AUTOMATION IN MANUFACTURING
(DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVE – II)

Course objective:

1. To study the types and strategies and various components in Automated Systems.
2. To understand the automated flow lines, line balancing, material storage and retrieval and inspection.

UNIT-I

INTRODUCTION: Types and strategies of automation, pneumatic and hydraulic components, circuits, automation in machine tools, mechanical feeding and tool changing and machine tool control.

UNIT – II

AUTOMATED FLOW LINES: Methods of part transport, transfer mechanism, buffer storage, control function, design and fabrication considerations.

Analysis of automated flow lines - General terminology and analysis of transfer lines without and with buffer storage, partial automation, implementation of automated flow lines.

UNIT – III

ASSEMBLY SYSTEM AND LINE BALANCING: Assembly process and systems, assembly line, line balancing methods, ways of improving line balance, flexible assembly lines.

UNIT – IV

AUTOMATED MATERIAL HANDLING and STORAGE SYSTEMS: Types of equipment, functions, analysis and design of material handling systems, conveyor systems, automated guided vehicle systems. Automated storage and retrieval systems; work in process storage, interfacing handling and storage with manufacturing.

UNIT – V

ADAPTIVE CONTROL SYSTEMS: Introduction, adaptive control with optimization, adaptive control with constraints, application of adaptive control in machining operations. Consideration of various parameters such as cutting force, temperatures, vibration and acoustic emission in the adaptive controls systems.

UNIT – VI

AUTOMATED INSPECTION: Fundamentals, types of inspection methods and equipment, Coordinate Measuring Machines, Machine Vision.

TEXT BOOK:

1. Automation, Production Systems and Computer Integrated Manufacturing : M.P. Groover./ PE/PHI.

REFERENCES:

1. Computer Control of Manufacturing Systems by Yoram Coren.
2. CAD / CAM/ CIM by Radhakrishnan.
3. Automation by W. Buekinsham.

Course outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course student should be able to :

Solve the line balancing problems in the various flow line systems with and without use buffer storage.

Understand the different automated material handling, storage and retrieval systems and automated inspection systems.

Use of Adaptive Control principles and implement the same online inspection and control.