Introduction to Earth System Science

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Role of topography and geology during interaction of Earth system processes; composition of Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere and Biosphere; Earth surface processes and its effect on earth systems, earth as a dynamic planet; Early atmosphere, evolution of atmosphere through time, evolution of hydrosphere and general circulation of ocean through time; Long and short term history of cryosphere; fossilization; Geochemical evidences documenting origin of life; extinction events, biosphere on land and ocean, Great oxygenation Event (GOE);Paleobiology; Microfossils; Indian climate present day and past; Global paleoclimatic record; Palaeo-monsoon record and the role of tectonics and green house forcing.

Practical: Project on spatial and temporal evolution of earth system

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