

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

## INTRODUCTION:

ENVIRONMENT is derived from the word *Environner* which mean “encircle or surround” . Environmental Studies deals with every issue that affects an organism.

So, **ENVIRONMENT** refers to surroundings which vary from place to place and continent depending upon Physiography, Topography, Climate and the available Natural resources.

Since the beginning of the culture, the natural resources such as Soil, Land, Water etc are being over-exploited causing the environment gets polluted or degraded.

This has resulted in multi – dimensional environmental crisis like soil erosion, landslides and in turn have created soil pollution, air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution etc.

## IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENT:

- Environment is concerned with day – to – day interaction with the surroundings with which human being is closely associated.
- Environmental Science is related to many branches of Sciences
- Environment is concerned with the importance of wild life and its protection.
- Environmental Science explains the significant role of biodiversity in establishing ecological balance.
- Environmental Science gives information relating to Population growth, Population explosion and impact on Population growth ..
- Environmental Science also gives information about water conservation, watershed management and the importance of water.

Biodiversity: the existence of a large number of different kinds of animals and plants which make a balanced environment or the totality of all species and ecosystems in a region.