

**Subject: PG Elective course for Environmental Science/biological science/chemistry/Agriculture**

**Course: Biomass characterization**

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**Module Title : 2. Advantages of biomass energy among alternative sources**

**Id : ABE/STWB/2**

**Pre-requisite:** Biomass production, biomass energy, Various forms of energy under utilization.

**Key words:** Biomass, alternative energy, renewable energy, solar, thermal, hydrogen, wind, water energy.

**Objective:** To study the advantages of biomass energy by comparing with other alternative energy sources.

**Outcome:** At the end of the module, learners come to know about the various alternative energies availability under usage and advantages of biomass as suitable renewable energy over other energy forms.

## **2.1 Introduction**

Alternative energy represents, energy from sources that do not involve combustion of fossil fuels. These alternative energy sources generate ecological footprints only to a lesser extent when compared to traditional energy. They are also called renewable energy sources because they can be replenished easily.