

Future perspectives

Brief introduction to archives of climate change

Archive based climate change data from the Indian continent

##### Unit 5: Orbital cyclicality and climate

Milankovitch cycles and variability in the climate

Glacial-interglacial stages

The Last Glacial maximum (LGM)

Pleistocene Glacial-Interglacial cycles  
Younger Dryas  
Marine isotope stages

Unit 6: Monsoon  
Mechanism of monsoon  
Monsoonal variation through time  
Factors associated with monsoonal intensity  
Effects of monsoon

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of distribution of major climatic regimes of India on map
2. Distribution of major wind patterns on World map
3. Preparation of paleogeographic maps (distribution of land and sea) of India during specific geological time intervals
4. Numerical exercises on interpretation of proxy records for paleoclimate

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Rudiman, W.F., 2001. Earth's climate: past and future. Edition 2, Freeman Publisher.
2. Rohli, R.V., and Vega, A.J., 2007. Climatology. Jones and Barlett
3. Lutgens, F., Tarbuck, E., and Tasa, D., 2009. The Atmosphere: An Introduction to Meteorology. Pearson Publisher
4. Aguado, E., and Burt, J., 2009. Understanding weather

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

**Paper -III**

**FUEL GEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Coal  
Definition and origin of Coal  
Basic classification of coal  
Fundamentals of Coal Petrology - Introduction to lithotypes, microlithotypes and macerals in coal  
Proximate and Ultimate analysis

Unit 2: Coal as a fuel  
Coal Bed Methane (CBM): global and Indian scenario  
Underground coal gasification  
Coal liquefaction

Unit 3: Petroleum



Chemical composition and physical properties of crudes in nature  
Origin of petroleum  
Maturation of kerogen; Biogenic and Thermal effect

Unit 4: Petroleum Reservoirs and Traps

Reservoir rocks: general attributes and petrophysical properties.  
Classification of reservoir rocks - clastic and chemical.  
Hydrocarbon traps: definition, anticlinal theory and trap theory  
Classification of hydrocarbon traps - structural, stratigraphic and combination  
Time of trap formation and time of hydrocarbon accumulation.  
Cap rocks - definition and general properties.  
Plate tectonics and global distribution of hydrocarbon reserves

Unit 5: Other fuels

Gas Hydrate  
Nuclear Fuel

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of hand specimens of coal
2. Reserve estimation of coal
3. Section correlation and identification of hydrocarbon prospect
4. Panel and Fence diagrams

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Chandra D. (2007). Chandra's Textbook on applied coal petrology. Jijnasa Publishing House.
2. Shelly R. C. (2014). Elements of Petroleum geology: Third Edition, Academic Press
3. Bjorlykke, K. (1989). Sedimentology and petroleum geology. Springer-Verlag.
4. Bastia, R., & Radhakrishna, M. (2012). Basin evolution and petroleum prospectivity of the continental margins of India (Vol. 59). Newnes.

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

**Paper -IV**

**RIVER SCIENCE**

**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Stream hydrology

Basic stream hydrology  
Physical properties of water, sediment and channel flow  
River discharge, River hydrographs (UH, IUH, SUH, GIUH) and its application in hydrological analysis  
Flood frequency analysis

Unit 2: River basin

Sediment source and catchment erosion processes  
Sediment load and sediment yield  
Sediment transport processes in rivers  
Erosion and sedimentation processes in channel.

Unit 3: Drainage

Drainage network  
Quantitative analysis of network organization - morphometry  
Random Topology (RT) model and fractal analysis  
Role of drainage network in flux transfer  
Evolution of drainage network in geological time scale.

Unit 4: Rivers in time and space

River diversity in space, Patterns of alluvial rivers - braided, meandering and anabranching channels,  
Dynamics of alluvial rivers  
Channel patterns in stratigraphic sequences  
Different classification approaches in fluvial geomorphology and its applications.

Unit 5: Channels and Landscapes

Bedrock channels, Bedrock incision process  
River response to climate, tectonics and human disturbance  
Bedrock channel processes and evolution of fluvial landscapes.

Unit 6: Fluvial hazards

Integrated approach to stream management  
Introduction to river ecology.

**PRACTICALS:**

Stream power calculation  
Longitudinal profile analysis  
Hydrograph analysis and other related problems

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Davies, T. (2008) Fundamentals of hydrology. Routledge Publications.
2. Knighton, D. (1998) Fluvial forms and processes: A new perspective. Arnold Pubs.
3. Richards. K. (2004) Rivers: Forms and processes in alluvial channels. Balckburn Press.
4. Bryirely and Fryirs (2005) Geomorphology and river management. Blackwell Pub.,
5. Julien, P.Y. (2002) River Mechanics. Cambridge University Press.
6. Robert, A. (2003) River Processes: An introduction to fluvial dynamics. Arnold Publications.
7. Vanoni, V.A. (2006) Sedimentation Engineering. ASCE Manual, Published y American Society of Civil Engineering,
8. Tinkler, K.J., Wohl, E.E. (eds.) 1998. Rivers over rock. American Geophyscial Union Monogrpah, Washington, DC.

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

**Paper -V**  
**EVOLUTION OF LIFE THROUGH TIME**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Life through ages

Fossils and chemical remains of ancient life.  
Geological Time Scale with emphasis on major bio-events.  
Fossilization processes and modes of fossil preservation.  
Exceptional preservation sites- age and fauna

Unit 2: Geobiology

Biosphere as a system, processes and products  
Biogeochemical cycles  
Abundance and diversity of microbes, extremophiles  
Microbes-mineral interactions, microbial mats

Unit 3: Origin of life,

Possible life sustaining sites in the solar system, life sustaining elements and isotope records  
Archean life: Earth's oldest life, Transition from Archean to Proterozoic, the oxygen revolution and radiation of life  
Precambrian macrofossils – The garden of Ediacara  
The Snow Ball Earth Hypothesis

Unit 4: Paleozoic Life

The Cambrian Explosion.  
Biomineralization and skeletalization  
Origin of vertebrates and radiation of fishes  
Origin of tetrapods - Life out of water  
Early land plants and impact of land vegetation

Unit 5: Mesozoic Life

Life after the largest (P/T) mass extinction, life in the Jurassic seas  
Origin of mammals  
Rise and fall of dinosaurs  
Origin of birds; and spread of flowering plants

Unit 6: Cenozoic Life

Aftermath of end Cretaceous mass extinction – radiation of placental mammals  
Evolution of modern grasslands and co-evolution of hoofed grazers  
Rise of modern plants and vegetation  
Back to water – Evolution of Whales

Unit 7: The age of humans

Hominid dispersals and climate setting  
Climate Change during the Phanerozoic - continental break-ups and collisions  
Plate tectonics and its effects on climate and life

Effects of life on climate and geology

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of modes of fossil preservation
2. Study of fossils from different stratigraphic levels
3. Exercises related to major evolutionary trends in important groups of animals and plants

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Stanley, S.M., 2008 Earth System History
2. Jonathan I. Lumine W.H. Freeman Earth-Evolution of a Habitable World, Cambridge University Press.
3. Canfield, D.E. & Konhauser, K.O., 2012 Fundamentals of Geobiology Blackwell
4. Cowen, R., 2000 History of Life, Blackwell

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

**Paper -VI**

**URBAN GEOLOGY**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Geology and Society

Necessity of Geology in Urban life.

Geology in Urban Constructions

Geotechnical feature and mapping for subsurface in Metropolitan areas

Building materials, Excavation and cutting in urban areas.

Unit 2: Geology and Urban Agriculture

Soil studies, Chemistry and geochemistry of soil in relation to ground water and fertilizer

Effect of pollutants on vegetable contamination

Unit 3: Urban land use

Geotechnical site characterization, Geotechnical and land use mapping, Decision making in urban land use, Geological problems in construction of underground structures in urban areas

Urban Tunneling: Tunneling for road and rail in urban areas, Method, Equipments, Importance of Geology

Unit 4: Urban water

Water lagging in built-up areas, Source of water, Standards for various uses of water

Sources of contamination

Waste waters: Sources and its disinfection and treatment, Ground water surveys and resource development.

Unit 5: Urban wastes and Treatment, Geotechnical characterization for waste sites, Domestic waste, Industrial waste, Mine drainage, Power production waste, Radioactive waste, Need for special purpose mapping for selection of waste disposal sites.

Unit 6: GIS in Urban Geology

GIS-An introduction, Application in Urban development, Application in landuse, Application in GW Exploration.

Unit 7: Precaution from seismic hazard in Urban planning  
Seismic Hazards: Micro-zonations of hazard based on engineering geological features, Urban-subservice network.

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Map Reading
2. Ground water flow direction estimation
3. Case studies of Urban flood; Flood hydrographs
4. Case studies of urban planning

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Huggenberger, P. and Eptin, J. 2011 Urban Geology: Process-Oriented Concepts for Adaptive and Integrated Resource Management. Springer
2. Lollino, G. et al. (Ed.), Engineering Geology for Society and Territory. Springer

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE**

**Paper -VII**

**INTRODUCTION TO GEOPHYSICS**

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

**Unit 1: Geology and Geophysics**

Interrelationship between geology and geophysics, Role of geological and geophysical data in explaining geodynamical features of the earth.

**Unit 2: General and Exploration geophysics**

Different types of geophysical methods - gravity, magnetic, electrical and seismic; their principles and applications

Concepts and Usage of corrections in geophysical data

**Unit 3: Geophysical field operations**

Different types of surveys, grid and route surveys, profiling and sounding techniques

Scales of survey, Presentation of geophysical data

**Unit 4: Application of Geophysical methods**

Regional geophysics, oil and gas geophysics, ore geophysics, groundwater geophysics, engineering geophysics

**Unit 5: Geophysical anomalies**

Correction to measured quantities, geophysical, anomaly, regional and residual (local) anomalies, factors controlling anomaly, and depth of exploration

Unit 6: Integrated geophysical methods  
Ambiguities in geophysical interpretation, planning and execution of geophysical surveys

**PRACTICALS:**

Anomaly and background- Graphical method  
Study and interpretation of seismic reflector geometry  
Problems on gravity anomaly

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Outlines of Geophysical Prospecting - A manual for geologists by Ramachandra Rao, M.B., Prasaraanga, University of Mysore, Mysore, 1975.
2. Exploration Geophysics - An Outline by Bhimasarikaram V.L.S., Association of Exploration Geophysicists, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 1990.
3. Dobrin, M.B. (1984) An introduction to Geophysical Prospecting. McGraw-Hill, New Delhi.
4. Telford, W. M., Geldart, L. P., & Sheriff, R. E. (1990). *Applied geophysics* (Vol. 1). Cambridge university press.
5. Lowrie, W. (2007). Fundamentals of geophysics. Cambridge University Press.

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**

**FIELD GEOLOGY -I**

(Basic field training)

(CREDITS: 2)

Unit 1: Orientation of Topographic sheet in field, marking location in toposheet, Bearing (Front and back). Concepts of map reading, Distance, height and pace approximation

Unit 2: Identification of rock types in field; structures and texture of rocks, Use of hand lense

Unit 3: Basic field measurement techniques: Bedding dip and strike, Litholog measurement

Unit 4: Reading contours and topography

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**

**FIELD GEOLOGY -II**

(Geological Mapping)

(CREDITS: 2)

Unit 1: Geological mapping, stratigraphic correlation

Unit 2: Primary (scalars and vectors) and secondary structures (linear and planar)

Unit 3: Trend, plunge, Rake/Pitch

Unit 4: Stereoplots of linear and planar structures, Orientation analyses

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**

**FIELD GEOLOGY -III**  
(Economic Geology field)  
(CREDITS: 2)

Module I

Unit 1: Visit to any mineral deposit

Unit 2: Mode occurrence of ore, Ore mineralogy

Unit 3: Ore-Host rock interrelation

Unit 4: Ore formation process

Unit 5: Basic techniques of surveying, concept of outcrop mapping

Module 2

Unit 1: Visit to underground or open cast mine

Unit 2: Practical experience of mining methods

Unit 3: Underground mapping/ Bench mapping

Unit 4: Isopach and Isochore maps

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**  
**FIELD GEOLOGY -IV**  
(Himalayan Geology field)  
(CREDITS: 2)

Identification and characterization of major structural boundaries in Himalaya viz. MBT, MFT etc.

or

Field along any suitable transect of Himalayan foreland

or

Field transect in Siwalik

or

Identification of Himalayan and pre-Himalayan elements

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE  
FIELD GEOLOGY -V**

(Precambrian Geology field)  
(CREDITS: 2)

Field transect in any Precambrian terrain

Study of craton ensemble including basic intrusive suites

Precambrian sedimentary basin

Basement-Cover relation in: a. fold belts, b. sedimentary successions

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE  
FIELD GEOLOGY - VI**

(Visit to Engineering Project sites)  
(CREDITS: 2)

Unit 1: Geological mapping of a project site (Dam sites, Tunnel alignments etc)

Unit 2: On site visit & to study various geotechnical aspects related to the project site.

Unit 3: Identification of geotechnical problems of a project site and remedial measures to be taken.

Unit 4: Identification of environmental problems of a project site and remedial measures to be taken.

Unit 5: Computation of rock mass Properties (RQD, RSR, RMR & Q) in the field.

Unit 6: Identification of potential suspected/probable sites of Natural Disaster and suggestions about corrective/preventive measures.

**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE  
FIELD GEOLOGY -VII**

(Stratigraphy and paleontology-related field)  
(CREDITS: 2)

Field training along Phanerozoic basin of India

Documentation of stratigraphic details in the field

Collection of sedimentological, stratigraphic and paleontological details and their representation

Facies concept and its spatio-temporal relation (Walther's Law) and concept of facies distribution at basinal-scale

Fossils sampling techniques and their descriptions



**SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE**  
**PROJECT WORK -VIII**  
(CREDITS: 2)

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -I**  
**ESSENTIALS OF GEOLOGY**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICAL-2)  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Introduction to geology, scope, sub-disciplines and relationship with other branches of sciences

Unit 2: Earth in the solar system, origin  
Earth's size, shape, mass, density, rotational and evolutionary parameters

Solar System- Introduction to Various planets - Terrestrial Planets  
Solar System- Introduction to Various planets - Jovian Planets  
Internal constitution of the earth - core, mantle and crust

Unit 3: Convections in the earth's core and production of magnetic field  
Composition of earth in comparison to other bodies in the solar system

Unit 4: Origin and composition of hydrosphere and atmosphere  
Origin of biosphere  
Origin of oceans, continents and mountains

Unit 5: Age of the earth; Radioactivity and its application in determining the age of the Earth, rocks, minerals and fossils

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of major geomorphic features and their relationships with outcrops through physiographic models.
2. Detailed study of topographic sheets and preparation of physiographic description of an area
3. Study of soil profile of any specific area
4. Study of distribution of major lithostratigraphic units on the map of India
5. Study of distribution of major dams on map of India and their impact on river systems
6. Study of major ocean currents of the World
7. Study of seismic profile of a specific area and its interpretation

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Holmes' Principles of Physical Geology. 1992. Chapman & Hall.
2. Emiliani, C, 1992. Planet Earth, Cosmology, Geology and the Evolution of Life and Environment. Cambridge University Press.
3. Gross,M.G., 1977. *Oceanography: A view of the Earth*, Prentice Hall.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -II**  
**ROCKS AND MINERALS**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICAL-2)

THEORY

LECTURES:

**Unit 1:** Minerals-Definitions, Physical properties of minerals  
Mineralogical structure of earth, planetary minerals and native elements

Unit 2: Mineral structures  
Mineralogy of the Earth's crust, mantle and core

Unit 3: Nature of light and principles of optical mineralogy  
Optical classification of minerals.  
An overview of environmental and radiation mineralogy, biomineralisation and gemology.

Unit 4: Rocks- Definitions and types, Basics of rock formation.  
Igneous rock- magma generation and differentiation  
Sedimentary rocks- surface processes and sedimentary environments  
Metamorphic rocks- chemical system and types of metamorphism  
Rock cycle-interactions between plate tectonics and climate systems

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of physical properties of minerals
2. Introduction to optical microscopy
3. Study of optical properties of minerals
4. Study of physical properties of rocks
5. Study of optical properties of rock under thin sections
6. Understanding crystal symmetry via wooden models
7. Stereographic projection of mineral faces
8. Mineral formula calculation
9. Crystal chemical calculation
10. Introduction to analytical techniques for rock and mineral study.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Earth Materials- Introduction to Mineralogy and Petrology, Cornelis Klein and Anthony Philpotts, Cambridge University Press, 2013.
2. Understanding Earth (Sixth Edition), John Grotzinger and Thomas H. Jordan, 2010, W.H. Freeman and company, New York.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -III**  
**PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF EARTH**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Earth: surface features  
Continents, continental margins, oceans

Unit 2: Earth's interior - variation of physical quantities and seismic wave velocity inside the earth, major sub divisions and discontinuities.

Concepts of Isostasy; Airy and Pratt Model  
Core: Seismological and other geophysical constraints  
The geodynamo - Convection in the mantle

Unit 3: Elements of earth's magnetism.  
Secular variation and westward drift  
Solar activity and magnetic disturbance

Unit 4: Elements: Origin of elements/nucleosynthesis.  
Abundance of the elements in the solar system / planet earth  
Geochemical classification of elements.  
Earth accretion and early differentiation  
Isotopes and their applications in understanding Earth processes.  
Stable isotopes: Stable isotope fractionation. Oxygen isotopes  
Sublithospheric Mantle (Mineralogy/phase transitions)

Unit 5: Environmental geochemistry  
Geological disposal of nuclear waste  
Lead in environment and effect of lead on human health

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Projection of major elements on binary and triangular diagrams for rock classification
2. Projection of major element data on Harker's diagram to characterize magmatic differentiation
3. Study of trace elements through a) Projection of chondrite/primitive normalized trace elements to characterize sources b) Projection of trace elements on tectonic discrimination diagrams
4. Understanding Earth structure through behavior of seismic wave propagation
5. Problems on isostasy

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Holmes, A., Principles of Physical Geology, 1992, Chapman and Hall
2. Condie, K.C. Plate Tectonics and Crustal Evolution, Pergamon Press, 1989.
3. Krauskopf, K. B., & Dennis, K. Bird, 1995, Introduction to Geochemistry. McGraw-Hill
4. Faure, G. Principles and Applications of Geochemistry, 2/e (1998), Prentice Hall, 600 pp.
5. Anderson, G. M. (1996). Thermodynamics of natural systems. John Wiley & Sons Inc.
6. Steiner, E. (2008). The chemistry maths book. Oxford University Press.
7. Yates, P. (2007) Chemical calculations. 2nd Ed. CRC Press.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -IV**  
**EARTH RESOURCES**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICAL-2)  
**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Earth Resources

Resource reserve definitions; mineral, energy and water resources in industries

Historical perspective and present

A brief overview of classification of mineral deposits with respect to processes of formation in relation to exploration strategies

Unit 2: Definition of Energy: Primary and Secondary Energy

Difference between Energy, Power and Electricity

Renewable and Non-Renewable Sources of Energy

The concept and significance of Renewability: Social, Economic, Political and Environmental Dimension of Energy

Unit 3: Major Types and Sources of Energy

Resources of Natural Oil and Gas

Coal and Nuclear Minerals

Potential of Hydroelectric Power, Solar Energy, Wind, Wave and Biomass Based power and Energy

Unit 4: Energy Sources and Power Generation: Nuclear, Hydroelectric, Solar, Wind and Wave- General Principles.

Ground water resources and its role in economic development of a country

Current Scenario and Future Prospects of Solar Power, Hydrogen Power and Fuel Cells.

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Plotting of major Indian oil fields on map of India
2. Problems related to hydroelectric power generation
3. Problems related to assessment of possible oil exploration site from geological maps
4. Problems related to energy demand projection of India and possible mitigation pathways
5. Problems related to biofuel

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Energy and the Environment by Fowler, J.M 1984. McGraw-Hill
2. Global Energy Perspectives by Nebojsa Nakicenovic 1998, Cambridge University Press.
3. Energy Resources and Systems: Fundamentals and Non-Renewable Resources by Tushar K. Ghosh and M. A. Prelas. 2009, Springer
4. Introduction to Wind Energy Systems: Hermann-Josef Wagner and Jyotirmay Mathur. 2009, Springer.
5. Renewable Energy Conversion, Transmission and Storage. Bent Sorensen, 2007, Springer.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -V**  
**NATURAL HAZARDS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL-1)  
THEORY  
LECTURES:

Unit 1: The Lithosphere and Related Hazards  
Atmospheric Hazards, Hydrosphere and Related Hazards

Unit 2: Concepts of disaster  
Types of disaster: natural and manmade - cyclone, flood, land slide, land subsidence, fire and earthquake, tsunami and volcanic eruption

Unit 3: Tectonics and Climate, Meteorite Impacts  
Issues and concern for various causes of disasters  
Disaster management, mitigation, and preparedness  
Techniques of monitoring and design against the disasters  
Management issues related to disaster

Unit 4: Disaster Management in India  
Risk, Vulnerability and Hazard  
Mitigation through capacity building  
Legislative responsibilities of disaster management; disaster mapping, assessment  
Pre-disaster risk & vulnerability reduction  
Post disaster recovery & rehabilitation  
Disaster related infrastructure development

Unit 4: Hazard Zonation Mapping  
Remote-sensing and GIS applications in real time disaster monitoring  
Prevention and rehabilitation

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**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Bell, F.G., 1999. Geological Hazards, Routledge, London.
2. Bryant, E., 1985. Natural Hazards, Cambridge University Press.
3. Smith, K., 1992. Environmental Hazards. Routledge, London.
4. Subramaniam, V., 2001. Textbook in Environmental Science, Narosa International

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -VI**  
**EARTH SURFACE PROCESSES**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICAL-2)**

**THEORY**  
**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Introduction to earth surface processes  
Historical development in concepts, terrestrial relief, scales in geomorphology,

Unit 2: Energy flow and relative energy of surface processes.  
Weathering and formation of soils, karst and speleology, slope and catchment erosion processes, fluvial, aeolian, glacial, peri-glacial and coastal processes and resultant landforms, , Water and sediment flux in river systems, Morphometric analysis of drainage basin and geomorphology-hydrology relationship.

Unit 3: Rates and changes in surface processes  
Techniques for measuring rates of processes: sediment budgeting, rock magnetism, isotope geochemical tracers, cosmogenic nuclides, OSL & C-14 dating

Unit 4: Controlling factors (tectonics, climate, sea level changes and anthropogenic) and surface processes  
Climate change and geomorphic response of fluvial systems of arid and humid regions  
Geomorphic response to tectonics, sea level/base level change, anthropogenic affects  
Introduction to Anthropocene

Unit 5: Geomorphic concepts in cause-effect relationship  
Spatial & temporal scales, geomorphic system, connectivity, buffering, magnitude-frequency concept, time lag, sensitivity, equilibrium, threshold, non-linearity & complexities  
Mega geomorphology and process interrelationship

Surface processes and natural hazards; Applied aspects of geomorphology; Introduction to planetary geomorphology.

**PRACTICALS:**

Mapping of different landforms and interpretation of surface processes  
Exercises on hill slope development, fluvial channel, sediment erosion and transport, sediment budgeting, aggradation and degradation events, drainage basin, drainage morphometry  
Basic exercises on computation of rate for different surface processes

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Alien, P.A., 1997. *Earth Surface Processes*, Blackwell publishing.
2. Bloom, A.L., 1998. *Geomorphology: A Systematic Analysis of Late Cenozoic Landforms*, Pearson Education.
3. Bridge, J.S. and Demicco, R.V., 2008. *Earth Surface Processes, Landforms and Sediment Deposits*, Cambridge University Press.
4. Esterbrook, D.J., 1992. *Surface Processes and Landforms*, MacMillan Publ.
5. Kale, V.S. and Gupta A 2001 *Intoduction to Geomorphology*, Orient Longman Ltd.
6. Leeder, M. and Perez-Arlucea M 2005 *Physical processes in earth and environmental sciences*, Blackwell' publishing.
7. Summerfield M A 1991 *Globe Geomorphology* Prentice Hall.
8. Wllcock, P.R., Iverson R M (2003) *Prediction in geomorphology* ' AGU Publication.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE -VII**  
**INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABILITY**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL - 1)**

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Introduction to Sustainability; basic concepts

Human Population – Past and Future trends

Unit 2: Ecosystems

Extinctions and Tragedy of Commons

Climate and Energy

Water Resources and Agriculture

Unit 3: National Resources Accounting

Environmental Economics and Policy

Measuring Sustainability

Systems interconnectivity among Primary Sustainability challenges

Sustainability Solutions: Some examples

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**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Rogers, P.P., K. F. Jalal, and J.A. Boyd. 2007. An Introduction to Sustainable Development. Earthscan Publishers, 416 pp.
2. Brown, L. 2009. Plan B 4.0. Norton Publishers, New York. (The entire book is available in pdf format: [http://www.earthpolicy.org/images/uploads/book\\_files/pb4book.pdf](http://www.earthpolicy.org/images/uploads/book_files/pb4book.pdf))

**GENERIC ELECTIVE- VIII**  
**FOSSILS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS-2)**

THEORY  
LECTURES:

Unit 1: Introduction to fossils

Definition of fossil, fossilization processes (taphonomy), taphonomic attributes and its implications, modes of fossil preservation, role of fossils in development of geological time scale and fossils sampling techniques.

Unit 2: Species concept

Definition of species, species problem in paleontology, speciation, methods of description and naming of fossils, code of systematic nomenclature

Unit 3: Introduction to various fossils groups

Brief introduction of important fossils groups: invertebrate, vertebrate, microfossils, spore, pollens and plant fossils. Important age-diagnostic fossiliferous horizons of India

Unit 4: Application of fossils

Principles and methods of paleoecology, application of fossils in the study of paleoecology, paleobiogeography and paleoclimate

Unit 5: Societal importance of fossils

Implication of larger benthic and micropaleontology in hydrocarbon exploration: identification of reservoirs and their correlation. Application of spore and pollens in correlation of coal seams, spore and pollens as indicator of thermal maturity of hydrocarbons reservoirs, fossils associated with mineral deposits, fossils as an indicator of pollution.

**PRACTICALS:**

1. Study of fossils showing various modes of fossilization
2. Distribution of age diagnostic fossils in India
3. Biostratigraphic correlation

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Schoch, R.M. 1989. Stratigraphy, Principles and Methods. VanNostrand Reinhold.
2. Clarkson, E.N.K. 1998. Invertebrate Paleontology and Evolution George Allen&Unwin
3. Prothero, D.R. 1998. Bringing fossils to life - An introduction to Paleobiology, McGraw Hill.
4. Benton, M.J. 2005. Vertebrate paleontology (3rd edition). Blackwell Scientific, Oxford.
5. Colbert's Evolution of the Vertebrates: A History of the Backboned Animals Through Time, EdwinH. Colbert, Michael Morales, Eli C. Minkoff, John Wiley & Sons, 1991.



**GENERIC ELECTIVE- IX**  
**MARTIAN GEOLOGY**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL - 1)  
THEORY  
LECTURES:

Unit 1: MARS – OUR POTENTIAL HOME?

History of the exploration of Mars; The Journey of Mangalyaan

Evolution of Mars

Unit 2: The characteristics of Mars and its interior

The Martian atmosphere and hydrosphere.

Unit 3: Surface provinces of Mars

Surface processes on Mars and its evidences from Earth-based analogs – Impact structures, Volcanic features on Mars, Layered deposits, Eolian dunes, Debris flow, Martian outflow channels, Glacial Origin of Fretted Terrains on Mars, Mountain building

Unit 4: Geochemical analogs and Martian meteorites

Martian History Epochs of change: what went "wrong" and why?

Unit 5: Life in Mars

Is there evidence for life on Mars?

Physical and chemical conditions supportive of permanent Mars occupation; Terraforming of Mars and its challenges

New Trends for Human Missions to Mars and Human colonization of Mars

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**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Sagan, C. (1973). Planetary Engineering on Mars, *Icarus*, 20, 513.
2. Fairen, A.G., Mars: Evolution, Geology and Exploration. Nova Publishers, ISBN: 978-1-62618-102-1
3. Chapman, M. (Ed.). (2007). *The geology of Mars: evidence from earth-based analogs* (Vol. 5). Cambridge University Press.
4. Ahrens, P. (2007). The Terraformation of Worlds. *Nexial Quest*, 22 p.
5. Gerstell, M. F.; Francisco, J. S.; Yung, Y. L.; Boxe, C.; Aaltonee, E. T. (2001). Keeping Mars warm with new super greenhouse gases. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 98 (5): 2154-2157. doi:10.1073/pnas.05151159.
6. Beech, M. (2009). The Terraforming of Mars. *Terraforming*, 125-173.

**GENERIC ELECTIVE- X**  
**SOILS: PRESENT AND PAST**  
**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS: 2)**

**THEORY**

**LECTURES:**

Unit 1: Soil forming processes: Chemical weathering, major buffer maintaining ocean/atm/biosphere O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>, new compounds/minerals of greater volume and lower density; Oxidation; Carbonation; Hydrolysis; Hydration; Base Exchange; Chelation; Microbial weathering

Unit 2: General soil forming regimes: Gleization; podzolization; lessivage; ferrallitization; calcification; salinization

Unit 3: Soil forming processes: Physical weathering, loosening and particle size reduction; pressure release; thermal expansion; growth of foreign crystal.

Unit 4: Modern soils and key pedofeatures: Soil structures; horizons; roots; Fe-Mn mottles and concretions; pedogenic carbonate

Unit 5: Introduction to paleopedology and paleosols; role of factors controlling paleosol formation- parent material, climate, vegetation, topography, time.

Units 6: Introduction to soil taxonomy and paleosol taxonomy

Unit 7: Micromorphology: Thin section analysis of paleosols

Unit 8: Geochemistry: molecular ratios; chemical weathering indices

Units 9: Stable isotope geochemistry: carbon<sup>13</sup> and oxygen<sup>18</sup> system for vegetation, temperature, pCO<sub>2</sub>

Unit 10: Diagenetic overprinting in fossil soils: compaction; oxidation of organic matter; cementation; illitization

Unit 11: Geological record of fossil soils- Precambrian paleosols- evolution of paleoatmospheric conditions

Unit 12: Geological record of fossil soils- Paleozoic paleosols- evolution of land animals and plants, coal, Permian-Triassic transition paleosols and extinction events

Unit 13: Geological record of fossil soils- Mesozoic-Cenozoic paleosols- fossil soils at K-T extinction event, Paleogene fossil soils at green house to ice house transition, evolution of Asian monsoon system.

Unit 14: Pleistocene-Holocene paleosols- human impact on landscape and soils, climate change, neotectonics.

Unit 15: paleosols and non-marine sequence stratigraphy based on paleopedology and sedimentology of fluvial successions.

## PRACTICALS:

- 1- Micromorphic detailing of the paleosols- structure, horizonation, color, rhizcretions, pedogenic carbonate etc.
- 2- Particle size analysis and clay mineral analysis of the paleosols
- 3- Micromorphological analysis- thin section preparation, description, and interpretation
- 4- Geochemical analysis- bulk geochemistry, molecular ratios and weathering indices
- 5- Field trip to examine modern and fossil soils- field characterization and sampling procedures

## SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Retallack, G.J. (2001) *Soils of the Past: An Introduction to Paleopedology* (2nd edition): Oxford, Blackwell Science, Ltd., 416 p.
2. Birkeland, P.W. (1999) *Soil and Geomorphology*. Oxford University Press (430 pp.).
3. Bullock, P., Fedoroff, N., Jongeroius, A., Stoops, G., Tursina, T. (1985) *Handbook of Soil Thin Section Description*. Waine Research Publication, Wolverhampton (152 pp.).
4. Sheldon, N.D., Tabor, N.J. (2009) Quantitative paleoenvironmental and paleoclimatic reconstruction using paleosols. *Earth-Science Reviews* 95, 1–52.
5. Stoops, G. (2003) Guidelines for analysis and distribution of soil and regolith thin sections. *Soil Sci. Soc. Am., Madison, Wisconsin*, 184 pp.
6. Soil Survey Staff, (2006) *Key to Soil Taxonomy*, 10th ed. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington D.C.(341 pp.)
7. Bhattacharyya T., Sarkar, D., Pal, D. K. (Eds.) **Soil Survey Manual**. NBSSLUP Publication No 146.

## GENERIC ELECTIVE- XI STUDIES ON CRYOSPHERE

(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS: 2)

### THEORY LECTURES:

#### Unit 1: Introduction to Cryosphere

Cryosphere, Distribution and its components, Terrestrial and Marine cryosphere, Role of cryosphere in the climate system, Remote sensing of cryosphere and its applications.

#### Unit 2: Terrestrial Cryosphere

Snow formation, Snowfall and Snow cover, Metamorphism of snow, Snow and Remote sensing, Snowmelt modeling, Glacier Characteristics, Types of Glaciers, Erosional and Depositional features of Glaciers, Glacier mass balance, Surging Glaciers, Glacier hydrology, Glacier and remote sensing, Avalanches and its Characteristics, Ice caps and Ice sheets, Greenland or Antarctic Ice sheets, Sea level changes and Ice sheet, Permafrost and its features, Lake and River ice. Terrestrial Cryosphere in the present, past and future.

#### Unit 3: Marine Cryosphere

Ice shelves, Ice bergs, Sea ice characteristics, Ice islands, Ice streams, Mass balance of Sea ice, Ice drift and ocean circulation. Marine Cryosphere in the present, past and future

## **PRACTICALS:**

### Remote sensing

1. Linear and non-linear regression algorithms to estimate SWE (snow water equivalent) from remote sensed data (mainly microwave data)
2. Estimation of precipitation from remote sensed data

### Snowmelt run-off modeling

1. Empirical (Snow cover to spring snowmelt relation)
2. One of the non-empirical model (Degree-day, modified degree-day or energy balance methods)

## **SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. The Global Cryosphere by Roger Berry and Thian Yew Gan  
Cambridge University Press
2. Web inputs from sites sources such as TRMM and SMMR (Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer) sites

**GENERIC ELECTIVE- XII**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICALS: 2)  
THEORY  
LECTURES:

### **Nuclear Waste Management**

Nuclear reactors and generation of nuclear waste, nuclear fuel cycle, basic concepts about nuclear waste management. Classification, composition and types of nuclear waste, their sources and characteristics. Introduction to immobilization and vitrification processes. Nuclear waste forms and containments. Immobilization of nuclear waste in synthetic (AVS,BBS,SON 68 and R7T7) glasses and natural glass/rocks (acidic:obsidian, rhyolite and basic: nephiliniite and basaltic). Glass/rock characterization and its long-term performance assessment. Geochemistry of glass/rock-water interaction-solution and neofomed mineral chemistry.

Glass/rock alteration studies by mathematical modeling using EQ3/6 and GWB. Nuclear waste confinement and safe disposal in deep geological repository.Application of clays as natural barrier.

## **PRACTICALS:**

1. Determination of physical properties such as hardness, durability, melting and pouring temperatures.
2. Chemical characterization of synthetic and natural glass.
3. Mathematical modeling and extrapolation of synthetic glass alterations.

4. Mathematical modelling and extrapolation of natural acidic (obsidian, rhyolite) and basic (nephilinite and basaltic) glasses.
5. Determination of rate of alteration and recognition of neo-formed minerals.
6. Calculation of retention coefficient for glass residue.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Saling, J. (2001). Radioactive waste management. CRC Press.
2. Ojovan, M. I., & Lee, W. E. (2013). An introduction to nuclear waste immobilisation. Newnes.
3. T.G. Wolery: reaction path modeling of aqueous geochemical systems.
4. Bethke, C. M. (2007). Geochemical and biogeochemical reaction modeling. Cambridge University Press.