Syllabus for B.Tech – Energy Engineering

Course Number & Title: EN312 Solar Energy Laboratory

L-T-P-C: 0-0-3-3

Offered in (Odd/ Even / Any): Semester VI

Pre-Requisite: Nil

Preamble / Objectives (Optional): The objective of this lab is to understand the basic principles in the area of Solar Energy Technology for undergraduate students through a series of experiments.

Course Content/ Syllabus: Solar cells, series and parallel connections of solar cells, solar PV module, series, parallel, and series-parallel combinations of solar PV modules, single-axis and dual-axis solar tracking, buck and boost converters, bidirectional DC-DC converter, PWM type charge controllers, MPPT type charge controllers, grid-tied solar power generation and its application, solar thermal heater, solar distillation or solar still, solar water pumping, solar cooker, solar street lighting and lanterns. List of Experiments:

- 1) Study of solar radiation by using Pyranometer
- 2) Investigation of I-V characteristics of a solar cell
- 3) Investigation of I-V characteristics of a solar PV module
- 4) Single-axis and dual-axis solar tracking in time, manual, and auto modes.
- 5) Maximum power point tracking (MPPT) for photovoltaic (PV) Systems
- 6) Buck and boost converters under open and closed loop voltage control
- 7) Bidirectional DC-DC converter to manage the power flow between the power source and the rechargeable batteries
- 8) Performance analysis of PWM and MPPT type charge controllers
- 9) Grid-tied solar power generation and its application
- 10) Real-time data monitoring and logging system for a solar PV system (SCADA)
- 11) Solar parabolic trough collector-based water heating system
- 12) Solar distillation or solar still
- 13) Solar water pumping
- 14) The constructional details of a box type solar cooker
- 15) Solar liquid flat plate collector for water heating

Books (In case UG compulsory courses, please give it as "Text books" and "Reference books". Otherwise give it as "References".

Text Books: (Format: Authors, *Book Title in Italics font,* Volume/Series, Edition Number, Publisher, Year.)

- 1. D Goswami, *Principles of solar engineering*, CRC Press Taylor & Francis Group, Broken Sound Parkway NW, 3rd Edition, 2015.
- 2. C S Solanki, Solar Photovoltaics: Fundamentals, Technologies and Applications, Prentice Hall India, 2nd Edition, 2011.
- Reference Books: (Format: Authors, *Book Title in Italics font,* Volume/Series, Edition Number, Publisher, Year.)
- 1. A Walker, Solar Energy: Technologies and Project Delivery for Buildings, John Wiley & Sons, 2013.