

B.Sc. PHYSICS
OPEN COURSES SYLLABUS

Semester 5 | Open Course I

PHY5D01(1): NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

54 hours (Credit – 3)

	Course Outcome	CL	KC	Class Sessions allotted
CO1	Understand the importance of non conventional energy sources	U	C	4
CO2	Understand basic aspects of solar energy	U	C	12
CO3	Understand basic principles of wind energy conversion	U	C	10
CO4	Understand the basic ideas of geothermal and biomass energy and recognize their merits and demerits	U	C	16
CO4	Understand the basic ideas of oceans and chemical energy resources and recognize their merits and demerits	U	C	12

Unit 1

4 Hours

Self Study: Basic ideas about the Non Conventional power projects in Kerala.

Energy Resources-Non Conventional Energy Sources-Renewable and Non-Renewable energy sources.

(Section 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 from Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Unit 2

Solar energy

12 Hours

Self Study: Basic ideas about the conversion of light energy to electrical energy

Solar Energy Terms and Definitions- Solar Constant, Solar radiation measurements, Solar energy collector, Physical principle of the conversion of solar radiation in to heat, solar air heaters and drying, solar cookers, solar distillation, solar furnaces, solar greenhouses, solar power plants, solar photovoltaic cells(no need of mathematical equations)

(Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2, 2.3, 3.1.2, 3.1.3-3.1.5, 3.2, 3.3.1-3.3.3, 3.4.1-3.4.10, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21.4, 4.21.8, 4.21.9, 4.21.10, 4.21.4 from Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Unit 3 Wind energy

10 Hours

Self Study: Preliminary ideas about formation of wind, sea breeze, land breeze

Introduction, Utilization aspects of wind energy, Advantages and Disadvantages of wind energy, Environmental impact of wind energy, Sources/Origins of wind, Principle of wind energy conversion and wind power, Basic components of wind energy conversion system(WECS), Advantages and Disadvantages of WECS, Wind-Electric Generating Power Plant, Wind Energy Economics, Problems in operating large wind power generators.

(Section 5.1-5.6, 5.8, 5.10, 5.11, 5.20, 5.25, 5.26 from Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Unit 4

16 Hours

Geothermal energy

Self Study: Basic ideas about geology of earth, geothermal fields.

Introduction to Geothermal energy, Important aspects of Geothermal Energy, Structure of Earth's interior, Geothermal system-Hot Spring structure, Geothermal Resources (Hydrothermal, Geopressured, Petro-thermal system, Magma Resources), Advantages and disadvantages of geothermal energy over other energy forms, application of geothermal energy.

(Section 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5, 7.8.1, 7.8.2, 7.8.3, 7.8.4, 7.9, 7.10 from Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Energy from biomass:

Introduction to biomass, Biomass resource, Biomass Conversion process (Densification, Combustion and incineration, Thermo Chemical conversion, Biochemical conversion), Biogas: Biogas Applications, Biogas Plants (Raw materials used, Main Components of a Biogas Plant)

(Section 6.1, 6.2, 6.5.1, 6.5.2, 6.5.3, 6.5.4, 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.7.1, 6.7.2, 6.7.3 from Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Unit 5. Energy from Oceans and Thermal and Chemical effects

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Ocean Energy, Ocean Energy Sources, Tidal energy, Components of a Tidal Power Plant, Economic aspects of tidal energy conversion, Wave energy, Advantages and disadvantages, Factors affecting Wave energy, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC), Working principle of OTEC, Efficiency of OTEC, Types of OTEC Plants (Closed system, Thermoelectric OTEC system), Advantages and Disadvantages and Applications of OTEC.

Thermo electric effects, Fuel Cells, Hydrogen energy, Nuclear Reactors, Advantages and Disadvantages of Nuclear power plants (Basic Principles/concepts only)

(Section 8.1, 8.2, 8.3.1, 8.3.8, 8.3.14, 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3, 8.5.1, 8.5.3, 8.5.4, 8.5.5.1, 8.5.5.5, 8.5.6, 9.2, 9.7.1, 9.7.2, 9.7.3, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 11.2.1, 11.5 from Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers, 1st Edition.)

Books of study:

1. Non- Conventional Energy Sources and Utilisation by R.K.Rajput, S.Chand Publishers

References

1. Non- Conventional Energy Resources by G. D. Rai, Khanna Publishers, 2008.
2. Solar Energy Fundamentals and application by H.P. Garg and J. Prakash, Tata McGraw- Hill Publishing company Ltd, 1997.
3. Solar Energy by S. P. Sukhatme, Tata McGraw- Hill Publishing company ltd,1997.
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