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Course Objectives:

- To learn and understand the fundamental concepts of functional/smart nanomaterials.
- To understand the classification and important applications of functional materials
- To learn and understand the materials utilized for energy applications
- To learn and understand the principle and applications of nanosensors
- To understand the concept of self-assembling molecular layers and its applications

UNIT – I: INTRODUCTION TO FUNCTIONAL /SMART NANOMATERIALS **9 Hrs**

Introduction: Nanomaterials and their importance (in brief), Functional/ Smart Nanomaterials, – (Hydrogels, polymer brushes, Carbon nanotubes, Cellulose), Functionalization techniques, Properties of Smart materials (Sensing materials, Actuation materials, Control devices, Self-detection, self-diagnostics, Self-corrective, self-controlled, self-healing, Shock Absorbers, Damage arrest)-components of smart systems (Sensor :- Data Acquisition, Data Transmission; Command and control unit, Actuator:- Data Instructions, Action Devices)

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit, the student will be able to

- Understand the basic properties and fictionalization of smart nanomaterials L1
- Explain the need of functional/smart nanomaterials for advanced technology L2
- Identify engineering applications of sensors L3
- Analyze the sensing, control and detection mechanism in smart nanomaterials L4
- Illustrate the components of smart systems L2

UNIT – II: CLASSIFICATION AND APPLICATIONS **9 Hrs**

Classification of smart materials (piezoelectric, electrostrictive, Magnetostrictive, Thermoresponsive, Electrochromic and Smart gels), Shape Memory Alloys and their working principle, Quantum Tunneling Composites and their working principle, Applications of smart materials in Aircrafts, Medicine, Robotics, Smart fabrics, Sporting goods and smart glass, Merits and demerits of smart materials.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit, the student will be able to

- Classify smart materials based on electrical, magnetic and thermal characteristics L1
- Understand the basic concepts and working principle of memory alloys L2
- Identifies the Engineering applications of smart materials L2
- Apply the concepts to Aircrafts, Medicine and Robotic fields L3
- Explain the working principle of Quantum Tunneling Composites L2
- Identify the Merits and demerits of smart materials in engineering field L2

UNIT – III: NANOSENSORS

Introduction, Sensor definition, Working principle of nanosensors, Types of nanosensors (Physical nanosensors – Pressure, Force, Mass, Displacement, Optical nanosensors – Proximity, Ambient light, Chemical nanosensors- Chemical composition, Molecular concentration). Applications of nanosensors (Medicine, Aerospace, Communication, Structural Engineering).

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit, the student will be able to

- Explain the working principle and concept of nanosensors L1
- Classify the nanosensors based on their working principle and application L2

- Summarize various types of nanosensors L2
- Explain the applications of nanosensors in various fields L2
- Apply the concept of nanosensors in Medicine, Aerospace, Communication, Structural Engineering fields L3

UNIT – IV: SELF-ASSEMBLING MOLECULAR LAYERS

9Hrs

Introduction, principles of self-assembly, monolayers, Characteristics of Self assembled monolayers (SAMs), Molecular SAMs, Types of SAMs, Factors influencing Monolayer order, methods of preparation (Langmuir- Boldgett film : Mechanism, Experimental arrangement, Assembly, Advantages and disadvantages of LB films) patterning of SAMs (Locally attract, Locally remove, Modify tail group). Applications (Self-cleaning and moisture repellent).

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit, the student will be able to

- Explain the concept of self-assembling L1
- Understand the significance of molecular layers L2
- Explain the concept of Langmuir- Boldgett film preparation L2
- Explain the important factors influencing Monolayer order L2
- Classify the materials based on patterning of SAMs L2
- Apply the concept of Self-cleaning and moisture repellent L3

UNIT – V: NANOMATERIALS FOR ENERGY APPLICATIONS

Introduction, **Solar Cells** (Silicon Solar Cells, Thin film Solar Cells, Organic Solar Cells - Dye Sensitized Solar Cells, Polymer solar cells) Working Principle, Efficiency estimation and advantages, **Hydrogen Fuel Cells** – Working Principle, Structure, Assembly of fuel cell, **Water splitting** – H₂ Production, Photocatalytic process.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this unit, the student will be able to

- Explain the concept of solar cell L1
- Classify the solar cells based on manufacturing material L2
- Explain the construction and working principle of solar cell L2
- Interpret the efficiency and advantages in various solar cells L2
- Explain the construction and working principle of hydrogen cells L2
- Identify applications of water splitting for H₂ production L2
- Explain the photocatalytic process L2

Text Books:

1. YaserDahman, Nanotechnology and Functional Materials for Engineers-, Elsevier, 2012
2. E. Zschech,C. Whelan, T. Mikolajick, Materials for Information Technology: Devices, Interconnects and Packaging Springer-Verlag London Limited 2005.

Reference Books:

1. Gauenzi,P.,Smart Structures, Wiley, 2009.
2. MahmoodAliofkhazraei, Handbook of functional nanomaterials, Vol (1&2), Nova Publishers, 2014.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of this Course the student will be able to

- Identify the various functional/smart nanomaterials materials L1
- Classify the smart nanomaterials based their applications and properties L2
- Apply the various functional nanomaterials in various applications L3