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* Hydrological Cycle :-

→ Hydrological cycle is also known as water cycle.

→ It is the continuous movement of water in the air, on the surface of land.

→ The hydrological cycle is involved in the total earth system. The total system can be classified into three important zone.

→ Atmosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere.

→ Atmosphere forms the gaseous envelope that is above the hydrosphere.

→ The environment that is below the hydrosphere till the solid rock forms the lithosphere.

* Components of Hydrological Cycle :-

1] precipitation.

2] Run off

3] Evaporation

4] condensation

5] Transpiration.

6] evaporation.

7] infiltration

8] Depression storage.

9] Interception

* Precipitation

→ it is the water flowing over the land making its way towards rivers, lakes, oceans etc as surface or subsurface flow.

* Evaporation

→ it is the conversion of natural liquids like water into gaseous form like air.

→ evaporation happens in the water bodies.

* Transpiration

→ it is the evaporation taking place from any plant or greenery. For example, a water droplet on a leaf getting evaporated into the atmosphere.

* Interception ~~Deposition~~ Storage

→ part of precipitation required to wet the surface of soil, buildings and all porous surface is called interception.

Depression Storage
It is the part of precipitation required to fill depression zone of land.

Process of hydrological cycle

The process of the hydrological cycle starts with oceans. Water in oceans get evaporation due to heat energy provided by solar radiation and form water vapors.

The water vapours move upwards to higher altitude forming clouds.

The portion of water that reaches the ground enters the earth's surface infiltrating various strata of soil.

This process ~~enhance~~ enhances the moisture content as well as the water table.

The water percolates into the soil, thus increasing the water table and also the formation of runoff waters ~~have~~ heading towards water bodies.

Thus the cyclic process continues.

* Water balance equation *

→ The water balance equation is written as

$$\text{Precipitation} - \text{Runoff} = \text{Evaporation}$$

that gives -

$$\text{Precipitation} = \text{Evaporation} + \text{Runoff}$$

$$P = E + R$$

* Diagrams of water cycle *

