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PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND HUMAN VALUES

Learning Objectives:

- To give basic insights and inputs to the student to inculcate Human values to grow as a responsible human beings with proper personality.
- Professional Ethics in stills the student to maintain ethical conduct and discharge their professional duties.

UNIT I: Human Values:

Morals, Values and Ethics – Integrity –Trustworthiness - Work Ethics – Service Learning – Civic Virtue – Respect for others – Living Peacefully – Caring – Sharing – Honesty – Courage – Value Time – Co-operation – Commitment – Empathy – Self-confidence – Spirituality– Character.

UNIT: II: Principles for Harmony:

Truthfulness – Customs and Traditions -Value Education – Human Dignity – Human Rights – Fundamental Duties - Aspirations and Harmony (I, We & Nature) – Gender Bias - Emotional Intelligence – Salovey – Mayer Model – Emotional Competencies – Conscientiousness.

UNIT III: Engineering Ethics and Social Experimentation:

History of Ethics - Need of Engineering Ethics - Senses of Engineering Ethics- Profession and Professionalism —Self Interest - Moral Autonomy – Utilitarianism – Virtue Theory - Uses of Ethical Theories - Deontology- Types of Inquiry –Kohlberg’s Theory - Gilligan’s Argument – Heinz’s Dilemma - Comparison with Standard Experiments — Learning from the Past – Engineers as Managers – Consultants and Leaders – Balanced Outlook on Law - Role of Codes – Codes and Experimental Nature of Engineering.

UNIT IV: Engineers’ Responsibilities towards Safety and Risk:

Concept of Safety - Safety and Risk – Types of Risks – Voluntary v/s Involuntary Risk – Consequences - Risk Assessment – Accountability – Liability - Reversible Effects - Threshold Levels of Risk - Delayed v/s Immediate Risk - Safety and the Engineer – Designing for Safety – Risk-Benefit Analysis-Accidents.

UNIT V: Engineers’ Duties and Rights:

Concept of Duty - Professional Duties – Collegiality - Techniques for Achieving Collegiality – Senses of Loyalty - Consensus and Controversy - Professional and Individual Rights – Confidential and Proprietary Information - Conflict of Interest-Ethical egoism - Collective Bargaining – Confidentiality - Gifts and Bribes - Problem solving-Occupational Crimes-Industrial Espionage- Price Fixing-Whistle Blowing.

UNIT VI: Global Issues:

Globalization and MNCs –Cross Culture Issues - Business Ethics – Media Ethics - Environmental Ethics – Endangering Lives - Bio Ethics - Computer Ethics - War Ethics – Research Ethics -Intellectual Property Rights.

- Related Cases shall be dealt where ever necessary.

Outcome:

- It gives a comprehensive understanding of a variety of issues that are encountered by every professional in discharging professional duties.
- It provides the student the sensitivity and global outlook in the contemporary world to fulfill the professional obligations effectively.

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