

## **VALUES & ETHICS IN PROFESSION**

**HU-301**

Contracts:3L

**Credits- 3**

Science, Technology and Engineering as knowledge and as Social and Professional Activities

### ***Effects of Technological Growth:***

Rapid Technological growth and depletion of resources, Reports of the Club of Rome. Limits of growth: sustainable development

Energy Crisis: Renewable Energy Resources

Environmental degradation and pollution. Eco-friendly Technologies. Environmental Regulations, Environmental Ethics

Appropriate Technology Movement of Schumacher; later developments

Technology and developing nations. Problems of Technology transfer, Technology assessment impact analysis.

Human Operator in Engineering projects and industries. Problems of man, machine, interaction, Impact of assembly line and automation. Human centered Technology.

### ***Ethics of Profession:***

Engineering profession: Ethical issues in Engineering practice, Conflicts between business demands and professional ideals. Social and ethical responsibilities of Technologists. Codes of professional ethics. Whistle blowing and beyond, Case studies.

### ***Profession and Human Values:***

Values Crisis in contemporary society

Nature of values: Value Spectrum of a good life

Psychological values: Integrated personality; mental health

Societal values: The modern search for a good society, justice, democracy, secularism, rule of law, values in Indian Constitution.

Aesthetic values: Perception and enjoyment of beauty, simplicity, clarity

Moral and ethical values: Nature of moral judgements; canons of ethics; ethics of virtue; ethics of duty; ethics of responsibility.

### ***Books:***

1. Stephen H Unger, Controlling Technology: Ethics and the Responsible Engineers, John Wiley & Sons, New York 1994 (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed)
2. Deborah Johnson, Ethical Issues in Engineering, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 1991.
3. A N Tripathi, Human values in the Engineering Profession, Monograph published by IIM, Calcutta 1996.