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The fifth unit elaborates sources of pollution, solid waste management, and disaster management. Sixth unit discusses sustainable development, urban problems, climate & global warming, and legislative environmental Acts. Human welfare and environment form the next unit. Fieldwork relating to study of simple ecosystems forms the eighth and the last unit.

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