

**Syllabus**  
For  
**M.Sc. BOTANY**  
**(I, II, III & IV SEMESTER COURSE)**

**W.E.F. - Session 2025 - 2026**

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## M.Sc. Botany Examination Scheme (2025-26)

Semester	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credit	L	T	P	T-CCE	T-UE	P-CCE	P-UE	Marks
First	MBIOLBO101	Biology & Diversity of Viruses, Bacteria and fungi	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MBIOLBO102	Biology & Diversity of Algae, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MBIOLBO103	Biology & Diversity of Gymnosperms	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MPLANBO104	Plant Ecology	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MLABCBO105	Lab course I	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
	MLABCBO106	Lab course II	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>160</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>500</b>
Second	MPLANBO107	Plant Development & Reproduction	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MMORPBO108	Morphology & Taxonomy of Angiosperms	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MUTILBO109	Utilization & Conservation of Plant Resources	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MCELLBO110	Cell Biology of Plants	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MLABCBO111	Lab course III	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
	MLABCBO112	Lab course IV	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>160</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>500</b>
Third	MPLANBO201	Plant Physiology	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MPLANBO202	Plant Biochemistry & Metabolism	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MCYTOBO203	Cytogenetics & Genetics	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MMOLEBO204	Molecular Biology of Plants	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MLABCBO205	Lab course V	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
	MLABCBO206	Lab course VI	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>160</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>500</b>
Fourth	MPLANBO207	Plant Cell, Tissue & Organ Culture	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MBIOTBO208	Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering	4	4	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
	MLABCBO209	Lab course VII	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	30	50
	MDISSBO210	Dissertation	10	0	0		0	0	0	250	250
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>80</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>500</b>
		<b>Total marks of all semester</b>	<b>80</b>				<b>560</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>2000</b>

**L – Lecture T- Theory P- Practical CCE- Continuous comprehensive Exam UE- University Exam**

## M. Sc. Botany

### First Semester

#### **MBIOLBO101: Biology & Diversity of Viruses, Bacteria and Fungi**

UNIT I: Viruses: characteristics and ultrastructure of virions, isolation and purification of viruses; chemical nature, replication, transmission of viruses; economic importance.

UNIT II: Archaeobacteria and Eubacteria: General account; ultrastructure, nutrition and reproduction; biology and economic importance; cyanobacteria – salient features and biological importance.

UNIT III: Classification of bacteria, Actinomycetes, *Mycoplasma*, *Rickettsiae*, *Chlamydiae* and their significance.

UNIT IV: Mycology: classification and general characters of fungi; substrate relationship in fungi; cell ultrastructure; unicellular and multicellular organization; cell wall composition; nutrition (saprobic, biotrophic, symbiotic); reproduction (vegetative, asexual, sexual), heterothallic; parasexuality; recent trends in classification.

UNIT V: Phylogeny of Fungi: Phylogeny of fungi; general account of Mastigomycotina, Zygomycotina, Ascomycotina, Basidiomycotina, Deuteromycotina; fungi in industry, medicine and as food; fungal diseases in plants and humans; Mycorrhiza; fungi as biocontrol agents.

### **Suggested Readings**

Alexopoulos, C.J. Mims, C. W. and Blackwell, M; 1996: Introductory coO' Mycology, Jhon Wiley & Sons Inc.

Clifton, A; 1958: Introduction to Bacteria, Mcgraw- Hills Book Co. New Delhi.

Madigan, M T. Martinko, J. M and Parker Jack; 1997: Brock Biology Of Microorganisms, (8th edition) Prentice Hall, N.J. U.S.A

Mandahar, C. L.; 1978: Introduction to Plant Viruses. Chand & Co.Ltd. Delhi.

Mehrotra, RS. and Aneja, RS.; 1998: An Introduction to Mycology. New Age Intermediate Press.

Rangaswamy, G. and Mahadevan, A; 1999: Diseases of Crop Plants in India (4th edition). Prentice Hall of India Ltd. New Delhi.

Webster, J.; 1985: Introduction to Fungi Cambridge University Press. Dubey, R C. &

Maheshwari, D. K.; 2005: A Text Book of Microbiology, S. Chand Publisher, New Delhi

## **M. Sc. Botany**

### **First Semester**

#### **MBIOLBO102: Biology & Diversity of Algae, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes**

UNIT I: Algae in diversified habitats; thallus organization; cell ultrastructure; reproduction; criteria for classification of algae, pigments, reserve foods, flagella; classification.

UNIT II: Salient features of Protochlorophyta, charophyta, chlorophyta, xanthophyta, bacillariophyta, phaeophyta and rhodophyta; algal blooms; algal biofertilizers; algae as food, feed and industrial uses.

UNIT III: Morphology, structure, reproduction and life history of bryophyta; distribution, classification, general accounts of marchantiales, jungermanniales, anthocerotales, sphagnales, funariales and polytrichales; ecological and economic importance.

UNIT IV: Morphology, anatomy, reproduction and life history of pteridophyta; classification, evolution of stele, heterospory and origin of seed habits.

UNIT V: Introduction to psilopsida, sphenopsida and pteropsida.

#### **Suggested Readings**

Smith G. M.~ Cryptogamic Botany Vol I(2nd edition)~ TataMcGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd. Bombay -New Delhi.

Kumar H. D. 1988: Introductory Phycology. Affiliated East-West Press Ltd. New Delhi.

Paribar~ N.S. 1991: Bryophyta. Central Book Depot. Allahabad.

Brower~ 1926: Primitive Land Plants~ Cambridge At the University Press.

Kashyap~ 1972 Live Worts of Western Himalayas and Punjab. Researchco Publication. Smith, G. M.~ Cryptogamic Botany Vol n (2nd edition)~ TataMc Graw -Hill Publishing Company~ Bombay -New Delhi.

Puri P. 1980~ Bryophyta -Morphology, Growth & Differentiation. Atma Ram & Sons, Delhi.

Chopra & Kumar~ 1988: Biology of Bryophyta; Wiley Eastern Ltd.

Ram Udar; 1970: An Introduction to Bryophyta; Shashidhar Malviya Prakashan

Watson; 1968: Structure and life of Bryophyta; Hutchinson & Co. Ltd.

Campbell; 1939: The evolution of land plants; Stanford University.

Spome, K.R. 1991. The Morphology of Pteridophytes.

Parihar N.S. 1996 Biology and Morphology of Pteridophytes, Central Book Depot. Allahabad.

Smith G. M.; Cryptogamic Botany Vol. II; Tata Mc Graw -Hill Publishing Co. Bombay -New Delhi

Arnold C. A; An Introduction to Paleobotany; Tata Mc Graw -Hill Publishing Co. New Delhi.

Stewart, W. N. and Raven G. W. 1993. Paleobotany and the Evolution of Plants. Cambridge University Press.

Eames A J.; Morphology of Vascular Plants-Lower Groups. Tata Mc Graw -Hill Publishing Co. New Delhi

Rashid A. 1999; An introduction to Pteridophytes; Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd..

Parihar; 1965: Pteridophyta; Central Book Depot. Allahabad.

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#### **MBIOLBO103: Biology & Diversity of Gymnosperms**

UNIT I: Introduction: Gymnosperms, the vesseless and fruitless seed plants; evolution of gymnsperms; complexity of female gametophytes.

UNIT II: Classification of gymnosperms and their distribution in India. Economic importance of gymnosperms

UNITIII: Gerenal account of pteridospermales, cycadeoidales and cordaitales.

UNIT IV: Structure, reproduction and interrelationships of cycadales, ginkgoales and coniferales.

UNIT V: Structure, reproduction and interrelationships of ephedrales, welwitschiales and gnetales.

#### **Suggested Readings**

Bhatnagar, S.P. and Moitra, A; 1996: Gymnosperms. New Age International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

Singh H.; 1978: Embryology of Gymnosperms, Encyclopedia of Plant Anatomy X. Gebruder Bortraeger, Berlin.

Spome K R; 1991: The Morphology of Gymnosperms; Hutchinson Univ. Library; London. Foster A S. & Gifford E. M; Comparative morphology of vascular Plants; Vakils, Feffer, & Simons Private Ltd. Bombay. Chamberlain; Gymnosperms -Structure & Evolution; CBS Publishers & Distributors Delhi.

Shukla A C. & Mishra S. P.; Essentials of Paleobotany; Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd. Delhi-Bombay-:6angalore-Calcutta-Kanpur .

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#### MPLANBO104: Plant Ecology

- UNIT I: **Population Ecology:** Ecology & ecosystem: Definitions, Organization and components, Population & Environment; Population ecology, density & distribution, Natality, Mortality, Survivorship curves, Age structure & pyramids, Fecundity schedules, Life tables; Population growth – exponential and logistic curves; Intra specific competition and self regulation; r-and k-strategists.
- UNIT II: **Community organization:** Concepts of community and continuum; Analysis of community analytical and synthetic characters, Community coefficients and indices of diversity, interspecific association negative and positive associations; Concept of ecological niche; Concepts of biodiversity; evolution and differentiation of species – allopatric & sympatric speciation; ecads and ecotypes.
- UNIT III: **Ecosystem development and stability:** Temporal changes cyclic and non cyclic; Succession processes & types; Mechanism of succession facilitation, Tolerance and inhibition models; Concept of climax persistence resilience and resistance; Ecological perturbation natural and anthropogenic, Ecosystem restoration.
- UNIT IV: **Fate of energy in ecosystems:** Trophic organization and structure, Food chains & webs; energy flow pathways, Ecological efficiencies consumption, assimilation and production trophic; Primary production methods of measurement, Global patterns, Limiting factors.
- UNIT V: **Fate of matter in ecosystems:** Recycling pathways; Relationship between energy flow and recycling pathways; Nutrient exchange and cycling; Global biogeochemical cycles of C, N, P and S; Physical, chemical and Biological characteristics of soil.

### Suggested Readings

- Smith. R.L. 1996. Ecology and Field Biology. Harper Collins. New York. Muller-Dombois. D. and Ellenberg. H.1974. Aims and Methods of Vegetation Ecology, Wiley, New York
- Begon. M., Harper, J.L. and Townsend, C.R. 1996. Ecology. Blackwell Science. Cambridge.
- Ludwig. J. and Reynolds. J.F. 1988. Statistical Ecology. John Wiley & Sons.
- Odum. E.P. 1971. Fundamentals of Ecology. Saunders, Philadelphia.
- Odum, E.P. 1983. Basic Ecology. Saunders, Philadelphia.
- Barbour, M.G., Burk, J.H. and Pitts, W.O. 1987. Terrestrial Plant Ecology. Cummings Publication Company, California.
- Kormondy, E.J. 1996. Concepts of Ecology. Prentice-Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
- Chapman, J.L. and Reiss, M.J. 1988. Ecology: Principles and Applications. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K.
- Moldan, B. and Billharz, S. 1997. Sustainability Indicators. John Wiley & Sons, New York.

Treshow, M. 1985. Air Pollution and Plant Life. Wiley Interscience.  
Heywood, V.H. and Watson, R.T. 1995. Global Biodiversity Assessment. Cambridge University Press.  
Mason, C.F. 1991. Biology of Freshwater Pollution. Longman. '  
Hill, M.K. 1997. Understanding Environmental Pollution. Cambridge University Press. .  
Brady, N.C. 1990. The Nature and Properties of Soils. MacMillan.

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### Second Semester

#### **MPLANBO107: Plant Development & Reproduction**

UNIT I: Unique features of plant development; differences between animal and plant development. Organization of shoot apical meristem (SAM); control of tissue differentiation, especially xylem and phloem; secretory ducts and laticifers. Wood development in relation to environmental factors.

UNIT II: Leaf growth and differentiation. Organization of root apical meristem (RAM); cell fates and lineages; vascular tissue differentiation; lateral roots; root hairs. Root – microbe interaction.

UNIT III: Vegetative options and sexual reproduction; flower development; genetics of floral organ differentiation; homeotic mutants in *Arabidopsis* and *Antirrhinum*; sex determination. Structure of anthers, microsporogenesis, role of tapetum, pollen development and gene expression.

UNIT IV: Male sterility; pollen germination, pollen tube growth and guidance. Pollen storage, pollen allergy and pollen embryos. Ovule development, megasporogenesis; organization of embryo sac; structure of embryo sac cells.

UNIT V: Flora characteristics; pollination mechanisms and vectors; breeding systems; structure of pistil; pollen stigma interactions; sporophytic and gametophytic self-incompatibility. Double fertilization. Endosperm development during early, maturation and desiccation stages; embryogenesis; storage proteins of endosperms and embryo. Polyembryony, apomixis. Dynamics of fruit growth; biochemistry and molecular biology of fruit maturation.

#### Suggested Readings

Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P. 2000. The Embryology of Angiosperms (4th revised and enlarged edition). Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi.

Burgess, J. 1985. An introduction to Plant Cell Development. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Fageri, K. and Van der Pijl, L. 1979. The Principles of Pollination Ecology. Pergamon Press, Oxford.

Fahn, A. 1982. Plant Anatomy. (3rd edition). Pergamon Press, Oxford.

Fosket, D. E. 1994. Plant Growth and Development. A Molecular Approach. Academic Press, San Diego.

Howell, S. H. 1998. Molecular Genetics of Plant Development, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Leins, P., Tucker, S. C. and Endress, P. K. 1988. Aspects of Floral Development. J. Cramer, Germany.

Lyndon, R. F. 1990. Plant Development. The Cellular Basis. Unin Hyman. London.

Murphy, T. M. and Thompson, W. E. 1988 Molecular Plant Development. Prentice Hall, New Jersey.

Proctor, M. and Yeo, P. 1973. The Pollination of Flowers. William Collins Sons, London.  
Raghvan, V. 1997. Molecular Embryology of Flowering Plants. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Raghvan, V. 1999. Development Biology of Flowering Plants. Springer-verlag.  
Atwell, B. J., Kriedemann, P. E. and Turnbull, C. G. N. (eds) 1999. Plants in Action: Adaptation in Nature, Performance in Cultivation, MacMillan Education, Sydney, Australia.

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### **Second Semester**

#### **MMORPBO108: Morphology & Taxonomy of Angiosperms**

UNIT I: Morphology of stamens and carpels; carpel evolution. Morphology of inferior ovary; placentation types and their origin.

UNIT II: The species concept: taxonomic hierarchy; species, genus, family and other categories; principles used in assessing relationships, delimitation of taxa and attribution of rank. Salient features of International code of Botanical Nomenclature.

UNIT III: Taxonomic evidence: morphology, anatomy, palynology, embryology, cytology, phytochemistry, genome analysis and nucleic acid hybridization. Relevance of taxonomy to conservation.

UNIT IV: Taxonomic tools: herbarium, floras, histological, cytological, phytochemical, serological, biochemical and molecular techniques; Computers and GIS. Local plant diversity and its socio-economic importance.

UNIT V: Systems of angiosperm classification: phenetic versus phylogenetic systems; cladistics in taxonomy; relative merits and demerits of major systems of classification. Endemism, hot spots, hottest hot spots; plant explorations; invasions and introductions.

#### **Suggested Readings**

Heywood & Moore, D.M.; 1984: CWTent concept *in* Plant Taxonomy Academic Press.

Banson, L.B.; 1957: Plant Classification, Heath & Co. Boston.

Davis, P.R & Heywood, V.H 1973: Principles of Angiosperms and Taxonomy, Robert E. Kreiger Pub. Co. New York, USA

Eames, Al.; 1961: Morphology of Angiosperms, Mc-Graw Hill, New York.

Jeffery, C.; 1968: An Introduction to Plant Taxonomy J. & H. Churchill Limited.

Lawrence, G .H.M.; 1951: Taxonomy of Vascular Plants Macmillan, New York.

Naik V. N.; 1984: Taxonomy of Angiosperms. Tata Mc-Graw Hill Pub. Co. Ltd. New Delhi.

Porter, L.L.; 1959: Taxonomy of Flowering Plants. San Francisco. Radford~ AE. Dickinson,

W.C. Massey J.R and. Ben. C.R: 1974: VQ~llar Plant SYstematics, Harper & Row, New York

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### Second Semester

#### MUTILBO 109: Utilization & Conservation of Plant Resources

UNIT I: **Plant Biodiversity**: Major Biomes of the world, Tropical rain & Seasonal Forests, Temperate rain & Seasonal forests, Boreal forests, Grasslands, Deserts; Aquatic Ecosystems, wetlands, Lakes & Ponds Streams & Rivers, Marine & Estuarine habitats.

UNIT II: **Sustainable Development**: Resource utilization; Status & Utilization of Biodiversity; Sustainable development and utilization of resources from forest, Grassland and aquatic habitats; Food forage, Fodder, Timber & Non-wood forest products; Threats to quality & quantity of Resources due to overexploitation.

UNIT III: **Strategies for conservation of resources**: Classifications of resources; Principles of conservation; *In-situ* conservation, sanctuaries, National parks, Biosphere reserves for wildlife conservation; Habitat conservation practices of conservation for forests, ranges, soil and water; Ex-situ conservation, botanical gardens, field gene banks, seed banks, in vitro repositories, cryo-banks.

UNIT IV: **Pollution & Climate Change**: Air, Water and Soil pollution, Kinds, Sources, Quality parameters, Effects on structure & function of ecosystems; Management of pollution; Bioremediation; Climate changes sources, Trends & role of greenhouse gases, Effect of global warming on climate, Ecosystem processes & Biodiversity; Ozone layer & Ozone hole.

UNIT V: **Resource monitoring**: Remote sensing concepts & Tools, Satellite remote sensing basics sensors, Visual & digital interpretation, EMR bands and their applications; Indian remote sensing program; Thematic mapping of resources; Application of remote sensing in Ecology & Forestry.

### Suggested Readings

Moldan, B. and Billharz, S. 1997. Sustainability Indicators. John Wiley & Sons, New York.

Treshow, M. 1985. Air Pollution and Plant Life. Wiley Interscience.

Heywood, V.H. and Watson, R.T. 1995. Global Biodiversity Assessment. Cambridge University Press.

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Brady, N.C. 1990. The Nature and Properties of Soils. MacMillan.

Kothari, A 1997. Understanding Biodiversity: Life'Sustainability and Equity. Orient Longman.

Kohli, R., Arya, K.S., Singh, P.H. and Dhillon, H.S. 1994. Tree Directory of Chandigarh. Lovedale Educational, New Delhi.

Nair, M.N.B. et. al (Eds) 1998. Sustainable Management of Non-wood Forest Products. Faculty of Forestry, Universiti Putra Malaysia. 434004 PM Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia.

- Paroda, R.S. and Arora, R.K. 1991. Plant Genetic Resources Conservation and Management. IPGRI (Publication) South Asia Office, C/o NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi.
- Pimentel, D. and Hall, C.W. (eds) 1989. Food and Natural Resources. Academic Press, London-New York.
- Pinstrup-Anderson, P. et al. 1999. World Food Prospects: Critical Issues for the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century. International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., USA.
- Plant Wealth of India 1997. Special Issue of Proceedings Indian National Science Academy B-63.
- Pulcknett, D.L., Smith, N.J.H., William, J.T. and Murti Annishetty, N. 1987. Gene Banks and World's Food. Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, USA.
- Rodgers, N.A. and Panwar, H.S. 1988. Planning a Wildlife Protected Area Network in India. Vol. 1. The Report. Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- Sahni, K.C. 2000. The Book of Indian Trees, 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, Mumbai.
- Schery, R. W. 1972. Plants for Man. 2nd ed. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Prentice Hall.
- Sharma, O.P. 1996. Hill's Economic Botany (late Dr. A.F. Hills, adapted by O.P. Sharma) Tata McGraw Hill Co. Ltd., New Delhi.
- Swaminathan, M.S. and Kocchar, S.L. (Eds) 1989. Plants and Society. Macmillan, Publication Ltd., London.
- Thakur, R.S., Puri, H.S. and Husain, A. 1989. Major Medicinal Plant of India. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, CSIR, Lucknow.
- Thomas, P. 2000. Tress: Their National History. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Wagner, H., Hikino, Hand Farnswarth, N. 1989. Economic and Medicinal Plant Research. " Vols 1-3 Academic Press, London.
- Walter, K.S. and Gillett, H.J. 1998. 1997 IUCN Red List of Threatened Plants. IUCN, the World Conservation Union. IUCN, Gland, Switzerland, and Cambridge, U.K.

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### **Second Semester**

#### **MPRACBO 110: Cell Biology of Plants**

UNIT I: Structural organization of the plant cell; specialized plant cell types. Structure and functions of cell wall; biogenesis; growth. Cytoskeleton: organization and role of microtubules and microfilaments; motor movements.

UNIT II: Plasma membrane: structure, models and functions; sites for ATPases; ion carriers, channels and pumps; receptors. Structure of plasmodesmata, role in movement of molecules; comparison with gap junctions.

UNIT III: Chloroplast: structure, genome organization, gene expression, nucleo-chloroplastic interactions; mitochondria: structure, genome organization, biogenesis. Plant vacuoles: tonoplast membrane, ATPases, transporters, as storage organelle. Other cell organelles: golgi apparatus, lysosomes, endoplasmic reticulum.

UNIT IV: Nucleus: structure. Cell cycle: control mechanisms; role of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases; mechanisms of programmed cell death. Chromosome structure and packaging of DNA; euchromatin and heterochromatin; karyotype analysis and evolution; banding patterns; specialized types of chromosomes.

UNIT V: Origin, meiosis and breeding behaviour of duplication, deficiency, inversion and translocation heterozygotes; origin, occurrence, production and meiosis of haploids, aneuploids and euploids; Origin and production of autopolyploids. Allopolyploids; types, genome constitution and analysis.

### **Suggested Readings**

Lewin, B. 2000, Genes VII Oxford University Press, New York.

Alberts, B., Bray, D., Lewis, J., Raff, M., Roberts, K., and Watson, J.D. Molecular Biology of the Cell. Garland Publishing:Inc., New York.

Wolfe, S.L. 1993. Molecular and Cellular Biology, Wadsworth Publishing Co., California, USA

Rost, T. et al. 1998. Plant Biology, Wadsworth Publishing Co., California, U.S.A

Krishnamurthy K V. 2000 Methods in Cell Wall Cytochemistry, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida U.S.A

Buchanan, B.B. Groissem, W. and Jones, RL. 2000. Biochemistry And Molecular Biology of Plants. American Society of Plant Physiologists, Maryland, USA

De, D.N. 2000: Plant Cell Vacuoles: An Introduction. CSIRO Publication, Collingwood~ Australia.

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### **Third Semester**

#### **MPLANBO201: Plant Physiology**

- UNIT I: Principles of thermodynamics, free energy and chemical potential, redox reactions, structure and functions of ATP, Plant water relations, mechanisms of water transport through xylem, root-microbe interactions in facilitating nutrient uptake. Membrane transport proteins.
- UNIT II: Phloem transport; phloem loading and unloading, passive and active solute transport. Signal transduction; overview, receptors and proteins, phospholipids signaling, role of cyclic nucleotides, calcium-calmodulin cascade. Specific signaling mechanisms, for example, two-component sensor regulator system in bacteria and plants. Sucrose-sensing mechanism.
- UNIT III: Plant growth regulators and elicitors: Physiological effects and mechanism of action of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ethylene, abscisic acid, brassinosteroids, polyamines, jasmonic acid, and salicylic acid. Hormone receptors, signal transduction and gene expression.
- UNIT IV: Flowering process: photoperiodism and its significance, endogenous clock and its regulation. Floral induction and development. Phytochromes and cryptochromes, their photochemical and biochemical properties. Molecular mechanism of action of photomorphogenetic receptors, signaling and gene expression. Role of vernalization.
- UNIT V: Stress physiology: Plant responses to biotic and abiotic stress. Water deficit and drought resistance. Salinity stress and resistance. Concepts of freezing, heat and oxidative stresses.

#### **Suggested readings**

- Hopkins, W.G. 1995. Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, USA.
- Lodish, H., Berk, A., Zipursky, S.L., Matsudaira, P., Baltimore, D. and Darnell, J. 2000. Molecular cell Biology (fourth edition). W.H. Freeman and Company, New York USA.
- Moore, T.C. 1989. Biochemistry and Physiology of Plant Hormones (second edition). Springer-Verlag, New York. USA.
- Nobel, P.S. 1999. Physiochemical and Environmental Plant Physiology (second edition). Academic Press, San Diego, USA.
- Salisbury FB and Ross CW 1991 Plant Physiology IV edition Wdsworth Publishing co. California usa.
- Taiz I and Zeiger E 1998 Pant Pysiology II Edition. Sinauer Associates Inc. Publisher MS.
- Dennis DT and Terpin DH Lefevere DD and Layzell DV 1997 Plant Metabolism II Ed. Longman England.

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### **Third Semester**

#### **MPANBO202: Plant Biochemistry & Metabolism**

- UNIT I: Fundamentals of enzymology: general aspects, allosteric mechanism, regulatory and active sites, isozymes, kinetics of enzymatic catalysis, Michaelis- Menten equation and its significance, Mechanism of enzyme action.
- UNIT II: Photochemistry and photosynthesis: General concepts and historical background, evolution of photosynthetic apparatus, photosynthetic pigments and light –harvesting complexes. Photooxidation of water, mechanism of electron and proton transport, Carbon assimilation; Calvin cycle, photorespiration and its significance, C4-cycle, CAM pathway, physiological and ecological considerations. Biosynthesis of starch and sucrose.
- UNIT III: Respiration and lipid metabolism: Overview of plant respiration, glycolysis, TCA cycle, electron transport and ATP synthesis. Oxidative pentose phosphate pathway, glyoxylate cycle, alternative oxidase system.
- UNIT IV: Structure and functions of lipids, fatty acid biosynthesis, synthesis of membrane lipids, structural lipids and storage lipids and their catabolism. Sulphate uptake, transport and assimilation.
- UNIT V: Nitrogen fixation, nitrogen and sulphur metabolism: Overview, biological nitrogen fixation, nodule formation and nod factors. Mechanism of uptake and reduction, ammonium assimilation.

#### **Suggested readings**

- Hopkins, W.G. 1995. Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, USA.
- Lodish, H., Berk, A., Zipursky, S.L., Matsudaira, P., Baltimore, D. and Darnell, J. 2000. Molecular cell Biology (fourth edition). W.H. Freeman and Company, New York USA.
- Moore, T.C. 1989. Biochemistry and Physiology of Plant Hormones (second edition). Springer -Verlag, New York. USA.
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- Salisbury FB and Ross CW 1991 Plant Physiology IV edition Wdsworth Publishing co. California usa.
- Taiz I and Zeiger E 1998 Pant Pysiology II Edition. Sinauer Associates Inc. Publisher MS.
- Dennis DT and Terpin DH Lefevere DD and Layzell DV 1997 Plant Metabolism II Ed. Longman England.

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### Third Semester

#### MCYTOBO 203: Cytogenetics & Genetics

UNIT I: Genetics of prokaryotes and eukaryotic organelles; genetic recombination in phage; mapping the bacteriophage genome; genetic transformation, conjugation and transduction in bacteria. Genetics of mitochondria and chloroplasts; cytoplasmic male sterility.

UNIT II: Genetic recombination and genetic mapping; Recombination, independent assortment and crossing-over, molecular mechanism of recombination. Chromosome mapping, linkage groups, genetic markers, construction of molecular maps, somatic cell genetics- an alternative approach to gene mapping.

UNIT III: Mutations: spontaneous and induced mutations, physical and chemical mutagens, molecular basis of gene mutations. Transposable elements in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Mutations induced by transposons, site-directed mutagenesis. DNA damage and repair mechanisms.

UNIT IV: Cytogenetics of aneuploids and structural heterozygotes, effect of aneuploidy on phenotype in plants, transmission of monosomics and trisomics and their use in chromosome mapping of diploid and polyploidy species. Complex translocation heterozygotes. Robertsonian translocations. B-A translocations.

UNIT V: Molecular Cytogenetics; Nuclear DNA content, c-value paradox, *cot* curve and its significance, restriction mapping – concept and techniques, multigene families and their evolution. Transfer of whole genome, examples from wheat and *Brassica*; genetic basis of inbreeding and heterosis; exploitation of hybrid vigour.

### Suggested Readings

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### **Third Semester**

#### **MCELLBO204: Molecular Biology of Plants**

- Unit I: DNA structure; A, B and Z forms; replication; damage and repair; transcription; plant promoters and transcription factors; splicing; messenger RNA transport; ribosomal RNA biosynthesis.
- Unit II: Gene structure and expression; genetic fine structure; cis-trans test; fine structure analysis of eukaryotes; introns and their significance; RNA splicing; regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
- Unit III: Ribosomes: structure and site of protein synthesis; mechanism of translation, initiation, elongation and termination; structure and role of transfer RNA; protein sorting; targeting of proteins to organelles.
- Unit IV: Cell cycle and apoptosis, control mechanisms; role of cyclins and cyclin dependent kinases; retinoblastoma and E2F proteins; cytokinesis and cell plate formation; mechanism of programmed cell death.
- Unit V: Immunotechniques, In situ hybridization – concepts and techniques, physical mapping of genes on chromosomes. In situ hybridization to locate transcript in cell types; FISH; Flow cytometry and confocal microscopy.

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- Lewin, B. 2000, Genes VII, Oxford University Press, New York.
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- Krishanmurthy K. V. 2000 Methods in Cell Wall Cytochemistry, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida U.S.A
- Buchanan, B.B. Grissem, W. and Jones, R.L. 2000. Biochemistry And Molecular Biology of Plants. American Society of Plant Physiologists, Maryland, USA
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- Kleinsmith, L.J. and Kish, V.M. 1995. Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology (2nd Edition). Harper Collins College Publishers, New York, USA
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- Pollard, T. S. and Eashaw, W. C. 2002 Cell Biology. Saunders, Philadelphia, U.S.A
- Twyman, R. M. 2003. Advanced Molecular Biology. Viva Books Private Ltd. New Delhi.

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### **Fourth Semester**

#### **MPLANBO207: Plant Cell, Tissue & Organ Culture**

UNIT I: Plant cell and tissue culture: general introduction, history, scope, concept of cellular differentiation and totipotency.

UNIT II: Techniques of tissue culture. Organ culture – meristem, anther and embryo. In vitro fertilization.

UNIT III: Organogenesis and adventive embryogenesis; fundamental aspects of morphogenesis, somatic embryogenesis and androgenesis. Mechanisms, techniques and utility.

UNIT IV: Somatic hybridization, protoplast isolation, fusion and culture, hybrid selection and regeneration; possibilities and achievements and limitations of protoplast research.

UNIT V: Application of plant tissue culture; clonal propagation; artificial seeds; production of hybrids, somaclones and somaclonal variation; production of secondary metabolites/ natural products; cryopreservation and germplasm storage.

#### **Suggested Reading**

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Gelvin, S.B. and Schilperoort, R.A. (Eds), 1994. Plant Molecular Biology Manual, 2nd edition, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

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Glick, B.R. and Thompson, J.E. 1993. Methods in Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. GRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida.

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### **Fourth Semester**

### **MBIOTBO208: Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering**

UNIT I: Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering: basic concepts, principles and scope.  
Intellectual Property Rights – possible ecological risks and ethical concerns.

UNIT II: recombinant DNA technology; gene cloning – principles and techniques; construction of genomic/ cDNA libraries; choice of vectors; DNA synthesis and sequencing, polymerase chain reaction. DNA fingerprinting

UNIT III: Genetic engineering of plants, aims, strategies for development of transgenics (with suitable examples); *Agrobacterium* – the natural genetic engineer; T-DNA and transposon mediated gene tagging; chloroplast transformation and its utility.

UNIT IV: Microbial genetic manipulation; bacterial transformation; selection of recombinants and transformants; genetic improvements of industrial microbes and nitrogen fixers; fermentation technology.

UNIT V: Genomics and Proteomics; genetic and physical mapping of genes; molecular markers for introgression of useful traits; artificial chromosomes; high throughput sequencing; genome projects; bioinformatics; functional genomics; microarrays; protein profiling and its significance.

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Brown, T.A. 1999. Genomes. John Wiley & sons, Singapore

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Primrose, S.B. 1995. Principles of Genome Analysis. Blackwell Science Ltd., Oxford, UK

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### **List of suggested Project work/Dissertation work**

The following is the list of the proposed areas of dissertation/ project work. The concerned university and college may encourage the students to undertake project work in collaboration with industrial and research organizations.

1. Plant Biodiversity Assessment
2. Conservation of Endangered Species
3. Inventorization of Unexplored Areas and Hotspots
4. Pollution Monitoring
5. Survey of Less-known Economic Plants of India
6. Chromosome Analysis and Indexing of Indian Flora
7. Bioremediation of Xenobiotics
8. Exploitation of Secondary Metabolites
9. Extraction of Allelochemicals
10. Tissue Culture of Economic Plants
11. Assessment of Pollution Toxicity by Bioassay
12. Microbial proteins
13. Enzymes
14. Cosmetic Products from microbes and plants
15. Nutraceuticals from microbes and plants
16. Pharmaceutical Products
17. Ethnobotany
18. Chemotaxonomy
19. Cladistics
20. Protein Profiling
21. DNA Fingerprinting
22. Microarrays
23. FISH (Fluorescent In Situ Hybridization)
24. Mutation
25. Plant Hormones and Growth promoters
26. Bioinformatics
27. Application of PCR
28. Somatic Hybridization
29. Biofertilizers and Bioinoculants
30. Transgenics
31. Exploitation of Rhizospheric microbes including mycorrhizae
32. Recycling of domestic, municipal and industrial wastes
33. Vermicomposting and Biomethanation
34. Environmental Monitoring
35. Assessment of Pollution in different habitats