



ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE
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DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

Academic Regulations and Syllabi

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (HORTICULTURE)
IN FRUIT SCIENCE
(Semesters 1- 4)**

**Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
with Outcome based Education**

2018-2019 Onwards

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE
ACADEMIC REGULATIONS
GHOR 21 M.Sc.(HORTICULTURE) IN FRUIT SCIENCE

(With effect from 2018-19)

1. Short title and commencement

1.1. These rules and regulations shall govern the post graduate study leading to the award of degree of Master of Science (Horticulture) in Fruit Science in the Faculty of Agriculture.

1.2. They shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2018 – 2019 onwards.

2. Definitions

2.1. An “Academic Year” shall consist of two semesters.

2.2. “Semester” means an academic term consisting of 110 working days including mid semester, practical and final theory examinations.

2.3. “Course” means a unit of instruction to be covered in a semester having specific no., title and credits.

2.4. “Credit hour” means, one hour lecture plus two hours of library or homework or two and half hours of laboratory/field practical per week in a semester.

2.5. “Grade Point of a course” means the value obtained by dividing the percentage of marks earned in a course by 10 and the Grade Point is expressed on a 10 point scale.

2.6. “Credit Point” means the grade point multiplied by credit hours.

2.7. “Grade Point Average” (GPA) means the quotient of the total credit points obtained by a student in various courses at the end of each semester, divided by the total credit hours taken by the student in that semester. The grading is done on a 10 point scale and the GPA has to be corrected to two decimals.

2.8. “Overall Grade Point Average” (OGPA) means the quotient of cumulative credit points obtained by a student in all the courses taken from the beginning of the first semester of the year divided by the total credit hours of all the courses which he/she had completed up to the end of a specified semester and determines the overall performance of a student in all courses during the period covering more than one semester. The OGPA has to be arrived at the second decimal place.

3. Eligibility for admission

3.1. Candidates seeking admission to the M.Sc.(Horticulture) in Fruit Science programme should have completed any one of the following four year degree programmes from Universities recognized by Annamalai University. B.Sc.(Hons.)Agriculture/B.Sc.(Hons.)Horticulture/B.Sc.(Ag.)/B.Sc.(Hort.) / B.Tech.(Hort.) / B.Sc.(Forestry /B.Tech.(Agri. Bio-tech.) courses of four years duration of a recognized university.

3.2. Candidates who have undergone the programme under conventional system should possess not less than a second class Bachelor’s degree. The candidates under 4 point grade systems should possess a minimum OGPA of 2.5 out of 4.00

and 2.75 out of 4.00 in the course concerned. For those in the 10 point system a minimum OGPA of 6.00 out of 10.00 and 6.50 out of 10.00 in the course concerned is required. However, this will not apply to SC/ST candidates for whom a pass in the degree concerned is sufficient.

3.3. An entrance test will be held separately for each Degree programme. Candidates shall be required to be present on the specified date and time for written test and interview at their own expenses.

4. Award of Degree, duration and credit requirements

A student is required to complete the duration and credit requirements for the award of degree as decided by Academic Council from time to time.

4.1. The duration for the M.Sc.(Horticulture) in Fruit Science programme will be of two years with four semesters. A student registered for Full-time M.Sc.(Horticulture) in Fruit Science programme should complete the course within four years from the date of his/her admission.

4.2. A student enrolled for the M.Sc.(Horticulture) in Fruit Science programme to earn eligibility for the degree is required to complete 55 credits as detailed below.

S.No.	Course	Credit requirements
i	Major Courses	20
ii	Minor Courses*	9
iii	Supporting Courses	5
iv	Seminar	1
v	Research	20
	Total	55

***Minor courses:** Minor courses are to be chosen by the students from the related discipline in consultation with the Head of the Department and the Chairperson based on their research specialization.

5. Minimum Grade point requirement

A post graduate student should maintain a minimum Grade Point of 6.50 out of 10 to secure a pass in a course. In the courses in which a student fails, he/she has to reappear for the examination to get a pass in that course.

6. Attendance requirement

6.1. One hundred per cent attendance is expected of each student. A student, who fails to secure a minimum of 80 per cent of attendance in each course separately for theory and practical, shall not be permitted to appear for the final examination in that course and will be required to repeat the course when ever offered. In case of new admission, who are permitted to join late due to administrative reasons, the attendance will be calculated from the date of joining of the student. However, for genuine reasons, condonation of attendance deficiency may be considered by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Head of the Department and the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture on payment of condonation fee prescribed by the University.

6.2. Students absenting from the classes with prior permission of the Head of the Department/Dean, Faculty of Agriculture on official University business shall be given due consideration in computing attendance.

7. Advisory Committee

7.1. Each post-graduate student shall have an Advisory Committee to guide him/her in carrying out the research programme. The Advisory Committee shall comprise a Major Adviser (Chairman) and two members. Of the two members, one will be from the same Department and the other in the related field from the other Departments of Faculty of Agriculture. The Advisory Committee shall be constituted within three weeks from the date of commencement of the first semester.

7.2. For interdisciplinary research requiring expertise from teaching staff of other faculties, due permission need to be obtained from the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture to nominate them as Technical advisors. An official letter in this regard needs to be communicated to the individual concerned. However, they are restrained from the evaluation of Research/Seminar.

7.3. Major Adviser (Chairman)

Every student shall have a Major Adviser who will be from his/her major field of studies. The appointment of Major Adviser (Chairman) shall be made by the Head of the Department concerned. The Chairman in consultation with the Head of the Department will nominate the other two members. In the event of the Major Adviser being away on other duty/leave for a period of more than three months, the member of the Advisory Committee from the same Department will officiate as the Major Adviser.

7.4. Guidelines on the duties of the Advisory Committee

- 1. Guiding students in drawing the outline of research work**
- 2. Guidance throughout the programme of study of the students.**
- 3. Evaluation of research and seminar credits.**
- 4. Correction and finalization of thesis draft.**
- 5. Conduct of qualifying and final Viva-Voce examination.**
- 6. The proceedings of the Advisory Committee will be sent to the Head of the Department concerned within 10 working days.**
- 7. Periodical review of the Advisory Committee proceedings will be made by the Head of the Department concerned.**

8. Programme of Study

8.1. The student's plan for the post-graduate work, drawn up by the Advisory Committee, shall be finalized before the end of the first semester.

8.2. The programme shall be planned by the Advisory Committee taking into account his/her previous academic training and interest.

8.3. Programme of research work

The outline of research work of the student, in the prescribed manner and as approved by the Advisory Committee, shall be forwarded by the Chairman to the Head of the Department concerned by the end of the first semester.

9. Evaluation of students' performance

9.1. Mid-semester examination (MSE)

9.1.1. Every teacher handling a course shall conduct Mid-Semester Examination (MSE) as per the scheme drawn by the Head of the Department concerned /PG coordinator, and evaluate. The answer scripts will be shown to the student after valuation, and returned to the course teacher. The Head of the Department will be responsible to ensure the distribution of answer papers to the students. The marks obtained by the students should be sent to the Controller of Examinations through the Head of the Department concerned within fifteen working days.

9.1.2. Writing the mid-semester examination is a pre-requisite for writing the final theory and practical examinations. If a student does not appear for MSE, he/she is not eligible to appear for the final examinations. Such candidate has to reappear for the MSE as and when the respective examinations are conducted only after getting permission from the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture on payment of fee prescribed by the University.

9.1.3. The MSE marks will not be shown separately in the grade sheet but will be combined with the respective final theory and practical marks. MSE marks awarded in a course will be added to the supplementary examinations also.

9.1.4. The MSE marks will be furnished to the Head of the Department within 10 days after the conduct of MSE. If the student is not satisfied with the award of the marks, he/she shall appeal to the Dean, through the Head of the Department within three working days after the announcement of marks. The appeal will be considered and the results reviewed by a Cell consisting of the Dean and the Head of the Department concerned. The decision of the Review Cell shall be final. If the Head of the Department himself is the course teacher, one senior member of the Department concerned shall be nominated by the Dean.

9.1.5. The MSE of theory will be of one hour duration.

9.1.6. If the student is not able to write the MSE due to deputation by the University, he/she may be permitted to take up missing MSE. Such examination should be completed ordinarily within 15 working days after the respective MSE.

9.1.7. A student who fails to attend the mid-semester examination due to unavoidable circumstances shall be permitted with prior approval of the Dean to take up missing examination of the particular course, on payment of fee prescribed by the University. Such tests should be completed ordinarily within 15 working days after the respective MSE. The distribution of marks will be as indicated below.

Examination	Courses with Practical	Courses without Practical	Courses without Theory
Mid-semester	20	30	30
Final theory	40	70	-
Final practical	40	-	70
Total	100	100	100

The question paper model and distribution of marks for Mid-semester examinations are as follows.

Mid-semester examination

For Courses with practical (20 marks)

1. Objective Type	10 out of 12	(10 X 0.5)	5 Marks
2. Definitions/ Concepts	5 out of 7	(5 X 1)	5 Marks
3. Short Notes	2 out of 3	(2 X 2 ½)	5 Marks
4. Essay Type	1 out of 2	(1 X 5)	5 Marks

For Courses without practical (30 marks)

1. Objective Type	10 out of 12	(10 X 0.5)	5 Marks
2. Definitions/Concepts	5 out of 7	(5 X 1)	5 Marks
3. Short Notes	4 out of 5	(4 X 2 ½)	10 Marks
4. Essay Type	2 out of 3	(2 X 5)	10 Marks

9.2. Final examinations

9.2.1. The final theory and practical examinations will be of three hours duration each conducted separately by the University.

9.2.2. Theory examinations will be conducted before practical examinations.

9.2.3. The final theory and practical examinations will be evaluated by two examiners (one will be the course teacher and the other will be one among the senior faculty suggested by the Head of the department in consultation with the The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture).

9.2.4. The question papers for the final theory examinations will be set by the person selected from the approved panel of question paper setters. The question paper model and distribution of marks for final theory examinations are as follows.

Final theory examination

For courses with practical (40 marks)

1. Definitions	5 out of 7	(5X1)	5 Marks
2. Short Notes	5 out of 7	(5X2)	10 Marks
3. Essay Type	Either or type (one question from each unit)	(5X5)	25 Marks

For courses without practical (70 marks)

1. Definitions	5 out of 7	(5X2)	10 Marks
2. Short Notes	5 out of 7	(5X4)	20 Marks
3. Essay Type	Either or type (one question from each unit)	(5X8)	40 Marks

9.2.5. Practical Examination

Practical examinations will be conducted separately towards the end of each semester. Proper maintenance and regular submission of practical records are required. Those who do not bring with them the certified practical records/specimen collection/assignments will not be allowed to appear for the practical examination. The marks awarded for specimen collection and assignments shall be noted in the record, at the time of first appearance and will be taken into account for subsequent appearances.

The distribution of marks for final practical examination for courses with theory and practical and only practical is as follows.

S.No.	Particulars	Courses with theory and practical	Courses only with practical
1	Practical part	25	55
2	Assignment/specimen collection	5	5
3	Record	5	5
4	<i>Viva Voce</i>	5	5
Total		40	70

9.3. Grading

The student should secure 60 per cent marks separately in theory and practical and 65 per cent marks in aggregate to secure a pass in the course. Students who secure marks below 65 per cent in a course will be treated as Reappearance (RA).

Each course shall carry a maximum of 100 marks for purpose of grading. The grading shall be done as grade point, i.e., the percentage of marks earned in a course is divided by ten. The grade point is expressed on a 10 point scale up to two decimals.

The reappearance examinations for the candidates who fail in a course or courses will be held in the subsequent semester.

Students who did not fulfil the required minimum attendance of 80 per cent will be awarded 'E' grade and has to repeat the course.

9.4. Class ranking

In calculation of class equivalent for OGPA the following classification shall be adopted.

OGPA	Class
9.00 and above	Distinction
8.00 to 8.99	I Class
7.00 to 7.99	II Class
6.50 to 6.99	Pass

9.5. Non- Credit Compulsory Courses

For Non-Credit Compulsory courses the evaluation processes will be as that of the regular courses, however, the marks obtained will not be taken into account to calculate the OGPA.

10. Credit Seminar

Seminar is compulsory for all the students and each student should present a seminar of 0+1 credit in the third semester.

10.1 The seminar topic should be only from the major field and should not be related to the area of thesis research.

The seminar topics are to be assigned to the students by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in consultation with the Head of the Department concerned within 2 weeks after the commencement of the semester.

10.2. Under the guidance and supervision of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, the student will prepare the seminar paper after reviewing all the available literature and present the seminar 2 weeks after completion of Mid-Semester Examination in the presence of the Head of the Department, Advisory Committee, staff members and PG students.

10.3. The circular on the seminars by the post-graduate students shall be sent to other Departments to enable those interested to attend the same.

10.4. The Chairman will monitor the progress of the preparation of the seminar paper and correct the manuscript containing not less than 25 typed/printed pages with a minimum number of 50 references covering the recent 10 years time. The student will submit 2 copies of the corrected manuscript to the Head of the Department concerned through the Chairman before presentation.

The student will incorporate suggestions and carry out corrections made during the presentation and resubmit three fair copies to the Head of the Department concerned through the Chairman (one copy each to Dept. Library, Chairman and the student) within 10 days after presentation.

10.5. The performance of the student has to be evaluated for 100 marks and Grade Point will be awarded by the Head of the Department concerned along with Advisory Committee. The Grade Point may be given based on the following norms.

Coverage of Literature	40
Presentation	30
Use of Audio-Visual Aids	10
Capacity to Participate in the discussion and answer the Questions	20
Total	100

11. Term paper / Special assignment

This has to be assigned to the student by the teacher in course with theory and practical. Term papers should cover a wide range of topics within the course limits. The topic should be different from that of the credit seminar. Term papers / special assignments will be evaluated during practical examination.

12. Qualifying Examination

Only those students who successfully complete the qualifying examination will be admitted to candidacy of the degree. The qualifying examination consists of written and oral examination.

12.1. Minimum requirement for Qualifying Examination

The students who have passed major courses will be permitted to appear for the qualifying examination. The qualifying examination will be conducted during III semester after mid-semester examination and before the end of the III semester.

12.2. Selection of Examiner

A panel of five external examiners for qualifying examinations shall be given by the Head of the Department at the end of II semester to the Controller of Examinations, who will nominate as per need from the panel of the examiners.

12.3. Written Examination

The written examination consists of one paper covering major courses only. The Controller of Examinations will conduct the examination by getting the question paper from the external examiner. The external examiner will evaluate the answer papers during his visit to conduct the viva-voce examination.

The question paper for the written examination will be of 3 hours duration and each question (Essay type) need not be restricted to any particular topic in a course but it should be comprehensive. The written examination will be conducted at the same time in all disciplines. Qualifying marks for passing the written examination will be 60.

12.4. Qualifying viva-voce Examination

The Advisory Committee shall conduct the qualifying viva-voce examination with the external member, who shall be a specialist in the course from outside the University.

12.5. The Head of the Department will monitor and coordinate the conduct of the qualifying viva. The performance of the candidate will be graded as Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory.

12.6. Communication of results of qualifying examination

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall act as Chairman for the examination committee and shall be responsible for communicating the results of the examination to the Controller of Examinations through the Head of the Department in the prescribed format.

12.7. Failure /Absence in Qualifying Examination

When a student fails or absents himself / herself for the qualifying examination, he/she may apply for permission to appear for re-examination to the Controller of Examinations with the recommendation of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Head of the Department. A student, who applies for re-examination should attend written examination and viva-voce. Re-examination shall not take place earlier than three months after the first examination and it will be conducted by the Advisory Committee as previously indicated. If a student fails in the re-examination, further re-examination will be considered on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, Head of the Department and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. If the student fails in the qualifying examination, the research credits registered in the III semester should not be evaluated unless he/she successfully completes the qualifying examination.

12.8. Absence of Advisory Committee member during qualifying/final viva-voce examination:

- 1. Conducting qualifying and final viva voce examination in the absence of Advisory Committee members is not allowed.**
- 2. Under extra-ordinary circumstances if the qualifying/final viva-voce examination to postgraduate student has to be conducted in the absence of one or two advisory committee members, permission to conduct the examination by co-opting another member in such contingencies should be obtained from the Dean in advance through the Head of the Department. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee in consultation with the concerned member and Head of the Department will co-opt another member.**
- 3. The co-opted member should be from the same Department of the member who is not attending the examinations.**
- 4. In the absence of the Chairman of Advisory Committee, respective Heads of Departments should act as Co-chairman with prior permission of Dean.**

13. Research Work

13.1. The topic of thesis research to be carried out by the student will be assigned by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in consultation with the Head of the Department concerned. After assigning the topic, each student may be instructed to submit a detailed programme of work to be carried out by him/her during the semester in the prescribed proforma. After scrutiny and approval, a copy of the programme may be given to the student for carrying out the work during the semester in the prescribed proforma. The evaluation of research work done by the student should be based on the approved programme.

13.2. The distribution of research credits will be as follows:

I Semester	0+ 1
II Semester	0+ 2
III Semester	0+ 8
IV Semester	0+ 9
Total	0 + 20

14. Evaluation of Thesis Research

14.1. Attendance register must be maintained in the Department by Head of the Department/Chairman for all the students to monitor whether the student has 80 per cent of attendance in research.

14.2. The student has to submit his/her research observation note book to the major Adviser. The major Adviser will scrutinize the progress and sign the note book with remarks as frequently as possible. This note book will form the basis for evaluation of research progress.

14.3. After completion of 80 per cent attendance for research and on or before the last day of the semester, the advisory committee should evaluate the progress of research work as per the approved programme and monitoring register and award SATISFACTORY OR UNSATISFACTORY depending upon quantity and quality of work done by the student during the semester.

14.4. The procedure of evaluating research credits under different situations is explained hereunder.

Situation - I

The student has completed the research credits as per the approved program and awarded 'SATISFACTORY' by the Advisory Committee. Under the said situation the student can be permitted to register fresh credits in the subsequent semester. If the student is awarded 'UNSATISFACTORY' he/she has to register afresh the same block of the research credits in the subsequent semester.

Situation - II

The student who does not satisfy the required 80 per cent attendance shall be awarded grade 'E'.

Situation-III

The student who could not complete the research work as per the approved programme of work for reasons beyond his/her control such as

- Failure of crop
- Non-Incidence of pests or diseases or lack of such experimental conditions
- Non-availability of treatment materials like planting materials, chemicals etc.
- Any other impeding/ unfavourable situation for satisfying the Advisory Committee
- Under the situations (II&III) grade 'E' should be awarded. The student has to re-register the same block of research credits for which 'E' grade was

awarded in the following semester. The student should not be allowed to register for fresh (first time) research credits.

- In the mark sheet, it should be mentioned that 'E' grade was awarded due to lack of attendance for want of favourable conditions.

Situation – IV

The student who fails to complete the research work after repeating the registration for the second time will be awarded 'Unsatisfactory' and in the mark sheet the 'second time' should be mentioned.

- For the registration of research credits for the third time, permission has to be obtained from the Dean of the Faculty and permission for further registration for the fourth time has to be obtained from the University.
- Re-registration of further research credits shall be decided by the University based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, Head of the Department concerned and the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture.

Situation-V

If a student could not complete qualifying examination till the end of the final semester/grace period, 'E' grade should be awarded for the final block of the research credits registered in the final semester. He/She has to re-register the same block of research credits in the next semester and attend the qualifying examination when conducted by the Controller of Examinations.

15. Submission of Thesis

15.1. The thesis for his/her Master's degree should be of such a nature as to indicate a student's potentialities for conduct of independent research. The thesis shall be on a topic falling within the field of the major course and shall be the result of the student's own work. A certificate to this effect duly endorsed by the Major Adviser (Chairman) shall accompany the thesis.

15.2. The research credits registered in the last semester of post graduate programmes should be evaluated only at the time of the submission of thesis, by the Advisory Committee. Students can submit the thesis at the end of the final semester. If a post graduate student has completed the thesis before the closure of the final semester, the chairman can convene the Advisory Committee meeting and take decision on the submission of thesis provided the student satisfies 80 per cent attendance requirement. Two copies of the thesis should be submitted in paper back for evaluation to the Head of the Department.

16. Grace period

16.1. Students can avail a grace period up to a month for submission of thesis/project report after the closure of final semester by paying necessary fine as prescribed by the University. If a student is not able to submit the thesis within a month's grace period, the student has to re-register the credits in the forthcoming semester. The student (s) who re-register the credits after availing the grace period will not be permitted to avail grace period.

16.2. Based on the recommendation of Advisory Committee and the Head of the Department, the Dean, can sanction the grace period. A copy of the permission

letter along with the receipt for payment of fine as prescribed by the University should accompany the thesis at the time of submission.

17. Submission of thesis after re-registration

The minimum of 80 per cent attendance requirement for submitting the thesis after, re-registration need not be insisted for those students who have fulfilled the minimum academic and residential requirement i.e. 2 years (4 semesters) and completed the minimum credit requirements for getting the Degree.

18. Publication of articles

Part of the thesis may also be published in advance with the permission of the Head of the Department. If any part is published, the fact should be indicated in the certificate given by the Chairman that the work has been published in part/full in the scientific or popular journals, proceedings, etc. The copies are to be enclosed in the thesis at the time of submission.

19. Evaluation of Thesis

19.1. The thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of a Master's degree shall be evaluated by an external examiner. The external examiner shall be a specialist in the student's major field of study from outside Annamalai University and shall be appointed by the University as per the recommendation of the Head of the Department.

19.2. The external examiner will send the evaluation report in duplicate one marked to the Controller of Examinations and another to the Head of the Department along with the corrected copy of the thesis. If the report is favourable, Viva-Voce will be arranged by the Head of the Department concerned and conducted by the Advisory Committee. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall send the recommendations of the examining committee to the Controller of Examinations through the Head of the Department after the student duly carries out the corrections/ suggestions mentioned by the external examiner (a certificate to be enclosed along with the recommendation). On the unanimous recommendation of the committee and with the approval of the University, the degree shall be awarded to the candidate.

19.3. In case of rejection of the thesis by the external examiner, the Controller of Examinations may on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned and Advisory Committee refer the thesis for valuation by a second external examiner chosen by the University. If the second external examiner recommends the thesis for acceptance, Viva-Voce will be conducted.

19.4. If the revision of the thesis is recommended for repeating experiments, field trial etc., resubmission must be done by the candidate concerned after a minimum of six months. The revised version should be sent to the examiner who recommended revision.

19.5. After incorporating the suggestions of the examiners and those received at the time of viva-voce, two hard bound copies of thesis should be submitted to the Department (one to the scholar and one to the Chairperson) and two soft copies in CDs to the University. At the time of final submission, the advisory committee members should certify the corrections and suggestions carried out as indicated by the examiners. However, fellowship holders have to submit a hard bound copy also

as per the need, 3 copies of abstract of thesis (in 10-15 lines), 2 copies of the summary of the findings both in Tamil and English and also in CD form.

20. Revision of thesis

If an examiner recommends for revision of thesis the following norms will be adopted.

20.1. For revision of draft, the thesis should be resubmitted after a minimum of one month from the date of communication from the Controller of Examinations.

20.2. At the time of re-submission, necessary certificates indicating that the corrections suggested by the external examiner have been carried out are to be obtained from the Chairman and Head of the Department.

20.3. A fine prescribed by the University is to be collected from the students at the time of resubmission of thesis.

21. Failure to appear for final Viva-voce/ Non submission of thesis after viva-voce.

21.1. If a candidate fails to appear before the examining committee for final viva-voce, on the date fixed by the Head of the Department the following are the time frame and penalty.

21.2. The re-viva-voce must be completed within two years. The fine prescribed by the University must be paid by the candidate.

21.3. After successful completion of thesis final viva-voce if a student fails to submit the corrected version of the thesis within 15 days he/she will be levied a fine prescribed by the University at the time of sending the proposal for result declaration.

22. Result notification

22.1. After the completion of each semester, the student will be given the statement of marks by the Controller of Examinations

22.2. The transcript will be prepared by Controller of Examinations. Various courses taken by a student along with the credits and the grade obtained shall be shown on his/her transcript. Based on the total credits admitted, the final Grade Point Average shall be calculated and given.

23. Award of Medals

Medal should be awarded only if the student secures at least 8.0 OGPA, clears all the courses in the first attempt and in the programme having a batch of at least three students.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES (PO)

GHOR 21 - M.Sc. (HORTICULTURE) IN FRUIT SCIENCE

Programme Outcome:

Students graduating from the Department of Horticulture will

PO1. have core knowledge leading to awareness on advancements in the field of Fruit Science including crop production, soil fertility, crop protection, crop improvement, bio technology, post harvest technologies and economics of cultivation.

PO2. have understanding and skill on experimental tools in biological sciences, analytical techniques for plant and soil samples, microbial technologies, biotechnological tools, breeding methods, statistical tools & analysis, research data computation, etc, required for higher learning in Fruit Science

PO3. be able to design and execute individual research project, write concise & persuasive research articles and communicate effectively with their scientific colleagues, farmers and the general public.

PO4. become eligible to work in commercial horticultural units, research projects, post harvest industries, and

PO5. be able to address complex problems taking into account related ethical, social, legal, economic, and environmental issues. In addition to the expertise in the core field of specialization, graduates will be able to equip themselves in allied subjects of their choice to compliment their profession.

Abstract of Distribution Pattern of Courses and Credit

Semester	Number of Courses	Credit
I	8	9 + 6=15
II	8	9+7=16
III	6	4+11=15
IV	1	0+9= 9
	Total credit	22+33 = 55

PO and CO Mapping Matrix

Correlation levels 1, 2 and 3 are as defined below:

- 1 -Low
- 2- Moderate/ Medium
- 3 - Substantial/High

DISTRIBUTION OF COURSES

Sl. No.	Course code	Course Title	Credit Hours
MAJOR COURSES			
1	FSC 611	Breeding of fruit crops	2+1
2	FSC 612	Tropical and dry land fruit production	2+1
3	FSC 613	Biodiversity and conservation of fruit crops	2+1
4	HOR 621	Growth regulation and stress management in horticultural crops (or)	2+1
	HOR 622	Protected and precision horticulture	
5	FSC 621	Subtropical and temperate fruit production	2+1
6	FSC 621	Subtropical and temperate fruit production	2+1
7	FSC 622	Biotechnology of fruit crops (or)	1+1
	FSC 623	Organic fruit production	
Total			13+7=20
MINOR COURSES			
1	OPC GPB 621	Concepts of Crop Physiology	2+1
2	OPC XXXXXX	Minor Course from other discipline	2+1
3	OPC XXXXXX	Minor Course from other discipline	2+1
Total			6+3=09
SUPPORTING COURSES			
1	STA 611	Statistical Methods and Design of Experiments	2+1
2	COM 611	Computer Application For Agricultural Research	1+1
Total			3+2=05
SEMINAR AND RESEARCH			
1.	FSC032	Seminar	0+1
2.	FSC011, 021, 031, 041	Research 011- 0+1; 021 -0+2;031 - 0+8; 041- 0+9	0+20
Total			0 + 21
Grand Total			22+33=55

NON CREDIT COMPULSORY COURSE				
1.	PGS 611	Agricultural Research Ethics and Methodology(Contact hour 0+1)		-
2.	PGS 612	Technical Writing And Communication Skills (Contact hour 0+1)		-
3.	PGS 623	Basic Concepts In Laboratory Techniques (Contact hour 0+1)		-
4.	PGS 624	Library and Information Services (Contact hour 0+1)		-
5.	PGS 715 (e-course)	Intellectual Property and Its Management in Agriculture(Contact hour 1+0)		-
6.	PGS 716 (e-course)	Disaster Management (Contact hour 1+0)		-
7.	PGS 717	Constitutions of India (Contact hour 1+0)		-

VALUE ADDED COURSES

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MINOR COURSES

S.No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Departments Offering
1.	OPCAGR 711	Organic farming and precision agriculture	2+1	Agronomy
2.	OPCAGR 712	Dry farming and water shed management	2+1	Agronomy
3.	OPCENT 711	Productive insects and weed killers	2+1	Entomology
4.	OPCENT 712	Pest management in organic farming	2+1	Entomology
5.	OPCPAT 711	Biological control of crop diseases	2+1	Plant Pathology
6.	OPCPAT 712	Mushroom technology	2+1	Plant Pathology
7.	OPCAGM 711	Microbial inoculant production technology	2+1	Agricultural Microbiology
8.	OPCAGM 712	Industrial microbiology	2+1	Agricultural Microbiology
9.	OPCSSC 711	Soil, Water and air pollution	2+1	Soil science & Agrl. Chemistry

S.No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Departments Offering
10.	OPCSSC 712	Soil health management	2+1	Soil science & Agrl. Chemistry
11.	OPCABT 621	Concepts of crop physiology	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
12.	OPC ABT 711	Bio-instrumentation	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
13.	OPC ABT 712	Plant tissue culture	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
14.	OPC GPB 711	Germplasm collection, exchange and quarantine	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
15.	OPC GPB 712	Fundamentals of genetics	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
16.	OPC SST 711	Seed production techniques in crops	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
17.	OPC SST 712	Seed quality testing and certification	2+1	Genetics & Plant Breeding
18.	OPC HOR 711	Propagation and nursery management of horticultural crops	2+1	Horticulture
19.	OPC FSC 712	Genetic resources and conservation of fruit crops	2+1	Horticulture
20.	OPC VSC 712	Hi - tech vegetable production	2+1	Horticulture
21.	OPCFLA 712	Ornamental horticulture	2+1	Horticulture
22.	OPCPSM 712	Genetic resources and conservation of medicinal and aromatic plants	2+1	Horticulture
23.	OPC AEC 621	Natural resource and environmental economics	2+1	Agrl. Economics
24.	OPC AEC 711	Agribusiness analysis	2+1	Agrl. Economics
25.	OPC AEC 712	Agricultural insurance and risk management	2+1	Agrl. Economics
26.	OPCAEX 711	Farm journalism	2+1	Agrl. Extension
27.	OPCAEX 712	Introduction to visual communication and advertising technologies	2+1	Agrl. Extension

SEMESTER WISE DISTRIBUTION OF COURSES

I Semester			
Sl. No.	Course code	Course Title	Credit hours
1	FSC 611	Breeding of fruit crops	2+1
2	FSC 612	Tropical and Dryland fruit production	2+1
3	FSC 613	Biodiversity and conservation of fruit crops	2+1
4	STA611	Statistical Methods and Design of Experiments	2+1
5	COM 611	Computer Application for Agricultural Research	1+1
6	FSC 011	Research	0+1
7	PGS 611	Agricultural Research Ethics and Methodology (0+1)	-
8	PGS 612	Technical Writing and Communication Skill (0+1)	-
		Total	9 + 6=15
II Semester			
1	HOR 621 HOR 622	Growth regulation and stress management in horticultural crops (or) Protected and precision horticulture	2+1
2	FSC 621	Subtropical and temperate fruit production	2+1
3	FSC 622 FSC 623	Biotechnology of fruit crops (or) Organic fruit production	1+1
4	FSC 624	Post harvest technology of fruit crops	2+1
5	OPCGPB 621	Concepts in crop physiology	2+1
6	FSC 021	Research	0+2
7	PGS 623	Basic Concepts In Laboratory Techniques (0+1)	-
8	PGS 624	Library and Information Services (0+1)	-
		Total	9+7=16
III Semester			
1	OPC-XXXXXX	Minor Course - Related discipline	2+1
2	OPC-XXXXXX	Minor Course - Related discipline	2+1
3.	FSC 031	Research	0+8
4	FSC 032	Seminar	0+1
5	PGS 715	Intellectual Property And Its Management In	-

	(e-course)	Agriculture (1+0)	
6	PGS 716 (e-course)	Disaster Management (1+0)	-
7.	PGS 717#	Constitution of India (Contact hour 1+0)	
Total			4+11=15
IV Semester			
1.	FSC 041	Research	0+9
		Value Added Course (3+0)	-
Grand Total			22 + 33 = 55

(# - Instead of Value added course as per directions from the Higher Education dept. and approved in the Board of Studies held on 27.11.2019)

FSC 611 BREEDING OF FRUIT CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart comprehensive knowledge about different methods of breeding techniques employed in fruit crops.
- To provide an insight on the achievements made so far and problems encountered in the breeding of fruit crops.

Theory

Origin and distribution- taxonomical status, species and cultivars, cytogenetics, genetic resources- blossom biology- genetic resources- breeding objectives- breeding systems- ideotypes- approaches for crop improvement- introduction- selection- hybridization- mutation breeding- polyploidy breeding- rootstock breeding- improvement of quality traits- resistance breeding for biotic and abiotic stresses- biotechnological interventions- achievements and future thrust in the following selected fruit crops.

Unit I Breeding of tropical fruit crops – I

Mango, banana and papaya

Unit II Breeding of tropical fruit crops -II

Guava, sapota and grapes

Unit III Breeding of sub-tropical fruit crops -I

Citrus, pineapple, jack fruit and avocado

Unit IV Breeding of sub- tropical fruit crops -II

Litchi, annona, ber and pomegranate

Unit V Breeding of temperate fruit crops

Apple, pear, plum, peach, apricot and strawberry

Current Stream of Thought

Practical

Characterization of germplasm- blossom biology- estimating fertility status- practices in hybridization- ploidy breeding- mutation breeding- evaluation based on biometrical traits and quality traits- screening for resistance against biotic and abiotic stress- developing breeding programme for specific traits- visit to research stations working on tropical- subtropical and temperate fruit improvement.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Need and status of fruit breeding in India, study of institutes working on fruit crop improvement**
- 2. Constraints of breeding of fruit crops, sterility, incompatibility, heterozygosity and methods suggested to overcome the hurdles in breeding**
- 3. Scope for breeding against production constraints , yield and quality enhancement**
- 4. Pollination problems in relevance to fruit set in the given fruit crops.**

Origin and distribution, taxonomic status, related genus, species and cultivars, ideotypes, cytogenetics, genetic resources for improvement, breeding objectives, breeding systems- introduction, selection, hybridization, mutation breeding, polyploidy breeding, rootstock breeding, quality and resistance breeding, biotechnological interventions, achievements and future thrust for the following crops:

5-6. Mango

7-8. Banana

9-10. Papaya

11-12. Guava

13-14. Citrus

15-16. Grapes

17. Mid-semester examination

18. Sapota

19. Pineapple

20. Jack

21 Avocado

22. Litchi

23. Annona

24. Ber

25. Pomegranate

26-27. Apple

28. Pear

29. Plum

30. Peach

31. Apricot

32. Strawberry

33 Walnut

34. Almond

Practical schedule

- 1. Scoring techniques for genomic status in banana.**
- 2. Characterization of germplasm of banana.**
- 3. Characterization of germplasm of papaya.**
- 4. Study of blossom biology in mango, banana and papaya.**
- 5. Study of blossom biology of guava, sapota, grapes.**
- 6. Study of blossom biology of mandarin, pineapple, jackfruit, avocado and litchi.**
- 7. Study of blossom biology of apple, pear, plum, peach, apricot and strawberry.**

8. Estimation of pollen output, viability and germinability in fruit crops.
9. Practices in hybridization, ploidy breeding, mutation breeding of mango and banana.
10. Practices in hybridization, ploidy breeding, mutation breeding of papaya and sapota.
11. Practices in hybridization, ploidy breeding, mutation breeding of grapes and guava.
12. Criteria for evaluation based on biometric and quality traits in fruit crops.
13. Screening and scoring techniques for resistance against biotic stress such as viral diseases and fusarium wilt in banana and PRSV in papaya.
14. Screening techniques for resistance against abiotic stresses like salt and drought tolerance in fruit crops.
- 15-17. Visit to research institutes working on improvement of fruit crops and visit to sub- tropical research stations for studying breeding programmes.

Course Outcome

CO1- Students will be able to understand the different breeding methods followed in fruit crops.

CO2- They will be able to demonstrate and carry out different techniques employed in breeding of fruit crops.

CO - PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	1	2	1
CO2	3	2	1	2	1

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FSC 612 TROPICAL AND DRY LAND FRUIT PRODUCTION (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart knowledge on the importance, scientific management practices and problems associated in the production of tropical and dry land fruit crops grown in India.
- To provide information on the postharvest management and marketing potential of tropical and dry land fruit crops prevalent in India.

Theory

Commercial varieties of regional- national and international importance- eco-physiological requirements- recent trends in propagation- rootstock influence- cropping systems- planting systems- HDP- root zone and canopy management- nutrient management- water management- fertigation- role of bio regulators- abiotic factors limiting fruit production- physiology of flowering- pollination- fruit set and development- physiological disorders- causes and remedies- organic production technologies- quality improvement by management practices; maturity indices- harvesting- grading- packing- storage and ripening techniques- mechanisation in fruit production- industrial and export potential- agri-export zones (AEZ)- industrial supports and research advancements made in the following fruit crops.

Unit I Tropical fruit crops-I

Mango and banana

Unit II Tropical fruit crops-II

Citrus, sapota and guava

Unit III Tropical fruit crops -III

Papaya, jackfruit and pomegranate

Unit IV Arid zone fruit crops -I

Aonla, ber, jamun and annona

Unit V Arid zone fruit crops -II

Wood apple, bael, karonda, manila tamarind and phalsa

Current Stream of Thought

Practical

Identification of important cultivars- observations on growth and development- practices in growth regulation- malady diagnosis- analysis of quality attributes- visit to tropical and arid zone orchards- analyzing stress management practices- project preparation for establishing commercial orchards.

Lecture schedule

1. Scope and current status of area- production and export of tropical and dry land fruit crops in India- scope for cultivation and area expansion- industrial and export potential.

Commercial varieties of regional- national and international importance- eco-physiological requirements- recent trends in propagation- rootstock influence- planting systems- cropping systems- root zone and canopy management- nutrient management- water management- fertigation- role of bio-regulators- abiotic factors limiting fruit production- physiology of flowering- pollination- fruit set and development- honeybees in cross pollination- physiological disorders- causes and remedies- major biotic stresses and their management quality improvement by management practices- maturity indices- harvesting- grading- packing- storage and ripening techniques- mechanisation in fruit production- industrial and export potential- Agri. Export Zones (AEZ) and industrial supports for the following crops:

2-4. Mango.

5-7 . Banana

8-9. Sweet orange

10-11. Acid lime

12-13. Lemons

14. Sapota

- 15-16. Guava
- 17. Mid- semester examination
- 18-19. Papaya
- 20. Jack fruit
- 21-22. Pomegranate
- 23-24. Annona
- 25-26. Ber
- 27. Jamun
- 28-29. Aonla
- 30. Wood apple and bael
- 31. Karonda
- 32. Manila tamarind
- 33. Phalsa
- 34. Processing industries for tropical and arid zone fruit crops

Practical schedule

1. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development in mango.
2. Practices in growth regulation and malady diagnosis in mango.
3. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development in banana.
4. Special practices, growth regulation and malady diagnosis in banana
5. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development in citrus.
6. Practices in growth regulation and malady diagnosis in citrus.
7. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development, practices in growth regulation, papain extraction and malady diagnosis in papaya.
8. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development, growth regulation, and malady diagnosis in sapota.
9. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development, practices in growth regulation and malady diagnosis in guava.
10. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development, practices in growth regulation and malady diagnosis in pomegranate.
11. Identification of important cultivars, observations on growth and development, practices in growth regulation and malady diagnosis in jackfruit.
12. Analysis of quality attributes in fruit crops- TSS, acidity and ascorbic acid.
13. Analysis of quality attributes in fruit crops – sugars and carotenoids.
14. Project preparation for establishing commercial orchards.
- 15-16. Visit to commercial tropical orchards.
17. Visit to arid zone orchards.

Course Outcome

CO1-Students will be able to appreciate the research advancements made in the Tropical and dry land fruit crops.

CO2-They will be able to recommend suitable package of practices for enhanced production of Tropical and dry land fruit crops.

CO - PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	3	2	1	2	1
CO2	3	2	2	2	1

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FSC 613 BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION OF FRUIT CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To provide an insight on the principles of biodiversity, strategies in conservation and utilization of fruit crop biodiversity.
- To provide information about under exploited fruits in India.

Theory

Unit I Importance of biodiversity and methods of conservation

Biodiversity and conservation- issues and goals- centres of origin of cultivated fruits- primary and secondary centres of genetic diversity- present status of gene centres- exploration and collection of germplasm- conservation of genetic resources- *in situ* and *ex situ* germplasm conservation- problem of recalcitrancy- cold storage of scions- tissue culture- cryopreservation- pollen and seed storage- inventory of germplasm.

Unit II Role of National institutes in conservation and plant quarantine

Introduction of germplasm- plant quarantine- role of national institutes in conservation- TBGRI- NBPGR-etc-intellectual property rights- regulatory horticulture- plant variety protection authority- maintenance of core group using traditional knowledge for plant conservation.

Unit III Bio diversity of tropical fruit crops

Biodiversity of major tropical fruit crops - mango- banana- sweet orange- lime- lemon- sapota- papaya- guava- pomegranate- pineapple- annona and avocado.

Unit IV Bio diversity of sub tropical and temperate fruit crops

Biodiversity of major sub tropical- temperate fruit and nut crops - grapes- mandarin- mangosteen- litchi- fig- apple- pear- plum- peach- strawberry- almond- apricot and walnut.

Unit V Bio diversity of under exploited minor fruit crops

Under exploited minor fruits -present status and scope- their origin- distribution- biodiversity- conservation and utilization of minor fruits.

Current Stream of Thought

Practical

Documentation of germplasm- maintenance of passport data and other records of accessions- field exploration trips- exercise on *ex situ* conservation- cold storage- pollen/seed storage- cryopreservation- visits to national gene bank and other centres of PGR activities- core sampling- germplasm characterization using molecular techniques.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Bio diversity – introduction , principles, goals and issues in conservation.**
- 2. Genetic diversity- occurrence and distribution.**
- 3. Exploration, collection, characterization, documentation and cataloguing of germplasm.**
- 4. Present status of national and international gene banks.**
- 5. Role of national institutes in conservation-TBGRI, NBPGR.etc.**
- 6. Germplasm exchange, Material Transfer Agreement and current quarantine protocols.**
- 7. Methods for *ex situ* conservation of germplasm and *in situ* conservation of germplasm**
- 8. Use of GIS and documentation of local biodiversity.**
- 9. Horticultural cropping systems and implication on biodiversity.**
- 10. Impact of climate change on biodiversity.**
- 11. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity though recalcitrant and orthodox seeds.**
- 12. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity through vegetative propagation**
- 13. Intellectual Property Rights, Plant Variety Protection Authority.**
- 14. Status of biodiversity of mango.**
- 15. Status of biodiversity of banana.**
- 16. Status of biodiversity of sweet orange, lime and lemon.**
- 17. Mid-semester examination**
- 18. Status of biodiversity of sapota and papaya.**
- 19. Status of biodiversity of guava and pomegranate.**
- 20. Status of biodiversity of pineapple and annona.**
- 21. Status of biodiversity of avocado and mangosteen.**
- 22. Status of biodiversity of grapes.**
- 23. Status of biodiversity of mandarin.**
- 24. Status of biodiversity of litchi and fig.**
- 25. Status of biodiversity of apple and pear.**
- 26. Status of biodiversity of plum and peach.**
- 27. Status of biodiversity of strawberry .**
- 28. Status of biodiversity of almond and apricot.**
- 29. Status of biodiversity of walnut.**

30. Under exploited minor fruit crops - present status and scope.
 31-34. Minor fruits - origin, distribution - biodiversity, propagation, conservation and utilization.

Practical schedule

1. Field exploration trips- exercise in collection and characterization.
2. Visit to field germplasm unit and documentation of germplasm.
3. Practices in maintenance of passport data.
4. Practical study of *ex situ* conservation methods.
5. Practical study of *in situ* conservation methods.
6. Methods of seed storage for short and long term conservation.
7. Methods of conservation using vegetative propagules.
8. *In vitro* conservation protocols.
9. Study of species diversity in horticultural cropping system.
10. Visit to regional conservation centres.
11. Visit to subtropical and temperate zone orchards.
12. Characterization of banana germplasm.
13. Characterization of papaya germplasm.
14. Characterization of mango germplasm.
15. Identification of minor fruit crops and their description.
16. Use of molecular tools for characterizing species diversity.
17. Estimating extent of diversity through collection and analysis of data.

Course Outcome

- CO1- The students will be able to understand the strategies in conservation And utilization of fruit crop biodiversity
 CO2- They will be able to demonstrate different techniques in *ex -situ* conservation.
 CO3 -They will be able to identify underutilized minor fruit crops.

CO - PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	1	-	2	2
CO2	-	1	-	-	1
CO3	-	-	-	1	1

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HOR 621 GROWTH REGULATION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT IN HORTICULTURAL CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- It is aimed to impart knowledge on physiology of growth and development.
- To study role of essential nutrients in plant growth and development.
- To learn the role played by plant growth regulator in the growth and development process of horticultural crops
- To learn the types of stress, mechanisms of stress susceptibility, tolerance and their management.

Theory

Unit I Concepts of crop growth analysis

Growth and development: definition- parameters of growth and development- growth dynamics- morphogenesis - different stages of growth- growth curves: sigmoid- polynomial and asymptotic - growth analysis in horticultural crops- CGR- RGR- NAR- LAI- LAR- HI in horticultural crops- canopy development- plant density and crop productivity - solar radiation concept and techniques for harvesting solar radiation for crop productivity.

Unit II Plant growth regulators

Plant growth regulators: auxins- gibberellins- cytokinins- ethylene- brassinosteroids- morphactins- inhibitors and retardants- bioassay- biosynthesis- translocation/movement- physiological role in cell level and their basic functions - mechanism of action of pgrs and theories - role of bio stimulants in crop growth and development - seaweed extract- humic acid- fulvic acid- chitosan and growth promoting microorganisms.

Unit III Developmental physiology of horticultural crops

Developmental physiology and biochemistry of seed germination- dormancy- bud break- methods of overcoming dormancy in horticultural crops - juvenility- vegetative to reproductive interphase and flowering - effect of light- photosynthesis- photoperiodism- vernalisation- temperature- heat units and thermoperiodism on developmental physiology - physiology of flowering : factors affecting flowering - floral induction theories/models: abc model- photoperiodism- vernalisation- florigen and anti-florigen concepts - stages of flowering: floral induction- initiation and organ primordial identification.

Unit IV Physiology of growth regulation in horticultural crops

Physiology of source and sink relationship- translocation of assimilates - physiological basis of training and pruning - physiology of fruit & seed development and maturation - physiological basis of unfruitfulness- fruit drop and fruit thinning - physiology of ripening - climacterics in ripening - post harvest physiology of horticultural crops - physiology of tuber and bulb formation - growth regulation for tuber and bulb yield.

Unit V Physiology of senescence and stress management in Horticultural crops

Senescence: Physiology- biochemistry- molecular and genetic approaches in plant senescence - longevity of leaves in perennial and annual crops - stress physiology concepts: stress and strain terminology- eustress- distress- stress tolerance- resistance- avoidance - stress responses of plants: cellular and molecular level- causes- effects and methods of overcoming stress - heat- low temperature- water deficit- flooding and salinity stresses.

Current stream of thoughts

Practical

Mechanism of dormancy stratification-PGR experiments on seeds- tubers and bulbs -visit to arid- subtropical and temperate horticultural zones to identify growth and development patterns- to perform growth analysis and to evaluate photosynthetic efficiency under different environments- experiment on growth regulator functions- hormone assays and ripening phenomenon in horticultural crops - experiment on impact of physical and chemical manipulations on growth and development of horticultural crops - growing of plants in sand culture under salt stress for biochemical and physiological studies - experiment on effect of osmotic and ionic stress on seed germination and seedling growth-measurement of low/high temperature injury under field conditions.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Growth and development: definitions and parameters of growth and development.**
- 2. Principles of growth dynamics and morphogenesis.**
- 3. Growth curves: stages and different pattern of growth curves of horticultural crops**
- 4. Growth analysis in horticultural crops (CGR, RGR, NAR, LAI, LAR, HI in horticultural crops).**
- 5. Canopy development and plant density with respect to crop productivity.**
- 6. Solar radiation concept and techniques for harvesting solar radiation for crop productivity.**
- 7. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of auxin.**
- 8. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of gibberellins.**
- 9. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of cytokinins.**
- 10. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of ethylene.**
- 11. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of brassinosteroids and morphactins**
- 12. Biosynthesis, translocation, physiological role in cell level, basic functions and mechanism of action of inhibitors and retardants**
- 13. Role of bio stimulants in crop growth and development: seaweed extract, humic acid, fulvic acid, chitosan and growth promoting microorganisms.**
- 14. Physiology and biochemistry of seed germination**
- 15. Physiology and biochemistry of dormancy: seed and bud dormancy**
- 16. Physiology of bud breaking and methods of overcoming dormancy in horticultural crops**
- 17. Mid -semester examination.**
- 18. Effect of light, photosynthesis and photoperiodism on developmental physiology.**
- 19. Effect of vernalisation, temperature, heat units and thermoperiodism on developmental physiology.**

20. **Physiology of flowering : factors affecting flowering and different stages of flowering**
21. **Physiology of flowering: floral induction theories/models: ABC model, photoperiodism and vernalisation.**
22. **Physiology of flowering : florigen and anti-florigen concepts with special reference to horticultural crops.**
23. **Source and sink relationship and concepts (carbon partitioning, sucrose synthesis, phloem loading and transportation).**
24. **Physiological and biochemical basis of training and pruning.**
25. **Physiology of fruit set and development with a special reference to chemical regulation of fruit set.**
26. **Physiological basis of unfruitfulness, fruit drop and fruit thinning**
27. **Physiological and biochemical basis of ripening and post harvest physiology of horticultural crops**
28. **Physiological and biochemical basis of tuber and bulb formation with special reference to growth regulation for tuber and bulb yield.**
29. **Physiological and biochemical basis of senescence with special reference to molecular and genetic approaches in plant senescence**
30. **Concepts of stress physiology: stress, eustress, distress, stress tolerance, resistance, avoidance**
31. **Stress responses of plants at cellular and molecular level.**
32. **Causes, effects and methods of overcoming heat and low temperature stress.**
33. **Causes, effects and methods of overcoming water deficit and flooding stress.**
34. **Causes, effects and methods of overcoming salinity stress.**

Practical schedule

1. **Estimation of growth parameters for analyzing the growth - estimation of leaf area index.**
2. **Estimation of growth parameters for analyzing the growth - DMP and growth rates.**
3. **Evaluation of photosynthetic efficiency of horticultural crops under different environments.**
4. **Visit to arid, subtropical and temperate horticultural zones to identify growth and development pattern of different horticultural crops.**
5. **Studies on mechanism breaking of dormancy by stratification in seeds.**
6. **PGR experiments on seeds, tubers and bulbs breaking of dormancy.**
7. **Hormone assays (Auxin)**
8. **Experiments on growth regulator functions - rooting of cuttings and herbicidal effect.**
9. **Experiments on growth regulator functions - fruit ripening in climacteric and non-climacteric fruits.**
10. **Experiments on growth regulator functions - senescence.**
11. **Experiments on growth regulation by pruning, pinching, defoliation and disbudding in horticultural crops.**
12. **Experiments on growth regulator functions - fruit thinning, overcoming fruit drop and unfruitfulness.**

13. Experiments on growth regulator functions – post harvest losses in horticultural crops and post harvest treatments for shelflife.
14. Growing of plants in sand culture to study the effect of drought stress.
15. Growing of plants in artificially salinized soil in pots to study the effect of salt stress.
16. Effect of osmotic and ionic stress on seed germination and seedling growth
17. Estimation of proline content in stress and normal condition in crops.

COURSE OUTCOME:

CO 1: Students will be able to understand the physiology of growth and development and the role of growth regulators.

CO 2: Will be able to recommend growth regulation techniques and PGRs for production problems in horticultural crops.

CO3: Will be able to recommend cultural, chemical and biotechnological technologies for abiotic and biotic stresses.

CO-PO MAPPING

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
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HOR 622 PROTECTED AND PRECISION HORTICULTURE (2+1)

Learning objectives:

- To provide knowledge on protected cultivation of horticultural crops
- To provide better understanding on basis of protected cultivation.
- To teach them techniques in precision farming for horticultural crops.

Theory

Unit I Scope, importance and principles of protected cultivation

Profile of crop production systems - protected cultivation systems: overview- importance scope and constraints under Indian conditions- comparison with conventional crop production system - microclimatological principles of protected cultivation: effect of light- temperature relative humidity and CO₂ on crop growth and productivity modes of protected cultivation types of protected structures: greenhouse polyhouses/ walk in tunnels- plastic tunnels shade houses- cold frames- rain shelters-etc.

Unit II Structure and components of green house

Site selection and planning of green house structure - types/styles of green house orientation- design- frames- civil work requirement drainage and gutter - green house components - environment control systems: green house covering materials- ventilation systems- temperature control by cooling/heating system- shade and light systems- photoperiod manipulation- green house growing media - beds- green house benches- grow containers for different systems/crops - componentsof differentgrowing media -media preparation.

Unit III Irrigation systems for green house

Green house irrigation systems: different types and components planning lay out- designing installation- operation and maintenance- water requirement and irrigation scheduling for different crops - fogging systems- fertilizer sources - fertigation systems- water soluble fertilizers and their compatibility- application methods- fertilizer programmesfor importantvegetablesandflowers.

Unit IV Green house automation (smart green house)

Green house automation- commercial smart green house systems - sensor based signalling and monitoring for environment control- irrigation and fertigation scheduling automation components for plug production- modular containers- media mixers and fillers- mechanical seeder- seed pelleting- priming root trainers- insects and disease control system- smoke generator- thermal fogging for insect and disease control- automatic green house logistical system and internet of things multi-level growing and vertical farming.

Unit V Precision horticulture and hydroponics

Precision horticulture principles and concepts- enabling technologies of precision farming GPS- GIS- remote sensing sensors- variability management in precision farming mapping variable rate technology precision equipments computers and robotics in precision farming precision farming displays- software expert systems and application - hydroponics: principles and system designs- system components- materials- growing media and methods of establishment - managementof hydroponicgrowing systems- aquaponics.

Current stream of thoughts

Practicals

Green house designing site analysis and lay out - parts of green house and structural components glazing/cladding materials - growing media and sterilization- beds- specification for benches- construction and lay out- plant growing containers- environment control systems: ventilation- cooling- heating- lighting- irrigation and fertigation systems - IPM- special horticultural practices- cost economics of different greenhouse production systems- visit to hi-tech units - GPS- GIS- remote sensing facility- designing of prototype hydroponics system.

Lecture schedule

1. **Protected cultivation systems: overview and importance in comparison with conventional crop production system.**
2. **Current scenario of green house cultivation in India: focus on constraints and scope.**
3. **Microclimatological principles of protected cultivation: effect of light, temperature and relative humidity on crop growth and productivity.**
4. **Microclimatological principles of protected cultivation: effect of elevated CO₂ on crop growth and productivity.**
5. **Modes and types of protected structures: greenhouse, polyhouses/walk in tunnels and plastic tunnels**
6. **Modes and types of protected structures: shade houses, cold frames, rain shelters etc.**
7. **Types/styles of green house structure, site selection and planning**
8. **Structural designing and specifications of frames, gutter and fittings for different types of greenhouses.**
9. **Civil work requirement and specifications for green house erection.**
10. **Components of green house for environment control : green house covering materials, accessories and ventilation systems**
11. **Components of green house for environment control : temperature control by cooling/heating system and photoperiod manipulation by shade and light systems,**
12. **Grow beds, benches and grow containers for different green house systems and crops.**
13. **Components of different growing media and media preparation for different greenhouse crops.**
14. **Different types and designing principles of green house irrigation systems.**
15. **Installation, operation and maintenance of green house irrigation systems.**
16. **Water requirement and irrigation scheduling for different green house crops.**
17. **Mid-semester examination.**
18. **Fogging systems for green house: principles, designing and components.**
19. **Advantages of fertigation systems in green house and working principles and design of different fertigation systems.**
20. **Sources of water soluble fertilizers and their compatibility in fertigation systems.**
21. **Fertilizer programmes for important vegetables and flowers under green house growing.**
22. **Green house automation : scope and advantages of commercial smart green house systems**
23. **Sensor based signalling and monitoring for environment control and scheduling of irrigation and fertigation in smart greenhouse.**
24. **Automation components: plug production, modular containers, media mixers and fillers.**
25. **Mechanical seeding, seed pelleting, priming and root training practices**

in green house automation.

- 26. Automated insects and disease control system: smoke generator, thermal fogging for insect and disease control.**
- 27. Automatic green house logistical systems and internet of things.**
- 28. Vertical farming and multi-level growing: principles, design and practices.**
- 29. Precision horticulture: principles, concepts and role of GPS, GIS, Remote sensing and sensors.**
- 30. Variability management in precision farming, mapping variable rate technology.**
- 31. Precision equipments, computers and robotics in precision farming.**
- 32. Precision farming displays, software, expert systems and applications**
- 33. Hydroponics: principles, system designs, components and management of hydroponic growing systems.**
- 34. Aquaponics: Integration of hydroponic system with domestic aquaculture.**

Practical schedule

- 1. Study on components of greenhouse, polyhouses/ walk in tunnels and plastic tunnels**
- 2. Study on site analysis and layout designing for greenhouse.**
- 3. Estimating the cost of low cost green house of IARI model.**
- 4. Designing covering material.**
- 5. Designing of ventilation-passive and active systems.**
- 6. Designing of cooling systems.**
- 7. Designing an irrigation system.**
- 8. Designing of fogging systems**
- 9. Estimation of light requirement for various purposes.**
- 10. Working out the space use efficiency of beds and benches.**
- 11. Study of fertigation methods.**
- 12. Fertilizer calculation.**
- 13. Economics of green house cultivation of cut flowers.**
- 14. Economics of green house cultivation of vegetables.**
- 15. Visit to export oriented floriculture units and precision farming units.**
- 16. Visit to GPS, GIS and remote sensing facility.**
- 17. Designing of prototype hydroponic system.**

COURSE OUTCOME :

CO1- At the end of the course students will be able to suggest location specific protected structure for various horticultural crops.

COI2- The students will be able to design structures, micro irrigation and fertigation assembly.

CO3- The Students will be able to prepare media and prescribe sterilization techniques and media for regular and hydroponic production system.

CO4- The student will be able to recommend frontier technologies like Remote sensing, GIS, GPS and Precision horticulture.

CO-PO MAPPING MATRIX

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CO1	3	2	-	2	2
CO2	3	2	-	2	2
CO3	3	2	-	2	2
CO4	3	2	-	2	2
CO5	3	2	-	2	2

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FSC 621 SUBTROPICAL AND TEMPERATE FRUIT PRODUCTION (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart knowledge on the importance, scientific management practices and problems associated in the production of subtropical and temperate fruits grown in India.
- To provide information on the postharvest management and marketing potential of subtropical and temperate fruits prevalent in India.

Theory

Commercial subtropical fruits and temperate fruits and nuts- eco physiological requirements- important varieties- latest propagation techniques followed- rootstocks- stock/scion relationships- planting systems- hdp- cropping systems- root zone and canopy management- modern irrigation and nutrient management- factors (abiotic and biotic) limiting fruit production and their management- gap- physiology of flowering and fruit set and development- off season and year round production- management practices for quality improvement- organic production technologies- maturity indices- harvesting- grading- packing- pre- cooling- storage-

transportation and ripening techniques- mechanisation in fruit crops- local and export market potential- AEZs and industrial support- research advances made in the following fruit crops:

Unit I Sub tropical fruit production -I

Hill banana, grapes, mandarin and pineapple

Unit II Sub tropical fruit production -II

Mangosteen, durian, passion fruit, fig and avocado

Unit III Sub tropical fruit production -III

Persimmon, loquat, litchi, rambutan, carambola and bilimbi

Unit IV Temperate fruit crop production

Apple, pear, plum, peach, strawberry

Unit V Nut crop production

Kiwi,apricot, walnut, almond, pistachio, pecan and hazelnut.

Current Stream of Thought

Practicals

Identification of important cultivars- designing hdp system for optimum production- growth regulation and off season production using pruning methods and use of growth regulators - diagnosis and correction of physiological disorders- identification of nutrient and micronutrient deficiencies and their correction- identification of storage disorders and following preventive methods- visit to subtropical and temperate orchards and fruit processing and package industries- project preparation for establishing commercial orchards.

Lecture schedule

1.Importance- area and production of subtropical and temperate fruit crops in Tamilnadu and India.

Important varieties- latest propagation techniques followed- rootstocks-stock/scion relationships- modern hdp systems for tropical and subtropical fruit crops- pruning methods and machineries used in HDP and off season production- growth regulation using growth regulators for off-season fruit production- good agricultural practices- mechanisation in fruit crops local and export market potential for the following subtropical and temperate fruit crops:

2. Hill banana

3-5. Grapes

6. Mandarin

7-8.Pineapple

9. Mangosteen

10. Durian

11.Passion fruit and Kokam

12 .Fig

13. Avocado

14. Persimmon

15. Loquat

16. Litchi

17. Mid-semester examination

18. Rambutan

19. Carambola and Bilimbi

20. Unique climatic requirements for temperate fruit crops
- 21-22. Apple
23. Pear
24. Plum
25. Peach
26. Strawberry
27. Apricot
28. Cherries
29. Kiwi fruit
30. Commercial temperate nuts and their economic importance
31. Walnut
32. Almond
33. Pistachio, pecan and hazelnut
34. Processing industries for subtropical and temperate fruit crops

Practical schedule

1. Description of commercial subtropical fruits.
2. Propagation techniques for subtropical fruits.
3. Designing HDP for subtropical fruits.
4. Pruning and growth regulation of grapes for year round production.
5. Preparation of growth regulator solutions for propagation and flower induction in subtropical fruits.
6. Visit to grape gardens.
7. Identification of nutrient and physiological disorders in citrus sp.
8. Preparation of micronutrient mixtures for alleviating nutrient deficiency of citrus.
9. Visit to temperate orchards – HRS, Kodaikanal and study of mandarin at HRS Thadiyankudisai, identification of important cultivars and survey of existing cropping systems.
10. Visit to cold storage unit - study of stored temperate fruits for quality and diseases.
11. Development of a model fruit cropping system suitable for southern (Tamilnadu) subtropical areas.
12. Development of a model fruit cropping system for southern (Tamilnadu) temperate areas
13. Nutrition management in subtropical fruits.
14. Nutrition management in temperate fruits.
15. Identification of maturity indices for subtropical and temperate fruit crops.
16. Project Preparation for commercial orchard establishment.
17. Visit to Kallar and Burliar State Horticultural Farms .

Course Outcome

CO1-Students will be able to appreciate the research advancements made in the Subtropical and Temperate fruit crops.

CO2-They will be able to recommend suitable package of practices for enhanced production of Subtropical and Temperate fruit crops.

CO - PO Mapping

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CO2	3	2	2	2	1

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FSC 622 BIOTECHNOLOGY OF FRUIT CROPS (1+1)

Learning Objectives

- To comprehend the principles of biotechnology.
- To learn about the various developments in biotechnology and its potential applications.
- To impart knowledge and practical skills to use biotechnological tools in fruit crops

Theory

Unit I Importance of biotechnology and factors affecting tissue cultures

Harnessing biotechnology in fruit crops- influence of plant materials- physical-chemical factors and growth regulators on growth and development of plant cell-tissue and organ cultures.

Unit II Techniques in biotechnology-I

Callus culture- types- cell division- differentiation- organogenesis- embryogenesis- organ culture- meristem- embryo- endosperm-anther- ovule culture- embryo rescue- rapid clonal propagation- somaclonal variations.

Unit III Techniques in biotechnology-II

Hardening and field transfer- use of bioreactors and *in vitro* methods for production of secondary metabolites- suspension cultures- regeneration of tissues.

Unit IV Techniques in biotechnology -III

Protoplast culture and fusion- construction and identification of somatic hybrids and cybrids- *in vitro* pollination and fertilization- *in vitro* mutation- artificial seeds.

Unit V Techniques in biotechnology -IV

Cryopreservation- genetic engineering in horticulture crops- use of molecular markers- *in vitro* selection for biotic and abiotic stress- achievements of biotechnology in fruit crops.

Current Stream of Thought

Practical

An exposure to tissue culture laboratories- media preparation- inoculation of explants for clonal propagation- callus induction and culture- regeneration of plantlets from callus- sub-culturing- techniques on anther- embryo culture- somaclonal variation- *in vitro* mutant selection against abiotic stress- development of protocols for mass multiplication- project development for establishment of commercial tissue culture laboratory.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Role of biotechnology in fruit crops.**
- 2. Influence of plant materials, physical and chemical factors on growth and development of plant cell tissues and organs.**
- 3. Callus cultures, differentiation, organogenesis and somatic organogenesis.**
- 4. Meristem culture for disease elimination.**
- 5. Production of haploids and dihaploids through anther, pollen and ovule culture.**
- 6. Embryo culture and endosperm culture techniques**
- 7. Rapid *in vitro* clonal propagation through direct organogenesis.**
- 8. Hardening and establishment of tissue cultured plantlets in primary, secondary nursery and field.**
- 9. Mid – semester examination**
- 10. Somaclonal variations and its applications.**
- 11. *In vitro* production of secondary metabolites**
- 12. Protoplast culture and regeneration and protoplast fusion.**
- 13. Techniques of *in vitro* pollination and fertilization and *in-vitro* mutation**
- 14. Synthetic seed production techniques**
- 15. *In vitro* conservation and cryopreservation techniques.**
- 16. Genetic engineering and transgenics.**
- 17. Vectors and methods of transformation.**

Practical schedule

- 1. Components of tissue culture laboratory.**
- 2. Laboratory equipments-uses and methods of operation.**
- 3. Nutrient stock and growth regulator stock preparation.**
- 4. Culture media preparation.**
- 5. Sterilization techniques for glassware and media.**
- 6. Inoculation of explants for direct organogenesis.**
- 7. Inoculation of explants for callus culture.**
- 8. Clonal propagation through meristem culture.**
- 9. Anther, pollen and ovule culture.**
- 10. Sub-culturing techniques for regeneration.**
- 11. Induction of multiple shoots and roots.**
- 12. *In vitro* screening of cell lines for abiotic stress.**

13. *In vitro* mutation for abiotic stress.
14. Synthetic seed production.
15. Hardening techniques.
16. Visit to leading commercial tissue culture units.
17. Project preparation for establishment of tissue culture labs.

Course Outcome

CO1: The students will be able to demonstrate different techniques in biotechnology.

CO2: They will be able to prepare a proposal for establishment of a tissue culture laboratory.

CO - PO Mapping

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CO2	-	1	3	1	-

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FSC 623 ORGANIC FRUIT PRODUCTION (1+1)

Learning Objectives

- To educate the students on the principles and concepts of organic farming in the production of fruit crops.
- To appraise about the methods of sustainable organic farming in fruit crops.

Theory

Unit I Importance of organic Horticulture

Organic Horticulture definition – synonyms and misnomers – principles – methods – merits and demerits – present status- rationale back ground of organic fruit production in India and in the world.

Unit II Bio inputs in organic Horticulture

Different organic inputs – their role in organic fruit production – bulky organic manures – green manures – bio fertilizers – bio dynamics – em technology and its impact in organic fruit production

Unit III Biological management in organic Horticulture

Indigenous practices in organic horticulture – sustainable soil fertility management – weed management practices in organic fruit production- biological/natural control of pests and diseases- quality improvement

Unit IV Certification in organic Horticulture

GAP- Principles and management – HACCP exercise – certification of organic products and systems – agencies involved at National and International level – standards evolved by different agencies.

Unit V Post harvest management and sustainability in organic Horticulture

Constraints in certification – organic fruit production and export – IFOAM and global scenario of organic movement – post harvest management of organic fruit produce -sustainability and input management system in organic fruit production.

Current Stream of Thought

Practicals

Estimation of soil physical, chemical and biological parameters – composting of farm wastes and agro industrial wastes -recycling of crop wastes through vermiculture- preparation of panchakavya -activated em solution nutritive analysis for estimating the potential of organics- mulching -nursery bed soil solarisation- bio agents for crop protection and their preparation-working out indices for organic fruit production- economic evaluation of organic fruit production system - visit to farmers field under organic fruit production .

Lecture schedule

- 1. Organic horticulture, definition, synonyms and misnomers.**
- 2. Scope, principles of organic horticulture and merits and demerits.**
- 3. Present status, rationale and back ground of organic fruit production in India and the world.**
- 4. Different organic inputs and its role in organic fruit production.**
- 5. Bulky organic green manures and biofertilizers.**
- 6. Biodynamic farming, EM technology and its impact.**
- 7. Indigenous practices in organic horticulture.**
- 8. Sustainable soil fertility management.**
- 9. Mid – semester examination**
- 10. Weed management practices in organic fruit production.**
- 11. Biological/natural pest management.**
- 12. Biological/natural disease management with respect to quality.**
- 13. GAP principles and management.**
- 14. Certification of organic produce and agencies at national and international levels.**
- 15. Standards for different agencies .**
- 16. Constraints in certification.**
- 17. Post harvest management of organic produce and sustainability and input management.**

Practical schedule

1. Soil physical parameters with relevance to organic fruit production.
2. Estimate of soil chemical parameters (pH, EC and ESP).
3. Estimation of soil biological parameters.
4. Estimation of farm wastes / agro industrial waste.
5. Agro techniques for composting farm wastes and agro industrial wastes.
6. Recycling of crop wastes through vermin culture.
7. Preparation of Panchakavya .
8. Preparation of activated EM solution.
9. Nutritive analysis for estimating the potential of organics.
10. Application of various mulch materials to horticultural crops.
11. Nursery bed soil solarization.
12. Study of bio agents for crop protection.
13. Preparation of organic formulations for pest control.
14. Preparation of organic formulations for disease control.
15. Working out indices for organic fruit production.
16. Economic evaluation of organic fruit production system.
17. Visit to farmers field under organic fruit production.

Course Outcome

CO1: The students will be able to recommend suitable organic package of practices for enhanced production of fruit crops.

CO2: They will be able to establish various organic input production units.

CO - PO Mapping

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	2	2	1	1	1
CO2	2	1	1	2	1

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FSC 624 POST HARVEST TECHNOLOGY OF FRUIT CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To understand the basics and principles of post harvest technology.

- To provide information on the recent innovations in processing, packaging, storage and transport of fruit crops.

Theory

Unit I Importance of post harvest technology and factors leading to post harvest losses

Post harvest technology- scenario in fruit crops - harvest indices - harvesting methods in fruit crops - harvesting practices for specific market requirements - influence of pre - harvest factors on post harvest quality and shelf life of fruit crops - factors leading to post harvest losses.

Unit II Physiology of ripening and post harvest treatments

Ripening of fruits - physiology and biochemistry of fruit ripening - ethylene action on ripening of fruits and ethylene management - pre-cooling - treatments prior to transport - chlorination- waxing- chemicals- bio control agents and natural plant products.

Unit III Storage methods

Storage methods- ventilated – refrigerated – MAS – CAS - physical injuries and disorders during storage

Unit IV Methods of preservation

Principles and methods of preservation - minimal processing of fruits – pretreatment- blanching - canning and irradiation - value addition of fruits - fruit juices – beverages - pickles - jam- jellies- marmalades- candies- glazed- crystallized fruits- dried and dehydrated products-nutritionally enriched- fortified products encapsulated fruit flavours.

Unit V Packing technologies and quality control standards

Packaging-technologies - packaging materials and transport- by -products from processing and its management- quality control and regulation of fresh and processed products- food safety standards.

Current Stream of Thought

Practical

Experiments on extension of shelf life - experiments on methods of preservation - changes occurring during preservation- various methods of preserving products- experiments to curtail spoilage- visit to food processing units.

Lecture schedule

1. Post harvest technology scenario of fruit crops.
2. Harvest indices, physiological and horticultural maturity of important fruits, harvesting practices for specific market requirements.
3. Harvest indices, physiological and horticultural maturity of important sub tropical fruit crops *viz.*, pineapple, mandarins, jack, strawberry, grapes – harvesting practices for specific market requirements.
4. Harvest indices, physiological and horticultural maturity of important temperate fruit crops *viz.*, apple, pear, peach, plum – harvesting practices for specific market requirements .
5. Harvest indices, physiological and horticultural maturity of arid zone and minor fruit crops, *viz.*, pomegranate, annona, ber, date aonla, bael, woodapple, karonda, jamun, gambodge- harvesting practices for specific market requirements.
6. Influence of pre- harvest practices on post harvest quality and shelf life of fruits.

7. Major factors leading to post harvest losses.
8. Fruit ripening – climacteric and non- climacteric ripening.
9. Bio chemical and physiological changes during ripening.
10. Respiration and transpiration of fresh produce.
11. Ethylene evolution and ethylene management of fresh produce
12. Pre- cooling treatments prior to transport, chlorination.
13. waxing, chemicals, bio control agents and natural plant products.
14. Storage methods for fresh produces (ventilated, cold storage).
15. Modified atmospheric and controlled atmospheric storage (MAS, CAS)
16. Disorders and injuries during storage.
17. Packaging technology – characteristics and selection
18. Mid - semester examination
19. Packaging materials – characteristics and selection.
20. Refrigerated transport system for fresh produce.
21. Minimal processing- Fresh cutproduce- merits and demerits.
22. Cold chain in maintenance and supply chain management.
23. Principles and methods of preservation and processing
24. Pre- treatments – blanching and canning.
25. Value added products from horticultural crops – fruit juices and beverages.
26. Pickles.
27. Jam, jellies, marmalades.
28. Dried and dehydrated products
29. Nutritionally enriched or fortified products, encapsulated fruit flavours.
30. Packaging technology for processed products.
31. Integrated Pack House Facility for Fresh fruits.
32. Food safety standards –FPO, FSSAI,
33. Food safety standards – BIS,AGMARK,HACCP, ISO,
34. By - products from processing and its management (Briquetting, Kernel powder).

Practical schedule

1. Exercise on harvesting of fruits based on maturity indices.
2. Pre-cooling, grading, washing and waxing treatments.
3. Collection and practicing usage of various packaging materials.
4. Experiments to hasten ripening of fruits.
5. Experiments to delay ripening of fruits.
6. Exercise on storage of fruits.
7. Preparation of jams and jellies.
8. Preparation of squashes and RTS.
9. Preparation of marmalade.
10. Preparation of sauce.
11. Preparation of brine and syrup for preservation.
12. Preparation of pickles.
13. Practices in lye peeling and scalding.
14. Experiment on dehydration of fruits.

15. Preparation of candies and crystallized fruits.
16. Visit to commercial processing industries.
17. Project preparation for establishment of fruit processing industry.

Course Outcome

CO1:The students will be able to demonstrate different methods of processing of fruit crops

CO2:They will be able to prepare a proposal for establishing a fruit processing unit.

CO - PO Mapping

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CO1	1	2	2	3	1
CO2	-	-	-	3	1

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MINOR COURSES

OPCAGR 711 - ORGANIC FARMING AND PRECISION AGRICULTURE (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart knowledge on the concepts and importance of organic agriculture, precision agriculture and to equip the students with geostatistical techniques and variable crop yield mapping.

Theory

Unit I - Importance of Organic farming

Organic farming – current status of organic farming in India and Tamil Nadu – Potential resources for nutrient supply in organic farming – Prospects and limitations of organic farming in field and horticultural crops - ITK in organic agriculture

Unit II - Soil health and organic certification

Organic farming in relation to soil health and quality organic farming in relation to insect and disease management – organic manures, bio-fertilizers, blue green algae and vermicompost in organic farming - Trade, industry and certification in organic

farming – certification standards - Procedures and regulatory mechanisms in organic agriculture – Government policies towards research and development of organic farming in India.

Unit III - Precision farming

Precision farming – concept and approach – Application of precision concept in INM of field crops – Land information for precision agriculture – Remote sensing – GIS and GPS – VAT based precision farming. Scope of precision farming in agriculture, horticulture and plantation crops.

Unit IV - Yield mapping techniques

Potential and limitation of satellite remote sensing in precision agriculture – yield mapping with remote sensing for precision agriculture – precise water management in agriculture using spatial hydrological methods and remote sensing – use of hyperspectral data for precision farming – soil survey and mapping techniques for precision farming.

Unit V - Application of GIS and decision support system tool

GIS based nutrient delivery systems – Development of sensors and their evaluation – remote sensing and GIS applications for management of land and water resources on watershed framework – Decision support system tool for impact assessment of saline and sodic environment – geo-statistical techniques for precision farming – Spatial and temporal variability of soil physical parameters – DSSAT for variable crop yield mapping – Farm machinery for precise input application.

Practicals

Aerobic and anaerobic methods of making compost, making vermicompost – Efficient use of biofertilizers – techniques of treating legume seeds with Rhizobium cultures, use of Azotobacter, Azospirillum, and PSB cultures in field - Visit to an organic farm – bio – dynamic farm – Quality standards, inspection, certification and labeling and accreditation procedures for farm produce from organic farms. Visual image interpretation, Spectral Indices, Thermal indices derived from remote sensing data, Spectroradiometer data analysis, IR thermometer principles and working, Map projection system. Digital image processing, ERDAS imaging, ARC view, Satellites, Sensors and platforms, Satellite data acquisition and dissemination, Principles of crop modeling.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Organic Farming – definition, concepts, prospects, opportunities and priorities.**
- 2. Current status of Organic Farming in India and Tamil Nadu.**
- 3. Resources for nutrient supply in organic farming – Bio and industrial wastes.**
- 4. Role of Indigenous technological knowledge (ITK) in organic agriculture.**
- 5. Prospects and limitations of organic farming in field crops – Cereals, millets, and pulses.**
- 6. Prospects and limitations of organic farming in field crops – Oilseeds and commercial crops.**
- 7. Prospects of organic farming in agriculture and horticultural crops – Vegetables, fruits, spices and plantation crops.**
- 8. Organic farming in relation to soil health and quality.**
- 9. Organic farming in relation to insect and disease management.**
- 10. Organic manures, bio-fertilizers, blue green algae and**

vermicompost for organic farming.

11. **Government policies towards development of organic farming in India.**
12. **Trade, industry and certification in organic farming – Certification standards, procedures and regulatory mechanisms.**
13. **Precision farming – concept, approach and relevance to Indian Agriculture.**
14. **Application of precision concept in INM of field crops.**
15. **Precision agriculture and cropping system.**
16. **Soil and land information of precision agriculture.**
17. **Mid Semester Examination.**
18. **Remote sensing – GIS and GPS – VAT based precision farming.**
19. **Scope of precision farming in horticulture / plantation crops.**
20. **Potential and limitation of satellite remote sensing for precision farming.**
21. **Yield mapping with remote sensing for precision agriculture.**
22. **Precise water management in agriculture using spatial hydrological models and remote sensing.**
23. **Use of hyperspectral data for precision farming.**
24. **Soil survey and mapping techniques for precision farming.**
25. **GIS based nutrient delivery systems.**
26. **Development of sensors and their evaluation.**
27. **Remote sensing and GIS applications for management of land and water resources on watershed framework.**
28. **Decision support system tool for impact assessment of saline/sodic environment.**
29. **Geostatistical techniques for precision farming.**
30. **Spatial and temporal variability of soil physical parameters.**
31. **DSSAT for variable crop yield mapping.**
32. **Farm machinery for precise input application.**
33. **Precision farming in agroforestry.**
34. **Weather forecast – A decision tool for precision farming.**

Practical Schedule

1. **Practicing aerobic methods of making compost.**
2. **Practicing anaerobic methods of making compost.**
3. **Practicing vermicomposting methods.**
4. **Techniques of treating legume seeds with *Rhizobium* cultures, use of *Azotobacter*, *Azospirillum* and PSB cultures in field.**
5. **Role of Indigenous Technological Knowledge (ITK) in weed, insect and disease management.**
6. **Visit to sugar industry to study the by-products composting.**
7. **Visit to an organic farm.**
8. **Visit to biodynamic farm.**
9. **Quality standards, inspection, certification and labelling and accreditation procedures for farm produce from organic farms.**

10. Visual image interpretation, spectral indices, thermal indices derived from remote sensing data.
11. Spectroradiometer data analysis.
12. Study of IR thermometer principles and working.
13. Practicing map projection system.
14. Practicing digital image processing.
15. ERDAS imaging, ARC view, satellites.
16. Study of sensors and platforms.
17. Satellite data acquisition and dissemination and crop modeling studies.

Course Outcomes

CO 1: To acquire knowledge on concepts of organic agriculture.

CO 2: To gain the information about the impact of organic farming and indigenous practices on environment.

CO 3: To understand the procedure followed for organic certification as per NPOP guidelines namely production standards, labelling and accreditation.

CO 4: To equip students with geostatistical techniques and variables of crop yield mapping.

CO 5: To understand GIS based nutrient delivery system and DSSAT for variable crop yield mapping.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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OPCAGR712 - DRYFARMING AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT(2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart scientific knowledge on concepts and practices of dry farming, soil moisture conservation and watershed management.

Theory

Unit I - Principles of dry land agriculture

Dry farming -Definition, concept, characteristics and classification – Significance and dimensions of dry farming in Indian agriculture – Production constraints in dryfarming areas – Rainfall characterization in dry lands.

Unit II - Drought and mitigation strategies

Drought and its classification-Drought resistance in crops- Mechanism for drought tolerance and crop adaptability to drought situations-Drought tolerant crops and their varieties, plant ideotypes for dry land areas - ephemerals –shoot and root growth characteristics– preparation of appropriate crop plans for dry land areas mid season correction for aberrant weather situation - contingent crop planning .

Unit III - Soil moisture conservation techniques in drylands

Soilmoisture conservation techniques -Agronomic, Engineering and Biological methods-Moisture retention and availability concepts- Length of Growing Period(LGP)- Water absorption by crop plants under stress conditions-Water loss through evaporation and transpiration and its management under stress conditions-effectiveness and economics- Management of soil constraints.

Unit IV - Approaches for Integrated dry farming technology

Agricultural implements and machineries for dry farming -Tillage-Soil and crop management techniques: seed hardening and efficient fertilizer use-Integrated dry farming technology –Cropping systems, integrated farming systems, organic farming and alternative land use systems.

Unit V - Watershed management

Watershed management -concepts, approaches and components- Water harvesting techniques - Scope and application - Rain water management in watershed - pre and post sowing conservation technologies -Role of organization in promoting watershed-Selection of crops and cropping systems based on rainfall and socio - economic factors- Land capability classification – Rehabilitation of degraded lands in watershed .

Practicals

Mapping of arid and semi arid zones of India and agro - climatic zones of India and TamilNadu - study of moisture profiles of soils – Rainfall analysis and interpretation- Use of mulches and antitranspirants – seed hardening techniques – germination and crop establishment in relation to moisture stress-Estimation of moisture index, aridity index and Water-Use Efficiency –Plant root growth studies with reference to stress management- farm mechanization in dryfarming –Collection and interpretation of data for water balance equations-Estimation of run-off and soil moisture loss-Crop planning for different drought conditions- Preparation of model watershed programme – Visit to dry farming research experiments/exposure visits to research institutes/ stations and watersheds.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Dry farming-Definition, concept, characteristics.**
- 2. Dimensions of dry land farming in Indian agriculture.**
- 3. Dry farming- classification - significance and dimensions of dry farming in India.**
- 4. Production constraints in dry farming areas.**
- 5. Rainfall characterization and behaviours.**
- 6. Delineation of dry farming areas on the basis of drought indices and their characteristics.**
- 7. Drought and its classification.**
- 8. Drought management strategies and preparation of crop plans for dry land areas.**
- 9. Dry land crop production technologies for sustainable agriculture.**
- 10. Methods of controlling runoff and its significance.**
- 11. Evaporation, evapo-transpiration, mulching, anti transpirants and anti evaporants.**
- 12. Drought resistance in crops- Mechanism or drought tolerance and crop adaptability to drought situations.**
- 13. Drought tolerant crops and their varieties.**
- 14. Plant ideotypes for dry land areas –shoot and root growth characteristics.**
- 15. Preparation of appropriate crop plans for dryland areas.**
- 16. Midseason correction for aberrant weather situation.**
- 17. Mid-semester examination**
- 18. Contingent crop planning to mitigate drought.**
- 19. Soil moisture conservation techniques -Agronomic, Engineering and Biological.**
- 20. Moisture retention and availability concepts – Length of Growing Period(LGP) – Water absorption by crop plants under stress conditions.**
- 21. Water loss through evaporation and transpiration and its management under stress conditions - effectiveness and economics- management of**

soil constraints.

22. Agricultural implements and machineries for dry farming.
23. Tillage-Soil and crop management techniques -seed hardening and efficient fertilizer use.
24. Integrated dry farming technology –Cropping systems.
25. Integrated farming systems – significance - location specific IFS – models for wetlands, garden lands and dry lands.
26. Organic farming and alternative land use systems.
27. Water shed management: Definition, concepts, problems, approaches and components of watershed.
28. Problems, approach components, development of cropping systems for watershed areas.
29. Resource management and crop planning – alternate land use pattern
30. Water harvesting techniques - Scope and application - Rain water management in watershed.
31. Pre and post sowing conservation technologies.
32. Role of organization in promoting watershed.
33. Selection of crops and cropping systems based on rainfall and socioeconomic factors.
34. Classification of land based on LCC and rehabilitation of degraded lands in watershed

Practical Schedule

1. Mapping of arid and semiarid zones of Tamilnadu and India.
2. Study of moisture profiles of soils.
3. Rainfall analysis and interpretation.
4. Designingcroppingsystemsbased on rainfall analysis
5. Use of mulches and antitranspirants.
6. Seed treatmenttechniques –hardening, seed priming.
7. Estimation of moisture index, aridity index and water-use efficiency.
8. Plant root growth studies with reference to stress management.
9. Study of farm implementsin dry farming.
10. Estimation of run-of fand soil moisture loss.
11. Collection and interpretation of data for water balance equations.
12. Preparation and methodology for implementation of watershed projects.
13. Preparationof model watershed programme.
14. Visit to nearby watershed.
15. Visit to dry land agricultural and horticultural research stations.
16. Crop planning for different drought conditions.
17. Assessmentof biomass production under watershedarea.

Course Outcomes:

CO 1: To construct mapping of arid and semi arid regions

CO 2: To acquire skill on integrated dry farming technologies

CO 3: To gain knowledge on soil and moisture conservation approaches and contingent crop plan to evade risk in dry farming.

CO 4: To formulate IFS model for dry farming region

CO 5: To acquire practical knowledge on rain water harvesting techniques and watershed management principles

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	3	2	-	1	1
CO 3	2	2	1	1	1
CO 4	2	-	-	2	-
CO 5	2	2	-	-	2

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OPCENT 711 PRODUCTIVE INSECTS AND WEED KILLERS (2+1)

Learning objectives

- To impart knowledge on the basic and commercial aspects of productive insects such as honeybee, silkworm and minor productive insects.
- To know the importance of weed killers.

Theory

Unit I: Basics of Apiculture

History of bee keeping in India – Honey bee species – Colony organization of honey bees – Bee behavior. Apiary establishment – Bee pasturage. Floral calendar – Colony management. Bee keeping appliances. Artificial queen rearing. Pests and Diseases of honey bee and their management. Modern techniques of bee keeping – Collapsible hives or flow hives, hex hives, etc.– impact of pesticides on honey bees.

Unit II: Specialized beekeeping methods and bee products

Specialized bee keeping methods –Organic or natural bee keeping, Migratory bee keeping, Urban bee keeping. Bee hive products – Bee wax – Extraction techniques – Bee venom and its products – Apitherapy – Propolis, Royal jelly – Collection, Uses and marketing of bee products. Bee keeping and ancillary industries. SWOT analysis. Quality standards of honey – Skill development in apiculture.

Unit III: Moriculture

Importance of mulberry cultivation in sericulture – Characteristics of mulberry varieties/ hybrids – Mulberry cultivation – Propagation –Asexual and sexual – Methods of planting – Nursery and field preparation – soil, water and nutrient management – Pruning methods – Pests and diseases of mulberry and their management. Preservation of leaves – Nutrient value of mulberry and its uses. Value added products of mulberry. Cultivation of host plants of non- mulberry silkworm.

Unit IV: Sericulture and minor productive insects

History of sericulture in India – Types of silkworm – Races of silkworm –Grainage technology – rearing house maintenance — rearing equipments, disinfectants – Chawki and Late age rearing. Pests and diseases of silkworm and their management. Mountages – harvesting of cocoons. Non –mulberry silkworms. Silk processing and marketing. Diversification of seriproductions – Uses – e-commerce – Entrepreneurial development. Seri biotechnology – prospects and progress. SWOT analysis of sericulture – Skill development in sericulture – Minor productive insects.

Unit V: Biological control of weeds using insects

Weed – definition –Noxious and invasive weeds – Importance – basic classification – Biological control of weeds – Role of insects – Definitions – Principles of biological control of weeds using insects –Conservation and augmentation techniques for weed killers – examples in India and other parts of the world – Benefits and risks – Damage to non-target plants – Future prospects.

Practicals

Identification of different species of honey bees, castes of bees. Bee keeping appliances. Handling of bees, practicing inspection of bee hives and Queen rearing

techniques. Identification of pests and non-insect pests of bees and diagnosis of bacterial, viral, fungal and protozoan diseases. Apiary management techniques during on-season and dearth period. Identification of different value added bee products. Honey testing kits, testing the quality of honey using standard protocols – Economics of bee keeping.

Identification of different types of silkworms – Identification of different varieties and hybrids of mulberry – Practicing different propagation techniques and planting methods- Mulberry production techniques –Nursery management – Practicing different pruning methods - Silkworm egg production – Chawki and late age rearing – Silkworm rearing equipments - Identification of insect, non insect pests and diseases of silkworms – Prevention – Management techniques – Sericlinic – Utilization of sericulture waste – Diversification of mulberry and sericulture products – Economics of Moriculture and Sericulture – non mulberry silkworms – Minor productive insects. Identification of important weed killers – Evaluation of feeding potential of weed killers – Mass production techniques of potential weed killer insects.

Lecture Schedule

1. **History of bee keeping in India – Honey bee species.**
2. **Colony organization of Honey bees and Bee behavior.**
3. **Apiary establishment– Bee Pasturage. – Floral Calendar.**
4. **Colony management– Bee keeping appliances.**
5. **Artificial queen rearing– Pests and Diseases of honey bee and their management.**
6. **Modern techniques of bee keeping –Collapsible hives or Flow hives, Hex hives etc.,**
7. **Scope of biotechnology in Apiculture and impact of pesticides on honey bees.**
8. **Organic or Natural bee keeping, Migratory bee keeping and Urban bee keeping.**
9. **Bee wax – Extraction techniques – Bee venom and its products – Apitherapy.**
10. **Propolis, Royal jelly – Collection – Uses and Marketing of bee products.**
11. **Bee keeping and ancillary industries.**
12. **SWOT analysis of bee keeping.**
13. **Quality standard of honey.**
14. **Skill development in apiculture.**
15. **Importance of mulberry cultivation in sericulture and characteristics of mulberry varieties/ hybrids.**
16. **Asexual and sexual propagation of Mulberry.**
17. **Mid semester examination**
18. **Methods of planting. Nursery and field preparation – soil, water and nutrient management.**
19. **Pruning methods – Pests and Diseases of mulberry and their management.**
20. **Preservation of leaves – Nutrient value of mulberry and its uses.**

Value added products of mulberry.

21. **Cultivation of host plants of non- mulberry silkworm.**
22. **History of sericulture in India – Types of silkworm – Races of silkworm and Grainage technology.**
23. **Rearing house maintenance and rearing equipments, disinfectants.**
24. **Chawki and Late age rearing. Mountages –harvesting of cocoons.**
25. **Pests and Diseases of silkworm and their management.**
26. **Non –mulberry silkworms.**
27. **Silk processing and Marketing. Seri biotechnology – prospects and progress.**
28. **Diversification of seriproducts – Uses – e- commerce – Entrepreneurial development – SWOT analysis of sericulture.**
29. **Skill development in sericulture.**
30. **Minor productive insects.**
31. **Weed – definition – Noxious and invasive weeds – Importance – basic classification – Biological control of weeds – Role of insects.**
32. **Principles of biological control of weeds using insects.**
33. **Conservation and augmentation techniques for weed killers – Examples in India and other parts of the world.**
34. **Benefits and Risks involved – Damage to Non-Target plants – Future prospects.**

Practical Schedule

1. **Identification of different species of honey bees, castes of bees.**
2. **Handling of bee keeping appliances.**
3. **Handling of bees, practicing of hive inspection, apiary management and Queen bee rearing techniques.**
4. **Identification of pests and non insect pests of bees and diagnosis of bacterial, viral, fungal and protozoan diseases.**
5. **Identification of different value added bee products. Testing the quality of honey using standard protocols. Economics of bee keeping.**
6. **Identification of different types of silkworms – Identification of different varieties and hybrids of mulberry – Practicing different propagation techniques and planting methods.**
7. **Nursery management – Practicing different pruning methods.**
8. **Silkworm egg production – Chawki and late age rearing.**
9. **Silkworm rearing equipments.**
10. **Identification of insect and non insect pests and diseases of silkworms – Prevention – Management techniques.**
11. **Sericlinic – Utilization of sericulture waste. Diversification of mulberry and sericulture products.**
12. **Economics of Moriculture and Sericulture.**
13. **Non mulberry silkworms.**
14. **Minor productive insects.**
15. **Identification of important weed killers.**
16. **Evaluation of feeding potential of weed killers.**
17. **Mass production techniques for potential weed killer insects.**

Course Outcomes

CO1: Capable of identifying the honey bee species, Learn about beekeeping tool and equipment and Apiary management techniques

CO2: Describe bee keeping methods, Migratory bee keeping and Economics of Bee keeping

CO3: Practice mulberry plant cultivation and produce good quality of leaf for cocoon production

CO4 :Demonstrate rearing method of mulberry and non mulberry Silkworm and uses minor productive insects .

CO5 :Capable of identifying the Identification of important weed killers, Mass production techniques of potential weed killer insects and Conservation and augmentation techniques for weed killers

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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OPCENT 712 PEST MANAGEMENT IN ORGANIC FARMING (2+1)

Learning objectives

- To understand the importance and scope of pest management in organic farming.
- To acquaint with various strategies in organic pest management
- To understand various input certification standards

Theory

Unit I: Importance of organic farming

Organic farming – Definition – Current status, scope and importance. History of organic farming – Agencies and schemes in relation to organic farming. Importance of pest management in organic farming – Components of pest management strategies in organic farming – Cultural, biological, botanical, behavioural and ecological engineering strategies – Definition.

Unit II: Cultural and traditional strategies

Cultural practices – Importance – Principles - Role of crop rotation, crop isolation, soil management, crop residue management, weed management, field localization, tillage. Host plant resistance – Traditional varieties of major crops. Pest evasion through temporal isolation of crops. Successful examples – limitations. Traditional methods of pest management – Traditional storage structures – Rodent management.

Unit III: Ecological engineering strategies

Ecological engineering - Importance. Role of conservation of natural enemies in pest management – Beetle bank -Weed strips – Pollen producing ground cover - Cropping systems – Trap and intercropping – Push – Pull strategy – successful examples – limitations. Importance of community approach in implementation of ecological engineering.

Unit IV: Biological, botanical and behavioural strategies

Entomophages and entomopathogens in organic pest control –Different types. General principles of mass production. Application of bacterial, viral, myco insecticides and entomophages – Role of insectivorous birds in pest management - Importance of insecticides of plant origin – Plant extracts and their preparation– application – Shelf life and storage - Use of pheromones and other traps in pest management – Importance.

Unit V: Permitted pest management inputs

Organic certification Standards – NPOP, NOP, JAS, and European standards - Permitted inputs for pest management under various standards with emphasis on NPOP – APEDA - Certification agencies – Input approval criteria - Current status of organic pest management inputs in the market – Marketing and scope of certified organic inputs.

Practicals

Introduction to pests and basic principles of pest management excluding chemicals – Various cultural practices for pest management – Studying characters of resistant varieties of important crops – Agro ecosystem survey analysis – Study of various inter cropping and trap cropping systems – Identification of refugia crops in important crop ecosystems and traditional pest management methods - Practicing conservation techniques of natural enemies – Identification of important entomopathogens, predators, parasitoids and insectivorous birds by their common names – Brief mass production procedure for green lace wings, Coccinellids, *Trichogramma* – Brief mass production procedure for NPV, mycoinsecticides and Bt – Identification of plants used as insecticides- Preparation of popular botanical insecticides, their application – Traps and pheromones in organic pest management – Studying organic certification standards – Market analysis of certified organic inputs – visit to organic farms practicing pest management.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Organic farming– Definition– Current status, scope and importance.**
- 2. History of organic farming.**
- 3. Agencies and schemes in relation to organic farming.**
- 4. Importance of pest management in organic farming.**
- 5. Components of pest management strategies for organic crops – Cultural, biological, botanical, behavioural and ecological engineering strategies– Definition.**
- 6. Cultural practices– Importance– Principles.**
- 7. Role of crop rotation, crop isolation and soil management.**
- 8. Role of crop residue management, weed management, field localization, tillage.**
- 9. Host plant resistance – Traditional varieties of major crops.**
- 10. Pest evasion through temporal isolation of crops. Successful examples– limitations.**
- 11. Advantages and disadvantages of cultural practices.**
- 12. Traditional methods of pest management – traditional storage structures**
- 13. Rodent management.**
- 14. Ecological engineering- Definition and importance.**
- 15. Role of conservation of natural enemies in pest management– Beetle bank -Weed strips – Pollen producing ground cover.**
- 16. Cropping systems– Trap and intercropping.**
- 17. Mid semester examination.**
- 18. Push – Pull strategy– successful examples– limitations.**

19. **Importance of community approach in implementation of ecological engineering.**
20. **Entomophages and entomopathogens in organic pest control – Different types.**
21. **General principles of mass production.**
22. **Application of bacterial, viral and myco insecticides.**
23. **Application of entomophages.**
24. **Role of insectivorous birds in pest management.**
25. **Importance of insecticides of plant origin – Examples.**
26. **Plant extracts and their preparation.**
27. **Plant extracts application, Shelf life and storage.**
28. **Use of pheromones and other traps in pest management – Importance.**
29. **Organic certification Standards – NPOP, NOP, JAS, and European standards.**
30. **Permitted inputs for pest management under various standards with emphasis on NPOP.**
31. **APEDA - Certification agencies.**
32. **Organic input approval criteria.**
33. **Current status of organic pest management inputs in the market.**
34. **Marketing and scope of certified organic inputs.**

Practical Schedule

1. **Introduction to pests and basic principles of pest management excluding chemicals.**
2. **Practicing various cultural practices for pest management.**
3. **Studying characters of resistant varieties of important crops.**
4. **Agro ecosystem survey analysis.**
5. **Study of various inter cropping and trap cropping systems.**
6. **Identification of refugia crops in important crop ecosystems.**
7. **Studying traditional pest management methods.**
8. **Practicing conservation techniques of natural enemies.**
9. **Identification of important entomopathogens, predators, parasitoids and insectivorous birds by their common names.**
10. **Brief mass production procedure for green lace wings, Coccinellids and *Trichogramma*.**
11. **Brief mass production procedure for NPV and myco insecticides.**
12. **Brief mass production procedure of *Bt*.**
13. **Identification of plants used as insecticides.**
14. **Preparation of popular botanical insecticides, their application.**
15. **Traps and pheromones in organic pest management.**
16. **Studying organic certification standards and Market analysis of certified organic inputs.**
17. **Visit to organic farms.**

Course Outcomes

CO1:Understands the scope and importance of organic farming and pest management related challenges in organic farming

CO2:Describe cultural and traditional pest management activities and their impact

CO3:Demonstrate ecological engineering tactics in conservation, augmentation Of natural enemies and deterrence of pests

CO4:Explain bio rational pest management options for organic pest management

CO5:Discuss the legislation, certification and agencies involved in organic certification process.

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OPC PAT 711 BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF CROP DISEASES (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To study the principles and application of eco-friendly and sustainable biological management strategies of plant diseases.

Theory

Unit –I History and importance

Concept of biological control, definitions, importance, principles of plant disease management with bioagents, history of biological control, merits and demerits of biological control.

Unit – II Mechanisms of biocontrol agents

Types of biological interactions, competition, mycoparasitism, exploitation for hypovirulence, rhizosphere colonization, competitive saprophytic ability, antibiosis, induced resistance, mycorrhizal associations, operational mechanisms and its relevance in biological control.

Unit – III Compatibility and management strategies of plant pathogens

Factors governing biological control, role of physical environment, agro ecosystem, operational mechanisms and cultural practices in biological control of pathogens, pathogens and antagonists and their relationship. Comparative approaches to biological control of plant pathogens by resident and introduced antagonists, management of soil-borne, seed borne and foliar diseases. Compatibility of different bioagents.

Unit – IV Mass multiplication and quality control

Commercial production of antagonists, their delivery systems, application and monitoring of biocontrol agents. Biopesticides available in market. Quality control system of biocontrol agents.

Unit – V Cross protection and botanicals

Pre-immunization technique, hypovirulence. Plant extracts, essential oils, antiviral principles. Mycoherbicides, entomophagous fungus. Antagonist fortified manure.

Practicals

Isolation, characterization and maintenance of antagonists, methods of study of antagonism and antibiosis, defense enzymes, application of antagonists against pathogen *in vitro* and *in vivo* conditions. Mass multiplication, commercial formulation and Study of cfu/g. Cross protection, preparation and application of plant extracts, isolation and formulation of mycoherbicides, entomophagous fungus.

Lecture Schedule

1. Introduction to biological control of plant diseases, Biocontrol: concept and definitions.
2. History of Biological control of crop diseases, principles of plant

- disease management with bioagents.
3. Merits and demerits of biological control of plant diseases.
 4. Mechanisms of disease control by biocontrol agents.
 5. Mechanisms of disease control by biocontrol agents.
 6. Hypovirulence-Its role in disease management.
 7. Competitive saprophytic ability and rhizosphere colonization.
 8. Induced systemic resistance and its role in plant disease resistance.
 9. Mycorrhizal associations VAM- Its operational mechanisms in plant disease management.
 10. Factors governing biological control.
 11. Role of environment in the biological control of plant diseases.
 12. Comparative approaches to biological control of plant pathogens by resident and introduced antagonists.
 13. Comparative approaches to biological control of plant pathogens by resident and introduced antagonists.
 14. Biological control of soil-borne diseases.
 15. Biological control of seed borne and foliar diseases.
 16. Compatibility of different biocontrol agents.
 17. Mid-semester Examination.
 18. Isolation of *Trichoderma* spp. and *Pseudomonas* spp. from soil.
 19. Mass production of fungal and bacterial biocontrol agents.
 20. Mass production of VAM.
 21. Precaution in the formulation of biocontrol agents.
 22. Delivery systems of biocontrol agents.
 23. Assessment of survival of biocontrol agents.
 24. Significance of PGPR.
 25. Mechanisms of disease control by fungal and bacterial biocontrol agents.
 26. Induction of defense enzymes in plants by application of biocontrol agents.
 27. Quality control systems of bioformulations.
 28. Biopesticides available in the market.
 29. Commercial aspects of mass production of biocontrol agents.
 30. Commercial aspects of mass production of VAM.
 31. Pre-immunization technique.
 32. Role of plant extracts in plant disease management.
 33. Mycoherbicides and entomophagous fungus.
 34. Antagonist enriched farmyard manure.

Practical Schedule

1. Introduction to biological control of plant diseases.
2. Isolation and molecular characterization of biocontrol agents.
3. Isolation of VAM.
4. Testing the antagonistic efficacy of fungal and bacterial antagonists.
5. Testing the compatibility among the biocontrol agents.

6. **Methods of application of biocontrol agents.**
7. **Antibiotic production of biocontrol agents.**
8. **Estimation of defense enzymes in plants by application of biocontrol agents.**
9. **Management of microbial contaminants.**
10. **Fermentation technology and formulation development.**
11. **Methods of quality control tests.**
12. **Packing and storage of biocontrol formulations.**
13. **Cross protection technique.**
14. **Preparation and application of plant extracts in plant disease management.**
15. **Application of mycoherbicides and entomophagous fungus.**
16. **Preparation of antagonist enriched farmyard manure.**
17. **Visit to Commercial biocontrol units.**

Course Outcomes

CO1-Having updated knowledge of new bio regulators.

CO2-Having knowledge about the mechanism of Bio control agents.

CO3-Having knowledge, the Hypovirulence, suppressive soil and compatibility of Bio control agents.

CO4-Trained in mass production and quality control methods of Bio control agents.

CO5-Expertise in cross protection techniques and botanical approaches for plant disease management.

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- Biocontrol Science and Technology

OPC PAT 712 MUSHROOM TECHNOLOGY (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To study the various techniques involved in cultivation, maintenance, cropping pattern, harvest, problems due to pest and diseases and its management and also nutritional value and preservation of edible mushroom

Theory

Unit- I Importance of Mushroom

Mushroom science: Importance, related fields and their contribution –Global production – Morphology and life cycle: *Pleurotus*, *Calocybe*, *Agaricus*, *Lentinus* and *Volvariella*. Morphogenesis in mushrooms –Role of enzymes in mycelium and basidioma development; physiology of fruiting body development; poisonous mushrooms and mushroom poisoning.

Unit - II Breeding and techniques

Genetics and breeding of cultivated mushrooms: homothallism and heterothallism, primary and secondary mycelium, parasexuality, homokaryotic fruiting. Approaches to breeding: Selection, mutation and hybridization – Tissue culture, single and multispore isolates – Biotechnological methods for strain improvement; study of strain variability using markers –Allozyme, RFLP, AFLP, RAPD and PCR –Laboratory techniques, equipments, culture media, sterilization, pure culture techniques – Preservation of cultures. Spawn types: mother spawn and bed spawn.

Unit - III Production and constraints

Cultivation: oyster mushroom, milky mushroom, paddy straw mushroom, button mushroom and other edible mushrooms – Outdoor cultivation – Ectomycorrhizal

mushrooms. Problems in cultivation: weed moulds, diseases, pests and abiotic disorders.

Unit – IV Mushroom usage

Uses of mushroom as food, nutritional and pharmaceutical values. Post-harvest technology: Methods of preservation and value addition. Mushroom recipes: Cooking methods, value added products, pickling, sauce, ketchup and chutney, instant food mixes, extruded and bakery products, quality and sensory evaluation.

Unit – V Cost- Benefit ratio

Cost analysis and project preparation: Principles of enterprise management, preparation of projects, project analysis and financial management – Market survey, export procedures. Agricultural finance: Sources of finance and acquisition.

Practicals

Introduction to mushroom – Edible and poisonous type – Edible mushrooms: *Pleurotus*, *Agaricus*, *Volvariella*, *Lentinus* and *Calocybe*–Preparation of culture media – Pure culture techniques – Sterilizing techniques – Media – Maintenance of culture – Mother spawn production – Type of spawn – Polybag method – Multiplication of spawn mushroom cultivation techniques – Maintenance of spawn running and cropping room – Harvest – Packing and storage of mushroom – Problems in cultivation: pests, diseases and weed moulds, management strategies – Nutritional value – Post-harvest technology – Methods of preservation – Other uses of mushroom – Cost analysis and project preparation.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Introduction to Mushroom technology.**
- 2. Morphology and life cycle of *Pleurotus* and *Calocybe*.**
- 3. Morphology and life cycle of *Agaricus*, *Lentinus* and *Volvariella*.**
- 4. Role of enzymes in mycelium and basidioma development.**
- 5. Role of amylolytic enzymes in mushroom morphogenesis.**
- 6. The physiology of fruiting body development.**
- 7. Poisonous mushrooms.**
- 8. Genetics and breeding of cultivated mushrooms.**
- 9. Biotechnological methods for strain improvement.**
- 10. Study of strain variability using markers: Allozyme, RFLP, AFLP, RAPD and PCR.**
- 11. Laboratory techniques, preservation of cultures.**
- 12. Spawn types, mother spawn and bed spawn.**
- 13. Cultivation of oyster mushroom.**
- 14. Cultivation of milky mushroom.**
- 15. Cultivation of paddy straw mushroom.**
- 16. Cultivation of button mushroom.**
- 17. Mid-semester Examination.**
- 18. Cultivation of shiitake mushroom**
- 19. Outdoor visit.**
- 20. Ectomycorrhizal mushroom.**
- 21. Problems in cultivation: weeds and diseases.**
- 22. Problems in cultivation: pests and abiotic disorder.**
- 23. Uses of mushroom as food (nutritional value).**

24. Uses of mushrooms as medicine.
25. Post-harvest technology, method of preservation and value addition
26. Mushrooms recipes.
27. Cost analysis in mushroom production.
28. Project preparation.
29. Project preparation.
30. Principles of enterprise management.
31. Market survey.
32. Export procedures.
33. Agricultural finance: source of finance and acquisition.

Practical Schedule

1. Introduction to mushrooms.
2. Preparation of culture media.
3. Collection, identification and pure culturing of mushrooms.
4. Collection, identification and pure culturing of mushrooms.
5. Strain improvement method: single spore isolation, hyphal anastomosis and chemical mutation.
6. Preparation of mother spawn.
7. Preparation of bed spawn.
8. Maintenance of mushroom shed.
9. Cultivation of oyster mushroom.
10. Cultivation of oyster mushroom.
11. Cultivation of milky mushroom.
12. Cultivation of milky mushroom.
13. Harvest, packing and storage of mushroom.
14. Problems in cultivation and its management.
15. Post-harvest technology of mushroom.
16. Cost analysis and project preparation.
17. Visit to Commercial mushroom production units.

Course Outcomes

CO1- Updated knowledge about new edible and medicinal mushrooms

CO2- Trained in isolation and identification of mushroom

CO3- Awareness about the mushroom production constraints

CO4- Having knowledge about the uses of Mushroom

CO5- Expertise in cost analysis in mushroom production and project preparation

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- Indian Journal of Mushroom Research
- International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms

OPCAGM 711- MICROBIAL INOCULANT PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY (2+1)

Learning Objectives

To study the basic principles and application methodologies of different microbial inoculants in order to improve the soil fertility and productivity.

Theory

Unit I- Concepts of microbial inoculants

Biofertilizers – Definition - types, importance of biofertilizers in agriculture – *Rhizobium* - characters and classification – *Rhizobium* - legume symbiosis - nodule formation - Factors affecting nodulation and nitrogen fixation.

Unit II- Nitrogen fixing biofertilizer

Characteristics and classification of *Azospirillum*, *Azotobacter*, *Gluconacetobacter*.- Actinorhizal plants (*Frankia*) and Algal biofertilizers - Blue green algae – *Azolla*.

Unit III- Phosphate solubilizing/mobilizing biofertilizer

Problems of phosphorus uptake - fixation of phosphorus - microbial transformation of phosphorus- Phosphate solubilizing microorganisms, K, Zn and silicate solubilizing microorganisms – factors affecting phosphate solubilization– AM fungi – characteristics and types of mycorrhizae - Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) – *Pseudomonas*.

Unit IV- Formulations of biofertilizer

Different formulations of biofertilizers – Types and characters - carrier – beads – pellets and liquid formulation – preservatives and additives-shelf life of different formulations- quality control of different formulations - BIS.

Unit V- Production technology

Mass Production technology of bacterial biofertilizers, *Azolla* , Algal biofertilizers and AM fungi – problem and constrains in production- method of application – Marketing and monitoring field performance-Economics of microbial inoculants.

Practicals

Isolation, screening for efficiency and strain improvement of different types of inoculants-*Rhizobium*, *Azospirillum*, *Azotobacter*, *Gluconacetobacter*, BGA and Phosphobacteria,. Mass multiplication techniques of *Rhizobium*, *Azotobacter*, *Gluconacetobacter*, *Azospirillum*, BGA and Phosphobacteria- AM fungi – Spore count and infection percentage- Fermentor-fermentation requirements-Types of carriers-preparation of carrier based inoculants-shelf life- methods of applications- Quality control of inoculants.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Microbial inoculants in Agriculture.**
- 2. Biofertilizers definition-Development of the concept**
- 3. Contribution and importance of microorganisms to soil fertility.**
- 4. Different groups of biofertilizers bacterial,**
- 5. Different groups of algal**
- 6. Different groups of fungal biofertilizers etc.**
- 7. Nitrogen fixing microorganisms Phosphate solubilising microorganisms etc.**
- 8. Symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria-*Rhizobium* classification- Cross inoculation groups- characteristics.**
- 9. Infection-root nodule formation-leghaemoglobin nitrogen fixation.**
- 10. Assay of nitrogen fixation-Nitrogen assimilation.**
- 11. Transfer of fixed nitrogen in symbiotic systems.**
- 12. Associative symbiosis - *Azospirillum* - species distribution- Characterization.**
- 13. Importance of *Glucoacetobacter* and its distribution.**

14. **Non-symbiotic nitrogen fixation-*Azotobacter* Characterization.**
15. **Actinorhizal association-*Frankia* Importance location biochemistry and physiology of actinorhizal nodules.**
16. **Phosphate solubilization by microorganisms bacteria and fungi involved general characters and importance.**
17. **Mid Semester Examination**
18. **Algal biofertilizers- Blue green algae-distribution-occurrence.**
19. **Morphological variation-Characteristics.**
20. **Azolla-*Anabaena* symbiosis-Importance Azolla growth behavior multiplication- sporulation etc.**
21. **Mycorrhiza types -Ectomycorrhiza-**
22. **Mycorrhiza types -Endomycorrhiza.**
23. **Role of mycorrhiza in crop production.**
24. **Microbial inoculants for solubilization of potassium sulphur and trace elements.**
25. **Carrier materials-Types and quality characteristics of an ideal carrier, preparation of inoculant packets.**
26. **Different formulations of inoculants- carrier, gel, liquid formulations etc.**
27. **Principles of mass production-Large scale production of bacterial biofertilizers growth characteristics.**
28. **Fermentation Principles and techniques inoculum preparation.**
29. **Shelf life-quality control of biofertilizers BIS specifications.**
30. **Field performance of biofertilizers.**
31. **Method of application-Economics.**
32. **Algal multiplication-large scale production-application methods**
33. **Azolla-Mass multiplication and method of application etc.**
34. **Mycorrhizae VAM-Mass scale production field performance problems and prospects of biofertilizers.**

Practical schedule

1. **Isolation of *Rhizobium* from legume root nodules; purification and characterization of *Rhizobium***
2. **Testing the efficiency Leonard jar technique and plant infection test.**
3. ***Rhizobium* strain identification by immunological methods.**
4. **Isolation of *Azospirillum* from roots Rhizosphere.**
5. **Identification and characterization of *Azospirillum***
6. **Isolation and identification of *Azotobacter* and *Gluconacetobacter*.**
7. **Isolation of phosphobacteria from soil.**
8. **Quantitative determination of P-solubilization by phosphobacteria.**
9. **Mass multiplication of bacterial biofertilizers Fermentor**
10. **Carrier material preparation of inoculant packets**
11. **Quality control assessment of shelf life and storage methods**
12. **Methods of application of bacterial biofertilizers seed, soil**
13. **Isolation, enumeration and identification of Blue green algae**

14. **Blue green algae-large scale production and method of application**
15. **Azolla-large scale production and inoculation methods.**
16. **Liquid and gel formulations biofertilizers.**
17. **Different genera of VA mycorrhizae and Mass multiplication of AM fungal application methods.**

Course outcomes:

CO 1 - To make the students to understand the concepts of microbial inoculants and their role on soil fertility and plant growth.

CO 2 - To learn about the isolation and characterization of efficient bioinoculant strains.

CO 3 - To educate about the various formulations of microbial inoculants with improved shelf life and their quality standards.

CO 4 - To know the techniques of mass multiplication, storage and methods of application of bioinoculants.

CO 5 - To make students to analyse the performance of microbial inoculants in field level, their constraints in production technology, marketing and economics.

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OPCAGM 712- INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY (2+1)

Learning objectives

To teach the students about different fermentations, industrial important microorganisms and the mass production techniques .

Theory

Unit I- Introduction of fermentation

History of industrial microbiology – Isolation and screening methods – strain development strategies – fermentation media – raw materials used in media production and antifoam agents – fermentation process- dual and multiple fermentation process - batch and continuous fermentation, soild state and submerged fermentation.

Unit II- Bioreactors and its types

Bioreactors – basic functions - types, designs and functional characteristics-upstream and downstream processing – automation of bioreactors.

Unit III- Production of organic solvents organic acids , amino acids and Beverages

Production of organic solvents such as ethyl alcohol and glycerol. organic acids production – butyric acid, citric acid and lactic acid . Amino acid production – lysine and glutamic acid. Beverages production – beer and wine. – Alcohol production

Unit IV- Production of Antibiotic Vitamin and Enzymes

Industrial production of antibiotics – penicillin , streptomycin and tetracycline production of vitamin B2 (Riboflavin), vitamin B12 and vitamin C. production of enzymes – amylase, protease, cellulase, pectinase and lipase immobilization and its type.

Unit V- Fermented food products, biofertilizers and biopesticides production techniques

Milk and dairy product production – yoghurt, buttermilk, cultured milk and cheese - mass production of bacterial biofertilizers – *Azospirillum*, *Rhizobium* and phosphobacteria. mass production of Bio insecticides – *Bacillus thurigiensis*, *Beauveria bassiana* and *Metarhizum anisopilae*. Mass production of *Pseudomonas fluroscens* and *Trichoderma viridae*.

Practicals

Isolation and screening of industrial important microorganisms- preparation of inoculums – bioreactors – fermentation of alcohol , wine making – production of penicillin – antibiotics sensitivity test of penicillin , streptomycin and tetracycline organic acids , enzymes, production of curd , mass production of bacterial biofertilizers and bio control agents.

Lecture Schedule

1. History of industrial microbiology
2. Screening methods
3. Strain improvement of microorganisms
4. Methods of strain improvement
5. Fermentation media and their raw materials
6. Fermentation process of its Types
7. Bioreactors, design and functional characteristics
8. Types of bioreactors
9. Upstream processing
10. Downstream processing introduction

11. **Details of down steam processing**
12. **Production of organic solvents–ethyl alcohol and glycerol**
13. **Production of organic acid – Butyric, citric and Lactic acid**
14. **Production of Amino acid - Lysine and glutamic acid**
15. **Production of Beverages- Beer and wine alcohol production**
16. **Production of pencillin , streptomycineand tetracycline**
17. **Mid semester Examination**
18. **Production of amylase and protease**
19. **Production of pectinase, cellulose**
20. **Production of Lipase**
21. **Immobilizationand its types**
22. **Milk product – Butter milk and culture milk**
23. **Yoghurt production**
24. **Cheese production**
25. **Bacterial bio fertilizer production– *Azospirillum***
26. ***Rhizobium* mass production**
27. **Phosphobacteriamass production**
28. **Quality controland method of application**
29. **Production of bioinsecticides– *Bacillus thuringienses***
30. **Mass productionof *Beavria bassiana***
31. **Mass productionof *Metarhizumanisopliae***
32. **Mass productionof *Pseudomonas flurosceus***
33. **Mass productionof *TrichodermaViridae***
34. **Review of Lectures**

Practical Schedule

1. **Isolation of industrial important microorganisms from soil and buttermilk/ curd.**
2. **Strain improvement– Induced mutation of bacteria.**
3. **Preparationof Inoculum**
4. **Bioreactorsand its functional characteristics**
5. **Alcohol production from Jaggery**
6. **Wine making**
7. **Amylase production**
8. **Citric acid production by solid waste fermentation**
9. **Antibiotic sensitivitytest – penicillin streptomycinand tetracycline**
10. **Extra – cellular amylase production**
11. **Production of penicillin**
12. **Production of enzymes using immobilizationtechniques**
13. **Mass productionof *Rhizobium* biofertilizer**
14. **Mass productionof phosphobacteria**
15. **Mass production of Bioinsecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (or) *Beauveria bassiana*(or) *Metarhizumanisopilae***
16. **Mass productionof *Pseudomonas fluorescens***
17. **Mass productionof *Trichoderma*viride**

Course outcome:

CO 1 - To learn about the important industrial microbes and their products.

CO 2 - To learn about the strategies to improve the strain efficiency and preservation techniques for future purposes.

CO 3 - To make the students to understand the concepts and types of fermentation process, types of fermentor, their design and purposes.

CO 4 - To gain knowledge on the techniques of industrial production of organic acids, antibiotics, enzymes and fermented foods.

CO 5 - To train the students to develop skills on the techniques of mass production of biofertilizers and bio pesticides.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	-	-	-	-	3
CO 3	-	-	-	-	3
CO 4	-	-	-	-	3
CO 5	-	-	-	-	3

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OPCSAC 711 SOIL, WATER AND AIR POLLUTION (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To make the students aware of soil, water and air pollution and their remediation for the use of agriculture, environment and human health.

Theory

Unit I - Types of pollution

Pollution- pollutants – introduction, definition- types of pollution -classification of pollution based on the environment - soil, water and air pollution - classification of pollution based on the sources of pollutants – agricultural pollution, automobile pollution and industrial pollution - classification of pollution based on the nature of pollutants – pollution due to fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, weedicides and other agro – chemicals, Plastic pollution, heavy metal pollution, radiation pollution, oil pollution, sewage pollution and etc.,

Unit II - Soil pollution

Soil pollution – definition- sources – extent – solid waste as pollutants cause soil pollution in agriculture and environment. Land application of waste and mechanism of interaction of waste with soil. Soil contamination – introduction - definition- causes – its effect on soil microorganisms. CPC standards in soil and its effect on plant.

Soil as sink for waste disposal - Industrial effluents – distillery, papermill, tannery, textiles and metal finishing effluents – their composition. Its effect on soil properties, plant growth and human health. Toxic elements or heavy metals – sources, behaviors in soil, its effect on soil nutrient availability, plant growth and human health.

Unit III - Water pollution

Pure water, contaminated water, polluted water- definitions, quality parameters used to monitor water pollution. Pollution of water resources due to leaching of nutrients and its impact on aquatic eco - system, water pollution due to use of pesticides in agriculture and its impact on aquatic eco-system. Sewage – sludge-sewerage – definition –sewage treatment- eutrophication – important water borne diseases for crops and human beings.

Unit IV - Air pollution

Air pollution – introduction – airborne microbes- classification of air pollutants - global warming, ozone layer depletion and acid rain – emission of green house gaseous- sources - carbon-dioxide , carbon monoxide, methane, CFC, HFC, carbon tetra chloride, nitrous oxide and etc.,

Unit V - Management of pollutions and preventive measures

Reclamation - soil, water and air pollution, biological transformation of heavy metals, bio-mining of metals- solid waste management -bio-remediation. Application of remote sensing in monitoring and management of soil, water and air pollution for the benefit of agriculture, environment and human health.

Practicals

Sampling of sewage water, sewage sludge, sampling of solid and liquid industrial wastes, sampling of polluted soil and polluted plant. Estimation of ammoniacal

nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen and phosphorus in polluted soil and plant. Estimation of heavy metals content in polluted soil, plant, water and effluent. Estimation of chemical oxygen demand (COD) and biological oxygen demand (BOD) in polluted water and effluent. Management of contaminants in soil and plants for safeguard of food safety. Air sampling. Determination of particulate matter and oxides of sulphur. Visit to various industrial sites to study the impact of pollutants on soil, water, plant and environment.

Lecture Schedule

1. **Pollution- pollutants – Introduction, definition- different types of pollution**
2. **Classification of pollution based on the environment soil, water and air pollutions**
3. **Classification of pollution based on sources – agricultural, automobile pollution and industrial pollutions**
4. **Classification of pollution based on the nature of pollutants – pollution due to fertiliser, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, weedicides and other agro – chemicals**
5. **Classification of pollution based on the nature of pollutants – Plastic, heavy metal, radiation, oil pollution, sewage pollution and etc.,**
6. **Sources and extent of pollution, problems in agriculture, environment and human health due to type pollutions**
7. **Solid wastes – definition, land application of wastes**
8. **Mechanism of interaction of waste with soil**
9. **Agricultural, industrial and urban wastes**
10. **Soil contamination – introduction - definition - in relation with soil microorganisms**
11. **Soil contamination due to fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, weedicides, acid rain, oil spills, plastics and etc.,**
12. **Industrial effluents – distillery, paper mill, tannery effluents – their composition**
13. **Industrial effluents – textiles and metal finishing industrial effluents – their composition**
14. **Effects of industrial effluents on soil properties, plant growth and human health**
15. **Soil as sink for waste disposal**
16. **Toxic elements – sources, behaviors, nutrient availability, plant growth and human health**
17. **Mid – semester examination**
18. **Pure water , contaminated water, polluted water- introduction, definitions**
19. **Quality parameters used to monitor water pollution**
20. **Pollution of water resources due to leaching of nutrients and its impact on aquatic eco system**
21. **Water pollution due to use of pesticides in agriculture and its impact on aquatic eco-system**
22. **Sewage – sludge sewerage – definitions – sewage treatment eutrophication – important water borne diseases**

23. **Air pollution – introduction – airborne microbes- classification of air pollutants**
24. **Global warming, ozone layer depletion and acid rain –**
25. **Emission of green house gaseous- sources - carbon-dioxide , carbon monoxide, methane, CFC, HFC, carbon tetra chloride and nitrous oxide**
26. **Reclamation of soil contamination for the use of agriculture and**
27. **Remediation of water pollution**
28. **Amelioration of air pollution**
29. **Heavy metal pollution, its effect on human health , biological transformation of heavy metals**
30. **Bio - mining of metals, bio-remediation of heavy metals**
31. **solid waste – definition- objectives- classification**
32. **Solid waste treatment, solid waste management**
33. **Application of remote sensing in monitoring and management of soil for the benefit of agriculture, environment and human health**
34. **Application of remote sensing in monitoring and management of water and air pollution for the benefit of agriculture, environment and human health**

Practical Schedule

1. **Sampling of polluted soil /plant/water/effluent/ sewage for analysis**
2. **Estimation of ammoniacal nitrogen in polluted soil or plant**
3. **Estimation of nitrate nitrogen in polluted soil or plant**
4. **Estimation of phosphorus in polluted soil or plant**
5. **Estimation of ammoniacal nitrogen in polluted water or effluent**
6. **Estimation of nitrate nitrogen in polluted water or effluent**
7. **Estimation of phosphorus in polluted water or effluent**
8. **Visit to various industrial sites to study the impact of pollutants on soil**
9. **Visit to various industrial sites to study the impact of pollutants on water**
10. **Visit to various industrial sites to study the impact of pollutants on plant**
11. **Visit to various industrial sites to study the impact of pollutants on environment.**
12. **Estimation of heavy metals in polluted soil or plant**
13. **Estimation of heavy metals in polluted water or effluent**
14. **Estimation of chemical oxygen demand (COD) in polluted water or effluent**
15. **Estimation of biological oxygen demand (BOD) in polluted water or effluent.**
16. **Assessment of microorganisms in air**
17. **Management of contaminants in soil and plants for safeguard of food safety**

Course Outcomes

CO1- Scholars will gain knowledge on environmental pollution and conservation.

CO2- Students will understand the methods of abatement of various types of pollution towards a safe environment.

CO3- Scholars will be able to communicate the ill- effects of environmental pollution to farmers.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	2	2	-	1	3
CO 3	1	1	-	1	3

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OPCSAC 712 SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT (2+1)

Learning Objectives

The main objectives of this course is to impart practical knowledge on soil related constraints, irrigation water quality appraisal guidelines and their efficient management, soil quality and soil quality test kits-soil health card

Theory

Unit I - Soil related constraints and their management

Soil resources of India; distribution of wasteland and problematic soils with special reference to Tamil Nadu ; soil tilth management; soil crusting and its management; management of soil moisture under different climates. Reclamation and management of acidic, saline and sodic soils, constraints and management of highly and slowly permeable soils; soil erosion, extent, type and effects.

Unit II - Irrigation water quality appraisal and its management

Effect of water quality on soils and plants; soil aeration problems and management; soil thermal regimes in relation to crops and their optimization. Recycling of agricultural and industrial wastes, waste land and their management.

Unit III - Soil organic matter

Management practices-Sustainability and soil health management-history and importance of organic matter management- Soil organic carbon conservation and sequestration-Characterisation of soil carbon pools under different land use management systems-Soil quality and resilience in relation to SOC pools

Unit IV - Soil nutrient management

Tools and techniques to build soil health- Biological methods of improving nutrient use efficiency-Biological nitrogen fixation- Biological phosphorus. Mobilization/immobilisation-microbial inoculants for plant growth promotion- Biofertilizer technology- green manures, green leaf manures- Composting vermicomposting-nutrient enriched manures- quality standards for organic manures large scale compost production-Scope of land use management on carbon trading- Soil bioremediation- Nutrient management –Organic farming and soil health.

Unit V – Soil quality management

Soil quality characters-Indicators of soil quality-Non Quantitative- quantitative- Chemical –Physical Biological –Assessment of soil health- Assessment as a monitoring tool-Lab based assessments –Concept of minimum data set –indicator selection interpreting indicators-multifactor sustainability-sustainability index- Indexing soil quality-Soil quality test kits-Soil health card

Practicals

Determination of saturated hydraulic conductivity, bulk density measurement of soil measurement of water holding and field capacities of soil, measurement of infiltration rate and moisture retention characteristics curve in normal, problematic and reclaimed soils. Preparation of saturation paste and saturation extracts of salt affected soils. Determination of pH, EC, cations and anions in saturation extract. Determination of CaCO₃ equivalent of liming material. Estimation of lime requirement of acid soils and gypsum requirement of sodic soils. Measurement of

ODR of soil. Estimation of water stable aggregate in soil and field trip to study the areas of problematic soils.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Soil resources of India; distribution of wasteland and problem soils**
- 2. Soil tillage management, soil crusting and their management**
- 3. Soil water: classification, and its measurement, forces of soil water retention, moisture retention curve**
- 4. Management of soil moisture under different climates**
- 5. Quality of irrigation water: Criteria and classification of poor quality water,**
- 6. Effect of poor quality of water on soil and crop growth, management of poor quality water.**
- 7. Soil air: Composition of soil air, gaseous exchange in soil.**
- 8. Management of soil aeration in relation to plant growth.**
- 9. Soil temperature and thermal regimes in relation to crop growth.**
- 10. Factors affecting soil temperature and optimization of soil thermal regimes.**
- 11. Recycling of Agricultural and industrial organic waste.**
- 12. Acid soils: Extent, reclamation and management in India and Tamilnadu**
- 13. Nomenclature, classification and formation of salt affected soils in India and Tamilnadu,**
- 14. Visual and chemical methods of diagnosing salt affected soils.**
- 15. Reclamation and management of salt affected soils**
- 16. Highly and low permeable soils: constraints and their management**
- 17. Mid Semester Examination**
- 18. Management practices-sustainability and soil health management.**
- 19. History and importance of organic matter management.**
- 20. Soil organic carbon conservation and sequestration.**
- 21. Characterisation of soil carbon pools under different land use management systems-Soil quality and resilience in relation to SOC pools**
- 22. Tools and techniques to build soil health**
- 23. Biological methods of improving nutrient use efficiency**
- 24. Biological nitrogen fixation-Biological phosphorus mobilization/immobilisation**
- 25. Microbial inoculants for plant growth promotion**
- 26. Biofertilizer technology; green manures, green leaf manures**
- 27. Composting vermicomposting; nutrient enriched manures**
- 28. Quality standards for organic manures large scale compost production**
- 29. Scope of land use management on carbon trading**
- 30. Soil quality characters-Indicators of soil quality-Non Quantitative-quantitative**
- 31. Chemical-Physical Biological-Assessment of soil health**
- 32. Assessment as a monitoring tool-Lab based assessments**
- 33. Concept of minimum data set -indicator selection interpreting**

indicators-multifactorsustainability-sustainability index.

**34. Indexing soil quality and soil quality test kits-Soil health card
Practical Schedule**

1. Techniques of reclamation/ management of problematic soils
2. Determination of saturated hydraulic conductivity of normal, problematic and reclaimed soil.
3. Determination of bulk density of soil by core sampler method in normal, problematic and reclaimed soil.
4. Determination of soil moisture at 1/3 and 15 bar by pressure plate method in normal, problematic and reclaimed soil.
5. Measurement of water holding capacity and field capacity of soil
6. Measurement of infiltration rate of soil by double ring infiltrometer in normal, problematic and reclaimed soil.
7. Preparation and analysis of saturation extract and determination of EC, pH
8. Determination of Ca + Mg and Na in saturation extract and computation of SAR
9. Determination of CO₃, HCO₃ and Cl in saturated extract.
10. Determination of CaCO₃ equivalent of liming material
11. Estimation of lime requirement of acid soils
12. Estimation of gypsum requirement of sodic soils
13. Measurement of ODR of soil in normal, problematic and reclaimed soil
14. Estimation of water stable soil aggregates in normal soil
15. Estimation of water stable soil aggregates in problematic and reclaimed soil
16. Soil Health assessment Determination of Soil Quality indices
17. Preparation of Soil Health card

Course Outcomes

CO 1-Scholars will achieve practical knowledge on soil related constraints and management.

CO 2-Scholars will gain knowledge on irrigation water quality and their management

CO 3-Scholars will become professionals in handling tools on soil health maintenance.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	3	3		1	-
CO 3	1	3	-	1	

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OPCGPB 621 CONCEPTS OF CROP PHYSIOLOGY (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To impart knowledge in understanding the physiological processes taking place during growth and development of plants.
- To understand source sink relationship in different groups of plants and also hormonal, environmental and stress physiology in crop plants.

Theory

Unit I - Photo physiology

Role of physiology in different branches of agriculture. Physiological processes on productivity – Photosynthesis – Mechanism of light interaction. Physiological processes influenced by radiation. Light and phytochrome mediated processes. – CO₂ reduction – utilization of assimilatory power and carbohydrate synthesis - C₃, C₄ and CAM mechanisms – Major differences.

Unit II - Growth and Development

Growth Vs Development.. Dry Matter Accumulation and Harvest Index – components of Dry Matter Accumulation and Harvest Index and their role in productivity. Growth analysis. Photorespiration and dark respiration.

Unit III - Source sink relationship

LAI and its components –interception of solar energy. Photosynthates partitioning – source – sink relationship – mode of partitioning at different stages in different species. Role of growth regulators in monitoring source and sink.

Unit IV - Environmental physiology

Green house effect and Global warming. Ozone layer depletion - Causes, effects. CO₂ enrichment and plant productivity. Physiology of crops under high altitude and flooding – air pollution and plant growth – effect of effluent on plant growth.

Unit V - Stress physiology

Mechanisms of drought, salt, cold, heat and UV radiation stress tolerance – adaptation of crop plants – crop management practices under unfavourable situations – Importance of selection indices for crop productivity – recent advances in physiological research.

Practicals

Leaf Area measurement – measurement of leaf angle and interception of solar radiation – light transmission ratio – measurement of photosynthesis – difference in the photosynthetic rate between the leaves at different position – photosynthetic efficiency of C₃ and C₄ plants – estimation of chlorophyll – RuBP case and PEP case – Measurement of respiration – Growth regulation – response to source and sink relationship – Measurement of water potential and its component. Measurement of leaf temperature, diffusive resistance and transpiration rate – use of antitranspirants – yield component analysis – study of selection indices.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Role of physiology in different branches of agriculture**
- 2. Physiological processes on productivity**
- 3. Photosynthesis- Mechanism of light interaction**
- 4. Photo Physiology**
- 5. Physiological processes influenced by radiation**
- 6. Light and phytochrome mediated processes**
- 7. Utilization of assimilatory power and CH₂O synthesis**
- 8. C₃-C₄ and CAM mechanisms and major differences**
- 9. Photosynthetic measurements**
- 10. Germination, growth and development**
- 11. DMA and HI. Components of DMA and HI.**
- 12. Role of DMA, LAI and HI in crop productivity**
- 13. Growth analysis**
- 14. Photorespiration and dark respiration**
- 15. Oxidative phosphorylation.**
- 16. Release and utilization of energy for various metabolisms.**
- 17. Mid-Semester Examination**
- 18. Interception of solar energy**
- 19. Source-sink relationship**
- 20. Photosynthate partitioning**
- 21. Mode of partitioning at different stages and different species**
- 22. Role of growth regulators in monitoring source-sink relationship**
- 23. Growth regulators – auxins, gibberellins and cytokinins,**

biosynthesis, functions and agricultural role.

- 24. Abscissic acid and ethylene. Biosynthesis, functions and agricultural role.**
- 25. Growth retardants. Role in agricultural and horticultural crops**
- 26. Green house effect and plant productivity.**
- 27. CO₂ enrichment and plant productivity.**
- 28. Physiology of crops under high altitude flooding, air and water pollution**
- 29. Water stress, effect of water stress on various physiological processes**
- 30. Mechanisms of adaptation to stress condition.**
- 31. Salt stress, classifications and its effects on physiological processes of plant**
- 32. Temperature stress – cold tolerance – adaptation**
- 33. Heat stress – Heat shock proteins – heat tolerance – adaptation.**
- 34. Recent advances in physiological research**

Practical Schedule

- 1. Leaf area index measurement. Measurement of leaf angle and interception of solar radiation**
- 2. Measurement of photosynthesis**
- 3. Determination of Photosynthetic efficiency of various crop plants**
- 4. Estimation of soluble protein content**
- 5. Estimation of chlorophyll contents**
- 6. Estimation of water potential**
- 7. Determination of chlorophyll stability index**
- 8. Estimation of relative water content**
- 9. Estimation of leaf proline content**
- 10. Measurement of leaf temperature, diffusive resistance and**
- 11. Measurement of transpiration**
- 12. Growth analysis of field crops**
- 13. Determination of nitrate reductase activity**
- 14. Determination of IAA oxidase activity**
- 15. Estimation of total phenolics**
- 16. Estimation of peroxidase activity**
- 17. Estimation of catalase activity**

Course outcomes

- CO 1 – Students will be able to identify the crop mineral nutrient deficiencies and their symptoms**
- CO 2 - In addition, hands on exposure to preparation of solutions, analysis of pigment composition, estimation of growth analytical parameters,**
- CO 3 – Students will be able to diagnose and correct nutrient deficiencies,**
- CO 4- Students will be competent in enzyme assays and application of plant growth regulators.**

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OPCABT 711 BIO-INSTRUMENTATION (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To provide hands on training on basic molecular biology techniques
- To provide the knowledge of various technology in field of molecular biology

Unit I - Spectroscopy & Microscopy

Spectroscopy-Principle, instrumentation and applications of UV - visible spectrophotometry and spectrofluorimetry-luminometry-Atomic spectroscopy-Microscopy- SEM and TEM.

Unit II - Centrifugation

Basic principles of sedimentation-Clinical Bench Centrifuges-High Speed Refrigerated Centrifuges-Continuous flow Centrifuges-Ultracentrifuges-Analytical ultracentrifuge -instrumentation and applications-Preparative ultracentrifuge

Unit III - Chromatography

Principle of chromatography-Types- Column Chromatography-Paper Chromatography-Thin Layer Chromatography-Gas Chromatography-High Performance Liquid Chromatography-Affinity Chromatography-Ion-Exchange Chromatography

Unit IV - PCR and Electrohoresis

PCR-principles. RT-PCR. Real time PCR-DNA/RNA-Agarose gel electrophoresis-Principles-Protein electrophoresis-principles-SDS and Native PAGE, 2D-gel electrophoresis.

Unit V- Blotting techniques

Blotting techniques-Southern-Northern-Western. DNA sequencing techniques, Dot blot analysis-ELISA- Immuno electrophoresis, RIA, immunoblotting

Practicals

Centrifugation techniques - Chromatography - Electron microscopy - Electrophoresis of DNA and proteins-PCR-blotting techniques-DNA sequencing techniques.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Good lab practices**
- 2. Preparation of buffers and reagents,**
- 3. Principle of centrifugation**
- 4. Analytical and preparative centrifugation**
- 5. Principle involved in Chromatography**
- 6. UV and Nano drop spectrophotometer**
- 7. Ion exchange spectroscopy**
- 8. Atomic absorption spectroscopy**
- 9. Electron microscopy**
- 10. TEM and SEM.**
- 11. Agarose gel electrophoresis**
- 12. Electrophoresis of proteins-principles**
- 13. Native and SDS PAGE**
- 14. Gradient gel**
- 15. Isoelectric focusing**
- 16. 2-D PAGE.**
- 17. Mid- semester examination**
- 18. Detection, estimation of proteins**
- 19. Recovery of proteins in gels,**
- 20. Autoradiography**
- 21. PCR- principle and applications**
- 22. Mid semester examination**
- 23. Modified PCR techniques**
- 24. Reverse transcriptase PCR**
- 25. Real time PCR**
- 26. DNA Sequencing**
- 27. Chemical method**
- 28. Enzymatic method**

29. **Blotting techniques: Southern**
30. **Northern blotting techniques**
31. **Western blotting techniques.**
32. **Immuno electrophoresis**
33. **RIA**
34. **Dot blot technique and immune blotting.**

Practical schedule

1. **Preparation of stock solutions and reagents.**
2. **Extraction of plant genomic DNA by Dellaporta method.**
3. **Extraction of plant genomic DNA by CTAB method.**
4. **Centrifugation technique**
5. **Chromatography technique**
6. **UV- spectrophotometer**
7. **Restriction digestion of DNA.**
8. **Southern transfer, labelling of DNA, Southern hybridization.**
9. **Northern blotting procedure**
10. **Western blotting procedure**
11. **Autoradiography.**
12. **Amplification of DNA with thermocycler with random primers.**
13. **Analysis of PCR products through agarose gel electrophoresis and gel scanning.**
14. **Primer designing**
15. **DNA sequencing.**
16. **Genomic library construction**
17. **ELISA**

Course Outcomes

CO 1- Ability to understand diagnosis and repair of related equipments

CO 2- Understanding the problem and ability to identify the necessity of an equipment to a specific problem

CO 3- Ability to take measurements involved in some agricultural equipments.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	-	-	-	-	3
CO 3	-	-	-	-	3

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OPC-ABT 712 PLANT TISSUE CULTURE (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To familiarize the students and provide hands on training on various techniques of plant tissue culture.
- The students will learn how the genes can be cut and pastes from one organism to another and what are its implications

Theory

Unit I - Basic principles

History of plant cell and tissue culture; Culture media- sterile techniques - Media in plant tissue culture-Plant Growth Regulators-Components of a Plant Tissue Culture Medium-Explants-callus-totipotency-Basic concepts Plant tissue culture.

Unit II - Micropropagation method

Basic techniques in plant tissue culture-Techniques in Micropropagation- stages- Organogenesis-somatic embryogenesis-Virus free plants production

Unit III - In vitro culture techniques

Callus culture- Suspension culture- Single cell culture- Organ culture- Seed, embryo, endosperm, nucellus, shoot, root, leaf, anther and ovary. Protoplast culture-somatic hybridization-cybrids.

Unit IV - Haploids production

Embryo rescue techniques-artificial seeds-Haploid production & diploidization-Somaclonal variation- *In vitro* germplasm conservation- Application of plant cell culture in crop improvement.

Unit V - Genetic engineering

Plant transformation methods- *Agrobacterium*- Biolistic gun- Analysis of transgenic plants- Application of genetic engineering in crop improvement and crop productivity - resistance to disease – herbicides-quality characters.

Practicals

PCR- Variation in PCR- RT - PCR - PCR - based analysis of transformants – Primer designing-Induction and analysis of crown gall tumour in intact plant - Isolation of Ti-Plasmid. Isolation of DNA and organelle DNA - *Agrobacterium* mediated transfer

Lecture Schedule

1. Laboratory organization-sterile techniques
2. Nutrition of plant cells-media composition.
3. History of plant cell and tissue culture
4. Culture media-Sterile techniques
5. Media in plant tissue culture
6. Plant Growth Regulators
7. Componentsof a Plant Tissue Culture Medium
8. Explants-callus-totipotency
9. Basic concepts Plant tissue culture.
10. Basic techniques in plant tissue culture

11. **Micropropagation stages-Organogenesis Somatic embryogenesis**
12. **Virus free plants production**
13. **Callus culture**
14. **Midterm examination**
15. **Suspension culture**
16. **Single cell culture.**
17. **Mid-semester examination**
18. **Organ culture**
19. **Seed, embryo, endosperm, nucellus**
20. **Shoot, root, leaf culture**
21. **Protoplast culture**
22. **Somatic hybridization-cybrids.**
23. **Embryo rescue techniques**
24. **Artificial seeds**
25. **Haploid production-diplodization**
26. **Somaclonal variation**
27. *In vitro* **germplasm conservation**
28. **Application of plant cell culture in crop improvement**
29. **Plant transformation methods**
30. *Agrobacterium* **mediated gene transfer**
31. **Biolistic gun**
32. **Genetic and molecular analyses of transgenics**
33. **Genetic engineering for resistance to insect pests**
34. **Genetic engineering for resistance to herbicides and quality characters.**

Practical Schedule

1. **Laboratory set-up.**
2. **Preparation of nutrient media; handling and sterilization of plant**
3. **Explant inoculation, subculturing and plant regeneration.**
4. **Anther and pollen culture.**
5. **Embryo rescue.**
6. **Suspension cultures and production of secondary metabolites.**
7. **Protoplast isolation, culture and fusion.**
8. **Preparation of microprojectiles, transformation using a particle gun, GUS staining.**
9. **Leaf disc transformation using *Agrobacterium***
10. **Establishment of transgenic plants**
11. **DNA extraction from transgenic plants, DNA estimation**
12. **Protein extraction**
13. **Agarose and PAGE electrophoresis**
14. **Southern blot analysis to prove T-DNA integration**
15. **PCR**
16. **RT-PCR to study transgene expression**

17. Western blotting to study the accumulation of transgene encoded protein.

Course Outcomes

CO1-Standardize protocols for the in vitro propagation from ex vitro explants

CO2-To optimize the culture conditions for rapid propagation and regeneration of agriculturally important plants.

CO3-Biochemical monitoring of explants proliferation and regeneration

CO4-Optimization of medium and culture conditions for the enhancement of active principle production

CO5-Biochemical characterization of regeneration and genetic transformation using Agrobacterium.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	-	-	-	-	3
CO 3	-	-	-	-	3
CO 4	-	-	-	-	3
CO 5	-	-	-	-	3

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OPCGPB 711 GERMPLASM COLLECTION, EXCHANGE AND QUARANTINE (2+1)

Learning Objectives

To provide information about collection, germplasm exchange, quarantine, maintenance and use of plant genetic resources including genetically modified plants.

Theory

Unit I - Introduction

History and importance of germplasm exploration; Distribution and extent of prevalent genetic diversity; Phyto-geographical regions/ecological zones and associated diversity; Mapping eco-geographic distribution of diversity, threatened habitats, use of flora.

Unit II - Mating System

Concept of population and gene pool; Variations in population and their classification; Gene frequencies in populations, rare and common alleles; Gene pool sampling in self and cross pollinated and vegetatively propagated species; Non-selective, random and selective sampling strategies; Strategies and logistics of plant exploration and collection; Coarse and fine grid surveys; Practical problems in plant exploration; Use of *in vitro* methods in germplasm collection.

Unit III - Germplasm Collection

Ethnobotanical aspects of PGR; Crop botany, farming systems, collecting wild relatives of crop plants; Collection and preservation of specimens; Importance and use of herbaria and preparation of herbarium specimens.

Unit IV - Strategies in Collection of Germplasm

Post-exploration handling of germplasm collections; Present status and future strategies in collection of major crops of Indian origin such as rice, maize, sorghum, sesame, *Brassica*, okra, eggplant, cotton, mango etc; approaches for collection including indigenous knowledge.

Unit V - Plant Quarantine

History, principles, objectives and importance of plant introduction; Prerequisites, conventions, national and international legislations and policies on germplasm collection and exchange; Documentation and information management; Plant quarantine- introduction, history, principles, objectives and relevance; Regulations and plant quarantine set up in India. Post-entry quarantine operation, seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments and facilities; Domestic quarantine; seed certification; International linkages in plant quarantine; weaknesses and future thrust.

Practicals

Plant exploration and collection; Techniques of coarse and fine grid surveys; Identification of wild relatives of crop plants- Example of collection, cataloguing and preservation of specimens; Sampling techniques of plant materials; Visiting ports, airports to study the quarantine regulations. Use of visual, qualitative, quantitative, microscopic, molecular and plant growth related techniques (controlled green houses/growth chambers, etc); Study of post-entry quarantine operation, seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments.

Lecture schedule

- 1. History and importance of germplasm exploration.**
- 2. Distribution and extent of prevalent genetic diversity**
- 3. Phyto-geographical regions/ecological zones and associated diversity**
- 4. Mapping eco-geographic distribution of diversity.**
- 5. Plant exploration and collection;**
- 6. Concept of population and gene pool .**
- 7. Coarse and fine grid surveys.**
- 8. Gene pool sampling in self and cross pollinated and vegetatively propagated species.**
- 9. Non-selective, random and selective sampling strategies.**
- 10. Strategies and logistics of plant exploration and collection.**
- 11. Practical problems in plant exploration.**
- 12. *In vitro* methods in germplasm collection.**
- 13. Ethnobotanical aspects of PGR.**

14. Identification of wild relatives of crop plants.
15. Collection, cataloguing and preservation of specimens.
16. Post-exploration handling of germplasm collections.
17. Mid-semester examination
18. Present status and future strategies in collection of major crops of Indian origin such as rice, maize, sorghum.
19. Present status and future strategies in collection of crops sesame, *Brassica*, okra, eggplant, cotton, mango.
20. History, principles, objectives and importance of plant introduction.
21. Documentation and information management
22. Importance and use of herbaria.
23. Preparation of herbarium specimens.
24. Sampling techniques of plant materials;
25. Plant quarantine- introduction, history, principles, objectives and relevance.
26. Regulations and plant quarantine set up in India.
27. Quarantine regulations.
28. Visual, qualitative, quantitative, microscopic, molecular and plant growth related techniques.
29. Study of post-entry quarantine operation.
30. Seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments.
31. Domestic quarantine.
32. Seed certification.
33. International linkages in plant quarantine.
34. Weaknesses and future thrust in plant quarantine

Practical Schedule

1. Plant exploration and collection.
2. Handling of germplasm collections.
3. Preparation of herbarium specimens.
4. Identification of wild relatives of crop plants.
5. Techniques of coarse and fine grid surveys.
6. Identification of wild relatives of crop plants.
7. Example of collection.
8. Cataloguing of collection.
9. Preservation of specimens.
10. Sampling techniques of plant materials.
11. Visiting ports, airports to study the quarantine regulations.
12. Use of visual, microscopic, molecular and plant growth related techniques (controlled green houses/ growth chambers, etc);
13. Qualitative related techniques.
14. Quantitative related techniques.
15. Study of post-entry quarantine operation.
16. Seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments.
17. Seed certification.

Course Outcomes

CO1-Students will have knowledge on the conservation of biodiversity

CO2-They will be able to identify the various *insitu* and *exsitu* conservation techniques

CO3-They will acquire knowledge on various organizations involved in conservation and their policies

CO4-The students will have knowledge on plant quarantine regulations.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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OPC-GPB 712 FUNDAMENDALS OF GENETICS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- The course imparts knowledge to the students about the structure organization, function and transmission of chromosomes and genes and variation among them.

- It explains the parallelism between the behaviour of chromosomes and genes.
- It is useful in construction of linkage map and location of genes.
- It also explains about the molecular genetics of gene organization and function: the effects of mutagens on biological system and evolution of crop plants.

Theory

Unit I - Cytology

Earlier concepts of heredity – cell and cell organelles – Prokaryotes – Eukaryotes – study of mitosis and meiosis – cell cycle – Sporogenesis – Gametogenesis – Fertilization.

Unit II - Mendelian Genetics

Mendel's work – laws of heredity – Multiple alleles – gene interaction – penetrance – Expressivity – Pleiotropy – Modifying genes – Phenocopy – lethal genes – Multiple Factor hypothesis.

Unit III - Linkages

Linkage and Crossing over – Estimation of strength of linkage and crossing over value – two and three point test cross – genetic map – sex determination – genic balance theory – Sex linked – sex influenced and sex limited inheritance – cytoplasmic inheritance.

Unit IV - Cytogenetics

Chromosomal theory of inheritance – chromosome structure – chemical composition and nucleosome – Types of chromosomes – special chromosomes – Mutation – point mutation – Transition and Transversion – Variation in chromosome number and structure – Aneuploidy and Euploidy – Its genetic and cytological implications.

Unit V - Genetic at Molecular Level

Experiments showing DNA as genetic material – DNA Structure and function – DNA replication – Genetic code – central dogma of life – gene expression – protein synthesis and gene regulation – Operon concept – modern concept of gene.

Practicals

Study of genetic ratios of – Monohybrid, Dihybrid, Polyhybrid, inheritance – co-dominance – incomplete dominance, gene interactions. Multiple alleles and Multiple factors. Study of linkage, estimation of strength of linkage and crossing over in two point and three point test cross – Drawing of genetic map – interference and coincidence. Preparation of fixatives and stains – Pretreatment of materials for mitosis and meiosis – Study of mitosis and meiosis.

Lecture schedule

1. **Concept of heredity – Vapour and fluid theory, Magnetic power theory, Preformation theory – Lamarck's theory, Darwin's theory, Germplasm theory and Mutation theory.**
2. **Definition of genetics, heredity and inheritance**
3. **Definition and Brief history of cytogenetics; structure and functions of cell and organelles – Difference between prokaryotes and Eukaryotes. Physical basis of heredity: Structure and function of cell and cell organelles – Differences between Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes.**

4. **Chromosome structure, chemical composition, nucleosome, centromere, telomere, euchromatin, NOR, satellite chromosome - karyotype, ideogram - types of chromosomes based on position of centromere.**
5. **Study of mitosis and meiosis - Cell cycle.**
6. **Work of Mendel - Characters studies, his observations and interpretations - reasons for his success - Law of dominance. Law of segregation and Law of independent assortment.**
7. **Rediscovery of Mendel's work, chromosomal theory of inheritance**
8. **Definitions of gene, alleles, homozygous, heterozygous, genome, phenotype, genotype, monohybrid, dihybrid, polyhybrid, backcross and test cross.**
9. **Lethal genes, Pleiotropy with examples; phenocopy, penetrance and expressivity, Allelic interaction - Types - Complete dominance, incomplete dominance, Co-dominance and Over dominance with examples.**
10. **Non allelic interaction - epistatic and hypostatic genes, types of epistasis - Non - allelic interaction without modifications in Mendelian ratio - Bateson and Punnett's experiment on fowl comb shape.**
11. **Epistasis with modification of Mendelian ratio - 1) Dominant epistasis, ii) Recessive epistasis, iii) Duplicate and additive epistasis**
12. **iv) Duplicate dominant epistasis, v) Duplicate recessive epistasis vi) Dominant and recessive epistasis.**
13. **Multiple alleles - characteristic features, study of blood group, coat colour in rabbits and self incompatibility in plants.**
14. **Multiple factor hypothesis - Nilsson - Ehle - Wheat kernel colour experiment - polygenes - Transgressive segregation - Quantitative vs Qualitative characters and modifiers.**
15. **Linkage - coupling and repulsion - Experiment of Bateson and Punnett - Chromosomal theory of linkage of Morgan - Complete and incomplete linkage,**
16. **Crossing over - significance of crossing over - cytological proof for crossing over - Stern's experiment - Strength of linkage and recombination - Two point and three point test cross - Double cross over, interference and coincidence - genetic map.**
17. **Mid-semester examination**
18. **Sex determination - chromosomes mechanism of sex determination and its types - Genic balance theory of sex determination of Bridges.**
19. **Sex linked inheritance - Criss cross inheritance - reciprocal difference - Holandric genes - sex limited inheritance - sex determination in plants - *Melandrium*, papaya and maize.**
20. **Cytoplasmic inheritance - its characteristic features - examples of chloroplast, mitochondrial, plasmid and episomic inheritance.**
21. **DNA, the genetic material - Griffith's experiment, experiment of Avery, McCleod and McCarthy - confirmation by Hershey and Chase; RNA as genetic material - Frankel, Conrat and Singer experiment.**
22. **Structure of DNA - Watson and Crick model - mechanisms of DNA replication.**

23. **Models of DNA replication– Proof for semi-conservative method of DNA replication.**
24. **RNA types - mRNA, tRNA, rRNA; genetic code – Characteristic features – Central dogma of life.**
25. **Gene expression– protein synthesis.**
26. **Regulation of gene expression– operon model of Jacob and Monod; Structural genes and regulator genes.**
27. **Split genes, exons and introns – modern concept of gene – gene as cistron, muton and recon, complementation testy.**
28. **Special chromosomes – Polytene, Lamp brush. B. Ring and Iso chromosomes.**
29. **Variation in chromosome structure – deletion and duplication – genetic and cytological implications.**
30. **Inversion and translocation– genetic and cytological implications.**
31. **Variation in chromosome number – Euploid, aneuploid – types of euploids.**
32. **Polyplod– auto and allopolyploids.**
33. **Role of polyploidy in evolution of crops – wheat, cotton, tobacco and brassica**
34. **Types of aneuploids and their origin.**

Practical Schedule

1. **Principles of dominance, recessive, back cross, test cross, incomplets and co-dominance and lethal factor – principles of Chi-square test.**
2. **Study on genetic ratios – monohybrid – incomplete dominance and test cross ratios and in combination of one or two of the above.**
3. **Dihybrid ratio – dominance, incomplete dominance and test cross ratio and in combination of one or two of the above.**
4. **simple interancetio of genes – comb character in fowls and Duplicate recessive epistasis.**
5. **Dominant epistasis and recessive epistasis.**
6. **Duplicate and additive epistasis. Duplicate dominant epistasis, duplicate recessive epistasis and dominant and recessive epistasis.**
7. **Multiple alleles and polygenic inheritance**
8. **Estimation of linkage with F2 and test cross data, coupling and repulsion**
9. **Problemson two point test cross.**
10. **Three point test cross – working out interference, coincidence and drawing genetic maps.**
11. **Principles of killing and fixing – preparation of stains and apreservatives**
12. **Studying the stages of mitosis and meiosis**
13. **Study of mitotic phases in roottips of onion / Aloe spa and Arabidopsis**
14. **Procedure for fixing and observing different moiotic phases in the inflorescence of Maize and peral millet.**
15. **Repeating the exercise**
16. **Repeating the exercise with Maize, Pearal millet**
17. **Procedure for making temporary slides to permanent slides.**

Course Outcomes

CO1-Students will acquire comprehensive understanding of the chemical basis of heredity.

CO2-The knowledge required to design, execute, and analyze the results of genetic experimentation in Plant Breeding systems

CO3-Critical understanding on quantification of heritable traits that provides insight into cellular and molecular mechanisms.

CO4-The ability to evaluate conclusions that are based on genetic data.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 4	-	-	2	-	3

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OPCSST 711 SEED PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES IN CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objective

- To introduce the basic principles of quality seed production
- To inculcate the students with the importance of various classes of seeds and their standards

Theory

Unit I - Introduction

Introduction: Seed as basic input in agriculture; Seed multiplication ratios-seed replacement rate, generation system of seed multiplication; variety and causes for its deterioration;

Unit II - Principles

Mode of pollination and reproduction in crop plants and their modification in relation to hybrid seed production. Principles of hybrid seed production, isolation distance, synchronization of flowering, roguing etc. male sterility and incompatibility system in hybrid seed production, role of pollinators and their management.

Unit III - Classes of seeds and their production techniques

Seed multiplication ratio-seed replacement rate, demand and supply; suitable areas of seed production and storage, agronomy of seed production- agro climatic requirements and their influence on quality seed production; generation system of seed multiplication; maintenance of nucleus seed, production of breeder, foundation and certified seed – criteria involved; life span of a variety and causes for its deterioration; certification standards for self, cross and often cross pollinated and vegetatively propagated crops.

Unit IV - Hybrid seed production

Hybrid seed – methods of development ; use of male sterility, self- incompatibility and CHA in hybrid seed production; one, two and three line system; maintenance of parental lines of hybrids; planning and management of hybrid seed production technology of major field crops

Unit V - Seed quality control

Planning of seed production for different classes of seeds for self, cross and often cross pollinated crops, seed quality control system and organization, seed village concept; seed production agencies, seed industry and custom seed production in India

Practicals

Identification of seed structure – hybrid seed production techniques –planting design-identification of rogue and off type-supplementary pollination-physiological maturity-seed enhancement- planning of seed production for different classes of seeds- visit to private seed farm –processing unit-seed industry.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Seed basic input in agriculture**
- 2. Importance and characteristic of quality seed**
- 3. Different types of cultivars and their maintenance**
- 4. Difference between seed and grain, seed production and crop production**
- 5. Varietal deterioration their maintenance factors responsible for deterioration**
- 6. Maintenance of genetic purity in seed production**
- 7. Pollination and reproduction techniques and their modifications in relation to hybrid seed production**
- 8. Principles of hybrid seed production isolation distance-synchronization of flowering, roguing etc.**
- 9. Seed multiplication ratios and seed replacement rate**
- 10. Agronomy of seed production- agro-climatic requirements and their influence on quality seed production**
- 11. Generation system of seed multiplication- maintenance of nucleus and breeder seed**
- 12. Floral structure, breeding and pollination mechanism in cross-pollinated cereals and millets.**

13. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in cross-pollinated crop –Rice**
14. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in cross-pollinated crop -Maize**
15. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in -Sorghum**
16. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in –Bajra.**
17. **Mid semester examination**
18. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in pigeon pea**
19. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in Chickpea**
20. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in greengram**
21. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in blackgram**
22. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in soyabean.**
23. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in cowpea**
24. **Floral structure, breeding and pollination mechanism in Oilseeds.**
25. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in groundnut.**
26. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in castor.**
27. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in sunflower**
28. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in sesame**
29. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in cotton.**
30. **Methods and techniques of quality seed production in Sugarcane.**
31. **Seed quality control system and organizations**
32. **Genetic purity testing- GOT**
33. **Seed village concept**
34. **Seed production agencies, seed industry and customs in India**

Practical Schedule

1. **Identification of seed structure of agricultural crops**
2. **Visit to seed production unit**
3. **Hybrid seed production techniques in agricultural crops**
4. **Planting design and identification of rogues and off types in varieties and hybrids of agricultural crops**
5. **Study of supplementary pollination and pollen management techniques in agricultural crops.**
6. **Identification of physiological maturity for agricultural crops**
7. **Influence of grading techniques on seed quality characters.**
8. **Planning seed production for different classes of seeds in varieties of agricultural crops**
9. **Planning seed production for different classes of seeds in varieties of horticultural crops**
10. **Visit to seed production field**
11. **Visit to seed processing unit**
12. **Visit to packaging unit**
13. **Visit to private seed industry**
14. **Seed enhancement techniques**
15. **Detasseling in maize**
16. **Identification of rogues and pollen shedders**

17. Gametocide application for hybrid seed production

Course Outcomes

CO1-To really understand the basic principles of seed production in varieties and hybrids

CO2-To know the concept of and methods of hybrid seed production

CO3-To understand the importance of field standards and seed standards in quality seed production

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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OPCSST 712 SEED QUALITY TESTING AND CERTIFICATION (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To provide a comprehensive knowledge on all aspects of seed quality evaluation and their relevance to crop performance.
- To impart knowledge on seed certification

Theory

Unit I - History of Seed Testing

Introduction: Structure of monocot and dicot seeds; seed quality: objectives, concept and components and their role in seed quality control; Instruments, devices and tools used in seed testing. ISTA and its role in seed testing. Seed Sampling sampling in the seed testing laboratory.

Unit II - Testing for purity and Moisture

Physical Purity: definition, objective and procedure, weight of working samples for physical purity analysis; components of purity analysis and their definitions and criteria; pure seed definitions applicable to specific genera and families; multiple seed units; general procedure of purity analysis; calculation and reporting of results, prescribed seed purity standards; determination of huskless seeds

Unit III - Germination, Vigour and Viability testing Test for Genetic purity

Germination: importance; definitions; requirements for germination, instrument and substrata required; principle and methods of seed germination testing; dormancy: definition, importance, causal mechanisms, types and methods for breaking dormancy. Viability and Vigour Testing: definition and importance of

viability tests; different viability tests; quick viability test (TZ- test) - advantages, principle, preparation of seeds and solutions, procedure, evaluation and calculation of test results. Vigour testing: Genetic purity testing : objective and criteria for genetic purity testing; types of test; laboratory

Unit IV - Seed legislation in India

Seed legislation and seed law enforcement as a mechanism of seed quality control; The Seed Act (1966), Seed Rules (1968), Seed (Control) Order 1983; Essential Commodities Act (1955); Plants, Fruits and Seeds Order (1989); National Seed Development Policy (1988) and EXIM Policy regarding seeds, plant materials; New Seed Bill-2004. Introduction, objectives and relevance of plant quarantine, regulations and plant quarantine set up in India.

Unit V - Seed Certification aspects

Seed Certification- history, concept and objectives of seed certification; seed certification agency/organization and staff requirement; legal status and phases of seed certification; formulation, revision and publication of seed certification standards; Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standards (I.M.S.C.S.)- general and specific crop standards including

Practical

Identification and handling of instruments- Seed sampling procedure- Physical purity analysis- Estimation of seed moisture content- Seed dormancy and dormancy breaking treatments- Seed germination and seedling evaluation- TZ test- Vigour test- GOT - Varietal identification by electrophoresis- Seed certification- Field inspection procedure- Visit to STL.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Seed quality: objectives, concept and components**
- 2. Instruments, devices and tools used in seed testing**
- 3. National and International agencies involved in seed testing**
- 4. ISTA and its role in seed testing.**
- 5. Seed Sampling: definition, objectives and procedure**
- 6. Physical Purity analysis**
- 7. Seed moisture content: importance, principles and methods of moisture estimation**
- 8. Germination: importance; definitions; types - requirements for germination**
- 9. Methods of seed germination testing for agricultural crops**
- 10. Methods of seed germination testing for horticultural crops**
- 11. Seedling evaluation, calculation and reporting of results for agricultural crops**
- 12. Seedling evaluation, calculation and reporting of results for horticultural crops**
- 13. Dormancy: definition, importance, causal mechanisms, types**
- 14. Methods for breaking dormancy.**
- 15. Quick viability test (TZ- test) - advantages, principle.**
- 16. Vigour testing: concept, historical development, definitions**
- 17. Mid Semester examination**
- 18. Procedures of different methods used for testing vigour.**
- 19. Genetic purity testing : objective, types of test**
- 20. Historical development of Seed Industry in India**

21. **Seed quality: concept and factors affecting seed quality during different stages of production**
22. **Seed quality control- concept and objectives**
23. **Central Seed Certification Board and its function**
24. **Organizations involved in seed quality control programmes**
25. **The Seed Act (1966) and Seed Rules (1968)**
26. **The Seed (Control) Order 1983 and Essential Commodities Act (1955)**
27. **EXIM Policy regarding seeds, plant materials and New Seed Bill-2004 etc.**
28. **Introduction, objectives and relevance of plant quarantine.**
29. **Seed Certification- history, concept and objectives of seed certification**
30. **Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standards (I.M.S.C.S.) general and specific crop standards**
31. **Field Inspection- principles, phases and procedures**
32. **Pre and post-harvest control tests for genetic purity evaluation (grow-out tests)**
33. **Post harvest inspection and evaluation**
34. **Essential features of PPV & FR Act, 2001**

Practical Schedule

1. **Identification and handling of instruments used in seed testing laboratory**
2. **Seed sampling and sampling procedure**
3. **Physical purity analysis of samples of different crops**
4. **Estimation of seed moisture content (oven method)**
5. **Seed dormancy breaking methods**
6. **Seed germination testing in different agri-horticultural crops**
7. **Seedling evaluation**
8. **Viability testing by tetrazolium test in different crops**
9. **Seed vigour tests**
10. **Grow out test**
11. **Varietal identification through electrophoresis**
12. **Visit to Seed Testing laboratory**
13. **General procedure of seed certification**
14. **Field inspection at different stages of a crop and observations recorded on contaminants and reporting of results.**
15. **Field counting procedure for different crops**
16. **Preparation of Field Inspection**
17. **Seed report preparation**

Course Outcomes

CO1-To have a faith in seed certification procedure and importance of IMSCS

CO2-To sort out the rogues and off types from the seed production area and to understand the importance of seed testing

CO3-Will be in a position to emphasis on Seed Legislation, certification, labelling of different seed classes and truthfully labelled seeds

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 2	-	-	-	2	
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OPC HOR 711 PROPAGATION AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT OF HORTICULTURAL CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- This course deals with different methods of plant propagation and strategies for nursery management of various fruit crops.
- Knowledge of tools and implements is essential to carry out all scientific horticultural operations and also nursery management practices.
- The above themes are discussed elaborately in this course and the basic knowledge gained will be useful for the career development of students in commercial nursery business.

Theory

Unit I Principles of plant propagation

Sexual and asexual methods of propagation - principles and factors influencing seed germination- dormancy- hormonal regulation of germination and seedling growth- seed quality- packing- storage- certification and testing.

Unit II Anatomical and physiological aspects of plant propagation

Techniques of cottage - layerage- graftage and budding- compatibility- dwarfing rootstocks of important fruit trees.

Unit III Plant growth regulators and plant tissue culture

Role of PGR'S in plant propagation- role of nucellar embryony- apomixes- tissue culture techniques- hardening techniques .

Unit IV Planning of a nursery unit and modern propagation structures

Raising of nursery plants- selection- certification maintenance of mother plants and bud wood and root stock nurseries- use of modern structures- mist chambers- low cost poly houses- tunnel houses.

Unit V Marketing methods of nursery plants and economics

Media/soil mixtures- containers- use of machinaries- lifting- packing- transport- marketing- economics of raising nursery and management in different fruit crops.

Practicals

Media/soil mixture- containers and soil sterilisation- use of chemicals for seed treatment and sowing- preparation of nursery beds- polybags- seedpans- thumb rule for raising seedlings- stratification and scarification of seeds and use of tetrazolium salts for germination tests-identification of nucellar seedlings- practice of different asexual methods of propagation- viz.-cuttage- layering- budding- approach- veneer and softwood grafting-use of plant growth regulators in propagation of plants -use of mist chambers- modern propagation structures- low cost polyhouses- low tunnels and bottom heating techniques- selection- lifting- packing- transportation and marketing of nursery plants- economics of raising nurseries- visit to local commercial/private nurseries.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Scope and importance of plant propagation.**
- 2. Study of sexual and asexual methods of propagation.**
- 3. Advantages and disadvantages of seed and vegetative propagation.**
- 4. Factors influencing seed germination of Horticultural crops.**
- 5. Studies on dormancy, hormonal regulation of germination and seedling growth.**
- 6. Study of seed quality, packing, storage, certification and testing.**
- 7. Study of anatomical and physiological aspects of asexual propagation.**
- 8. Studies on graft compatibility on fruit crops.**
- 9. Dwarfing rootstocks of commercial importance in fruit crops.**
- 10. Role of PGR's in raising seedlings and rooting of cuttings and layers.**
- 11. Role of nucellar embryony and apomixis.**
- 12. Studies on tissue culture techniques.**
- 13. Micro grafting (STG).**
- 14. Techniques of cuttings and layering.**
- 15. Techniques of budding and grafting.**
- 16. Planning of nursery unit.**
- 17. Mid-semester examination**
- 18. Study of raising of nursery plants and their aftercare role of protrait nursery and their after care.**
- 19. Study of modern propagation structures.**
- 20. Role of mist chambers in plant propagation.**
- 21. Study of bottom heating techniques.**
- 22. Hardening techniques in nursery.**
- 23. Progeny orchard and scion bank.**
- 24. Establishment of bud wood bank.**
- 25. Media -soil mixture preparation for nursery plants.**

26. Study of containers used for nursery.
27. Use of machineries in nurseries.
28. Soil sterilization techniques.
29. Irrigation systems in nursery plants.
30. Lifting and packing of nursery plants.
31. Transportation and marketing of nursery plants.
32. Nursery planning and layout .
33. Economics of raising nursery and management of different fruit crops.
34. Nursery acts.

Practical schedule

1. Media/soil mixture, containers and soil sterilization.
2. Use of chemicals for seed treatment and sowing.
3. Preparation of nursery beds, polybags, seedpans, thumb rule for raising seedlings.
4. Stratification and scarification of seeds and use of tetrazolium salts for germination.
5. Identification of nucellar seedlings.
6. Practice of different asexual methods of propagation, viz., cuttage, layering.
7. Budding methods.
8. Grafting- methods.
9. Use of plant growth regulators in propagation.
10. Role of mist chambers in plant propagation.
11. Other protected structures uses for plant propagation.
12. Low cost polyhouses, low tunnels.
13. Bottom heating techniques and soil sterilization.
14. Selection, lifting, packing of nursery plants.
15. Transportation and marketing of nursery plants.
16. Economics of raising nurseries.
17. Visit to local commercial/private nurseries.

Course Outcomes

CO1- gain knowledge on physiology, principles, factors influencing, media and methods of propagation of Horticultural crops

CO2- gain skill in all propagation methods and technology for commercial scale adoption

CO3- becomes capable of managing commercial nursery business.

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OPC - FSC 712 GENETIC RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF FRUIT CROPS (2+1)

Learning Objective

- Understanding the principles of biodiversity, strategies in conservation and utilization of fruit crop biodiversity and learning about under exploited fruits in India.

Theory

Unit I Importance of biodiversity and methods of conservation

Biodiversity and conservation- issues and goals- centers of origin of cultivated fruits- primary and secondary centers of genetic diversity- present status of gene centers- exploration and collection of germplasm- conservation of genetic resources- *in situ* and *ex situ* germplasm conservation- problem of recalcitrancy- cold storage of scions- tissue culture- cryopreservation- pollen and seed storage- inventory of germplasm.

Unit II Role of National institutes in conservation and plant quarantine

Introduction of germplasm- plant quarantine- role of National institutes in conservation- TBGRI- NBPGR.etc-Intellectual property rights- regulatory horticulture- plant variety protection authority- maintenance of core group using traditional knowledge for plant conservation.

Unit III Bio diversity of tropical fruit crops

Biodiversity of major tropical fruit crops - Mango- banana- sweet orange- lime- lemon- sapota- papaya- guava- pomegranate- pineapple- annona and avocado.

Unit IV Bio diversity of sub tropical and temperate fruit crops

Biodiversity of major sub tropical- temperate fruit and nut crops - grapes- mandarin- mangosteen- litchi- fig- apple- pear- plum- peach- strawberry- almond- apricot and walnut.

Unit V Bio diversity of under exploited minor fruit crops

Under exploited minor fruits -present status and scope- their origin- distribution- biodiversity- conservation and utilization of minor fruits.

Practicals

Documentation of germplasm maintenance of passport data and other records of accessions; field exploration trips- exercise on *ex situ* conservation cold storage-pollen/seed storage- cryopreservation- visits to National Gene Bank and other centers of PGR activities.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Bio diversity - introduction, principles, goals and issues in conservation.**
- 2. Genetic diversity occurrence and distribution.**
- 3. Exploration, collection, characterization, documentation and cataloguing of germplasm.**
- 4. Present status of National and International gene banks.**
- 5. Role of national institutes in conservation TBGRI, NBPGR.etc.**
- 6. Germplasm exchange, Material Transfer Agreement and current quarantine protocols.**
- 7. Methods for *ex situ* conservation of germplasm and *in situ* conservation of germplasm.**
- 8. Use of GIS and documentation of local biodiversity.**
- 9. Horticultural cropping systems and implication on biodiversity.**
- 10. Impact of climate change on biodiversity.**
- 11. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity through recalcitrant and orthodox seeds.**
- 12. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity through vegetative propagation.**
- 13. Intellectual Property Rights, Plant Variety Protection Authority .**
- 14. Status of biodiversity of mango.**
- 15. Status of biodiversity of banana.**
- 16. Status of biodiversity of sweet orange, lime and lemon.**
- 17. Mid-semester examination**
- 18. Status of biodiversity of sapota and papaya.**
- 19. Status of biodiversity of guava and pomegranate.**
- 20. Status of biodiversity of pineapple and annona.**
- 21. Status of biodiversity of avocado and mangosteen.**
- 22. Status of biodiversity of grapes.**
- 23. Status of biodiversity of mandarin .**
- 24. Status of biodiversity of litchi and fig.**
- 25. Status of biodiversity of apple and pear.**
- 26. Status of biodiversity of plum and peach.**
- 27. Status of biodiversity of strawberry.**
- 28. Status of biodiversity of almond and apricot.**
- 29. Status of biodiversity of walnut.**
- 30. Under exploited minor fruit crops - present status and scope**
- 34. Minor fruits - origin, distribution -biodiversity, propagation, conservation and utilization.**

Practical schedule

1. Field exploration trips- exercise in collection and characterization
2. Visit to field germplasm unit and documentation of germplasm
3. Practices in maintenance of passport data
4. Practical study of *ex situ* conservation methods
5. Practical study of *in situ* conservation methods
6. Methods of seed storage for short and long term conservation
7. Methods of conservation using vegetative propagules
8. *In vitro* conservation protocols
9. Study of species diversity in horticultural cropping system
10. Visit to regional conservation centres
11. Visit to subtropical and temperate zone orchards
12. Characterization of banana germplasm
13. Characterization of papaya germplasm
14. Characterization of mango germplasm
15. Identification of minor fruit crops and their description.
16. Use of molecular tools for characterizing species diversity
17. Estimating extent of diversity through collection and analysis of data

Course Outcomes

CO1: The students will be able to understand the strategies in conservation and utilization of fruit crop biodiversity

CO2: They will be able to demonstrate different techniques in *ex-situ* conservation.

CO3: They will be able to identify underutilized minor fruit crops.

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OPC VSC 712 HI - TECH VEGETABLE PRODUCTION (2+1)

Learning Objective

- To impart latest knowledge in growing of vegetable crops under protected environmental conditions.

Theory

Unit I Importance, scope and principles of Hi-tech vegetable production

Importance and scope of protected cultivation of vegetable crops. principles used in protected cultivation- energy management- low cost structure- training methods- engineering aspects.

Unit II Environmental factors and its manipulation for vegetable production

Types of green house- poly house/ net house hot- cold framers- effect of environmental factors viz temp- light - CO₂ and humidity on growth of different vegetables- manipulation of CO₂- and temperature for vegetable production.

Unit III Green house media- containers- heating and cooling systems

Growing media and sterilization- soilless cultivation- hydro-ponics and aero ponics- types of benches and containers irrigation and fertigation- green house environmental control systems- cooling system- heating system light and photo period manipulation.

Unit IV Techniques of raising vegetables in protected structures

Regulation of flowering and fruting in vegetable crops. technology for raising tomato- sweet pepper- cucumber and other vegetables in protected structures- training and staking in protected crops- varieties and hybrids for growing vegetables in protected structures.

Unit V Problems and remedies in Hi-tech cultivation

Problem of growing vegetables in protected structures and their remedies- insect and disease management in protected structures- soil-less culture- use of protected structures for seed production.

Practicals

Study of different protected structures- cladding materials used- installation and their management study of environment RH- control devices used in protected structures measurement of temperature- RH- light and CO₂ study of growing media and sterilization- study of irrigation and fertigation systems and their management- soilless cultivation- hydroponics and aeroponics- control of insect pest and disease in green house -working out economics of protected cultivation visit to established green/poly house/net/shade house in the region.

Lecture schedule

- 1. History of protected cultivation of vegetables and its scope in India.**
- 2. Present status of Hi-tech cultivation and its importance.**
- 3. Principles involved in Hi-tech vegetable cultivation.**
- 4. Modes of protected cultivation.**
- 5. Nursery raising in protected structures.**
- 6. Low – cost protected structures.**
- 7. Site selection, structural designs, styles single span, multi-span.**
- 8. Effect of environmental factors on the growth of vegetables.**
- 9. Manipulation of CO₂, light and temperature for vegetable production**
- 10. Green house roofing materials.**
- 11. Green house media, natural and synthetic and sterilization.**
- 12. Soilless cultivation, Hydroponics and Aeroponics.**
- 13. Green house beds and benches construction and space use efficiency.**

14. Green house temperature control, heating, cooling and lighting.
15. Cooling methods, ventilations, evaporative cooling and air conditioning.
16. Types of irrigation in green house, purpose and advantage.
17. Mid-semester examination.
18. Fertigation of vegetable crops under protected cultivation.
19. Pruning of vegetable crops under protected structure.
20. Training, staking and other operations under Hi-tech vegetable production.
21. Regulation of flowering and fruiting of vegetable crops.
22. Hi tech production of tomato.
23. Hi tech production of sweet pepper.
24. HI tech production of cucumber and other vegetables.
25. Hi tech production of exotic vegetables.
26. Suitable varieties and hybrids for growing vegetables in protected structures.
27. Problems in Hi-tech cultivation and remedies.
28. Insect and disease management in protected structures.
29. Use of protected structures for seed production.
30. Precision Horticulture, principles and concepts.
31. GPS, GIS remote sensing sensors.
32. Variability management in precision farming, mapping, variable rate technology.
33. Precision equipments, computers and robotics in precision farming.
34. Cost – economics of Hi-tech vegetable production.

Practical schedule

1. Study of various modes of protected cultivation.
2. Study of environment control devices used in protected structures.
3. Study of growing media and sterilization.
4. Study of irrigation and Fertigation systems.
5. Study of soilless cultivation, Hydroponics and Aeroponics.
6. Estimating the cost of low cost green house of IARI model.
7. Designing of covering materials.
8. Designing of cooling systems.
9. Designing of irrigation system.
10. Control of insect pest and disease in green house.
11. Economics of green house cultivation of tomato.
12. Economics of green house cultivation of sweet pepper.
13. Economics of green house cultivation of cucumber.
14. Visit to established green/poly house/ net/ shade house in the region.
15. Visit to export oriented vegetable units.
16. Visit to precision farming unit.
17. Visit to GPS, GIS and remote sensing facility.

Course Outcomes

CO1:The students will be able to demonstrate working principles of protected cultivation.

CO2: The students will be able to establish and manage Hi-Tech vegetable production units.

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OPC-FLA 712 ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE (2+1)

Learning Objective

- Familiarization with principles and practices of landscaping and ornamental gardening.

Theory

Unit I Ornamental horticulture- History and principles

Ornamental horticulture-definition- scope and importance- history of ornamental horticulture. types of gardens. Styles of garden- formal- informal and free style gardens. beauty components- basic principles of gardening.

Unit II Softscape and Hardscape elements

Garden plant components-basic function and utility- arboretum- shrubbery- fernery- palmatum- edges and hedges -topiary and trophy- climbers and creepers- cacti and succulents- herbs- annuals- flower borders and beds- ground covers- carpet beds- bamboo groves; lawns- establishment and maintenance- production technology for selected ornamental plants .non-plant components.

Unit III Special types of gardens and horticultural crafts

Special types of gardens- vertical garden- roof garden- bog garden- sunken garden- rock garden- clock garden- temple garden and sacred groves. Study on horticultural crafts- bonsai- terrarium and flower arrangement-

Unit IV Landscape drawing

Site analysis- client preference- home- institute- industrial garden- public parks- amusements and theme parks- landscape drawing- fundamentals of manual drawing- scale- symbols- layout- plan view- elevation and perspective diagrams-

computer software- manual and computer aided deigning- applications of CAD in landscape garden designing.

Unit V Landscaping for specific situations

Urban landscaping- landscaping for specific situations- hospitals- roadsides- traffic islands- damsites- it parks- corporates. bio-aesthetic planning- eco-tourism- indoor gardening- therapeutic gardening- water scaping and xeriscaping.

Practical

Identification of ornamental plants and garden components- study of form- size- shape- texture- flowering season and description of trees- shrubs- flower bed- foliage bed- climbers and creeper- hedges- edges cacti- succulents- ferns and palms- evaluation of different styles of garden- turf- study of types of turf grasses- establishment- care and maintenance of turf- art of topiary- practices in planning and planting of special types of gardens- identification- planning and designing of non-living components- principles and concepts in garden designing- techniques in transplanting of container grow plants- burlapping- tree transplanting- preparation of landscape plan layout- application of cad in landscape garden designing- project preparation on landscape execution for home- institute- industrial- public parks and theme parks. study on horticultural crafts- bonsai- terrarium and flower arrangement- visit to parks and botanical garden.

Lecture Schedule

1. **Ornamental horticulture-Definition,scope and importance.**
2. **History of ornamentalhorticulture,**
3. **Types of gardens.**
4. **Styles of garden, formal, informal and free style gardens**
5. **Beauty components**
6. **Basic principlesof gardening.**
7. **Garden plant components,arboretum,**
8. **Shrubbery, fernery, palmatum, edges and hedges,**
9. **Climbersand creepers, cacti and succulents and herbs,**
10. **Annuals, flower borders and beds,**
11. **Ground covers, carpet beds and bamboo groves,**
12. **Lawns, Establishment and maintenance,**
13. **Production technologyfor selected ornamentalplants.**
14. **Non-plant componentsbasic function and utility.**
15. **Special types of gardens, verticalgarden and roof garden,**
16. **Bog garden, sunken garden and rock garden,**
17. **Mid semester examination.**
18. **Clock garden, temple garden, sacred groves.**
19. **Study on horticultural crafts, bonsai and terrarium.**
20. **Flower arrangement,**
21. **Site analysis, cliental preference,**
22. **Home, institute and industrial garden,**
23. **Public parks, amusements and theme parks,**
24. **Landscape drawing, fundamentals of manual drawing, scale, symbols and layout,**
25. **Plan view, elevation and perspective diagrams,**

26. Computer software, manual and computer aided designing, applications of CAD in landscape garden designing.
27. Urban landscaping,
28. Landscaping for specific situations, residents, hospitals, roadsides and traffic islands,
29. Damsites, IT parks and corporates.
30. Bio-aesthetic planning,
31. Eco-tourism and theme parks
32. Indoor gardening,
33. Therapeutic gardening,
34. Water scaping and xeriscaping.

Practical schedule

1. Identification of living components
2. Identification of non-living components
3. Evaluation of different styles of garden.
4. Turf - study of types of turf grasses - establishment, care and maintenance of turf.
5. Art of topiary
6. Practices in planning and planting of special types of gardens.
7. Identification, planning and designing of non-living components.
8. Techniques in transplanting of container grown plants, burlapping, tree transplanting.
9. Principles and concepts in garden designing.
10. Manual preparation of landscape plan layout.
11. Application of CAD in landscape garden designing.
12. Project preparation on landscape execution for home
13. Project preparation on landscape execution for institute
14. Project preparation on landscape execution for public parks
15. Project preparation on landscape execution for theme parks
16. Study on horticultural crafts, bonsai, terrarium and flower arrangement.
17. Visit to parks and botanical garden

Course Outcomes

CO1: The students will be able to demonstrate laying out various types of garden

CO2: The students will be able to design gardens and prepare business plans

CO3: The students will be able to recommend ornamental plants various zones, vertical farming and produce various grades of plants for trade

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OPC-PSM 712 GENETIC RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- Understanding the principles of biodiversity- strategies in conservation and utilization of medicinal and aromatic plants.
- Biodiversity and learning about under exploited medicinal and aromatic plants in India.

Theory

Unit I Importance of biodiversity and methods of conservation

Biodiversity & conservation- issues and goals- centres of origin of cultivated medicinal and aromatic plants- primary and secondary centres of genetic diversity- present status of gene centers- exploration and collection of germplasm- conservation of genetic resources *in-situ* & *ex-situ* germplasm conservation problem of recalcitrant seeds cold storage of scions- tissue culture cryopreservation- pollen and seed storage inventory of germplasm.

Unit II Role of National institutes in conservation of plant quarantine

Introduction of germplasm- plant quarantine- role of knowledge, role of national institutes in conservation- TBGRI- NBPGR. intellectual property rights- regulatory horticulture- plant variety protection authority- maintenance of core group using rational knowledge for plant conservation.

Unit III Bio diversity of medicinal plants -I

Senna- coleus- ashwagandha- glory lily- sarpagandha- dioscorea sp. aloevera- phyllanthus

Unit IV Bio diversity of medicinal plants -II

Kalmegh- medicinal solanum- gymnema- isabgol- ipecac- periwinkle- poppy- safed musli- stevia

Unit V Aromatic plants

Palmarosa- lemongrass- citronella- vetiver- geranium- mentha- artemisia- ocimum- eucalyptus- rosemary- thyme- patchouli- lavender- marjoram- oreganum.

Practicals

Documentation of germplasm maintenance of passport data and other records of accessions; field exploration trips- exercise on *ex situ* conservation; cold storage- pollen/seed storage- cryopreservation- visit to National Gene Bank and other centers of PGR activities.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Bio diversity - introduction- principles, goals and issues in conservation**
- 2. Genetic diversity occurrence and distribution**
- 3. Exploration, collection, characterization, documentation and cataloging of germplasm**
- 4. Present status of national and international gene banks**
- 5. Role of national institutes in conservation TBGRI, NBPGR.**
- 6. Germplasm exchange, Material Transfer Agreement and current quarantine protocols**
- 7. Methods for *ex situ* conservation of germplasm and *in situ* conservation of germplasm**
- 8. Use of GIS and documentation of local biodiversity**
- 9. Horticultural cropping system and implication on biodiversity**
- 10. Impact of climate change on biodiversity**
- 11. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity through recalcitrant and orthodox seeds**
- 12. Advances and issues in conservation of biodiversity through vegetative propagation**
- 13. Intellectual Property Rights, Plant Variety Protection Authority**
- 14. Status of biodiversity of coffee**
- 15. Status of biodiversity of tea, cashew**
- 16. Status of biodiversity of cocoa, rubber, palmyrah, oil palm, coconut and arecanut.**
- 17. Mid-semester examination**
- 18. Status of biodiversity of black pepper and cardamom**
- 19. Status of biodiversity of ginger and turmeric**
- 20. Status of biodiversity of coriander and fennel**
- 21. Status of biodiversity of nutmeg and cinnamon**
- 22. Status of biodiversity of Clove**
- 23. Status of biodiversity of Aloe vera**
- 24. Status of biodiversity of *Coleus forskohlii* and *Dioscorea* sp.**
- 25. Status of biodiversity of *Ocimum* and *Phyllanthus amarus***
- 26. Status of biodiversity of Geranium and Vetiver**
- 27. Status of biodiversity of Lemon grass**
- 28. Status of biodiversity of Palmarosa and Citronella**
- 29. Status of biodiversity of Eucalyptus, Artemisia and Mint.**
- 30. Under exploited minor fruit crops - present status and scope**

31. **Origin and distribution of Minor spices**
32. **Origin and distribution of plantation crops**
33. **Biodiversity, propagation, conservation and utilization of minor spices**
34. **Biodiversity, propagation, conservation and utilization of plantation crops.**

Practical schedule

1. **Field exploration trips- exercise in collection and characterization**
2. **Visit to field germplasm unit and documentation of germplasm**
3. **Practices in maintenance of passport data**
4. **Practical study of *ex situ* conservation methods**
5. **Practical study of *in situ* conservation methods**
6. **Methods of seed storage for short and long term conservation**
7. **Methods of conservation using vegetative propagules**
8. ***In vitro* conservation protocols**
9. **Study of species diversity in horticultural cropping system**
10. **Visit to regional conservation centres**
11. **Visit to subtropical and temperate zone medicinal & aromatic crop fields**
12. **Characterization of coffee germplasm**
13. **Characterization of cardamom germplasm**
14. **Characterization of Ocimum germplasm**
15. **Identification of minor plantation and spices crops and their description.**
16. **Use of molecular tools for characterizing species diversity**
17. **Estimating extent of diversity through collection and analysis of data**

Course Outcomes

CO1: The students will be able to identify the genetic resources of underutilized medicinal and aromatic plants

CO2; They will be able to demonstrate conservation techniques followed for underutilized medicinal and aromatic plants.

CO3; They will be able to identify underutilized minor medicinal crops.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 3	-	-	-	-	3

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OPC AEC 621 NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS (2+1)

Learning Objectives

- To introduce economic principles related to natural resource and environmental economics,
- To explore the concept of efficiency and the efficient allocation of natural resources
- To understand the economics of environmental problems
- To explore the concept of pollution control and pollution prevention decisions and
- To understand the environmental policy issues and alternative instruments of environmental policies.

Theory

Unit I - Basic concepts

Concepts, classification, problems of natural resource economics. Economy - environment interaction - the material balance principle, entropy law. Resource scarcity - limits to growth - measuring and mitigating natural resource scarcity - Malthusian and Ricardian scarcity - scarcity indices - resource scarcity and technical change.

Unit II - Optimal use

Theory of optimal extraction of renewable resources - economic models of forestry, fisheries - logistic growth curve - maximum sustainable yield and economic yield - theory of optimal depletion of exhaustible resources - efficiency - time path of prices and extraction. Economic models of oil extraction - Hotelling's rule - Solow Harwick's rule.

Unit III - Markets and Natural resources

Efficiency and markets-market failures-externalities, types, property rights, transaction costs, Coase's theorem and its critique, public goods-common property and open access resource management-collective action.

Unit IV - Economic instruments

Environmental regulation-economic instruments-pollution charges-pigouvian tax-carbon trading-tradable permits, indirect instruments-environmental legislations in India.

Unit V - Sustainability

Concepts of sustainable development, economic perspective - indicators of sustainability - relationship between development and environmental stress, poverty and environment - Environment Kuznet's Curve (EKC) - environmental accounting - resource accounting methods. International environmental issues - climate change - likely impacts - adaptation and mitigation efforts - international treaties.

Current stream of thoughts

Practicals

Land use planning - energy use pattern - solid waste management - biodiversity, biopiracy, biosafety issues. Renewable resource management - optimum harvest of forestry/fishery. Exercise on pollution abatement-I. Exercise on pollution abatement-II. Concepts in valuing the environment. Taxonomy of valuation techniques - productivity change method - substitute cost method - hedonic pricing

method - travel cost method - contingent valuation method. Discount rate in natural resource management. Environment impact assessment. Visit to Pollution Control Board. Social cost benefit analysis.

Lecture schedule

1. **Concepts, classification, problems of natural resource economics**
2. **Economy - environment interaction**
3. **The material balance principle, entropy law**
4. **Resources scarcity - limits to growth**
5. **Measuring and mitigating natural resource scarcity**
6. **Malthusian and Ricardian scarcity - scarcity indices**
7. **Resource scarcity and technical change**
8. **Theory of optimal extraction renewable resources**
9. **Economic models of forestry**
10. **Economic models of fisheries**
11. **Logistic growth curve - maximum sustainable yield and economic yield**
12. **Theory of optimal extraction of exhaustible resources**
13. **Efficiency - time path of prices and extraction**
14. **Economic models of oil extraction**
15. **Hotelling's rule, Solow - Harwick's Rule**
16. **Efficiency and markets - market failures**
17. **Mid semester examination**
18. **Externalities - types**
19. **Property rights - transaction costs**
20. **Coase's theorem and its critique**
21. **Public goods - common property and open access resource management**
22. **Collective action - environmental regulation**
23. **Economic instruments**
24. **Pollution charges - Pigouvian tax**
25. **Carbon trading**
26. **Tradable permits**
27. **Indirect instruments**
28. **Environmental legislations in India**
29. **Concept of sustainable development**
30. **Economic perspective - indicators of sustainability**
31. **Relationship between development and environmental stress, poverty and environment, Environment Kuznet's curve**
32. **Environmental accounting - resource accounting methods**
33. **International environmental issues - climate change - likely impacts**
34. **Adaptation and mitigation efforts - international treaties**

Practical schedule

1. **Land use planning**
2. **Energy use pattern**

3. **Solid waste management**
4. **Biodiversity, biopiracy, biosafety issues - case studies**
5. **Renewable resource management**
6. **Optimum harvest of forestry/ fishery**
7. **Discount rate in natural resource management**
8. **Exercise on pollution abatement- I**
9. **Exercise on pollution abatement- II**
10. **Concepts in valuing the environment**
11. **Taxonomy of valuation techniques**
12. **Productivity change method- substitute cost method**
13. **Hedonic pricing method- travel cost method**
14. **Contingent valuation method - discount rate in natural resource management**
15. **Environment impact assessment**
16. **Visit to Pollution Control Board**
17. **Social cost, benefit analysis**

Course Outcomes

CO1-Gain knowledge on basic concepts of environmental economics.

CO2-Identify the optimal extraction level of renewable resources using economic models.

CO3-Assess the ways to manage common property resources.

CO4-Understand environmental legislations in India.

CO5-Analyse economic problems related to natural resource use including climate change problems.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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CO 4	-	-	-	-	3
CO 5	-	-	-	-	3

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OPC AEC 711 AGRI BUSINESS ANALYSIS (2+1)

Learning Objective

- The objective of this course is to teach the students the basic concepts, principles and tools of agri/farm business management.

Theory

Unit I - Agribusiness – basic concepts

Definition - basic concepts - structure of agribusiness - agribusiness sectors - special features of agribusiness - importance of agribusiness in Indian economy - role of farm business management - farm management decisions - farm management problems.

Unit II - Principles of management

Management - definitions and importance - management functions - nature, roles, skills, levels and functional areas of management. Forms of business organization - sole proprietorship - partnership - private and public limited - cooperatives.

Unit III - Elements of management

Planning - definition - types of plans - steps in planning - advantages of planning. Organizing - structure, departmentation - line and staff functions - centralization and decentralization - formal and informal organizations. Staffing - human resource planning - process. Directing - concept, principles, techniques, supervision - motivation - communication - leadership. Controlling - concept, steps, types, process.

Unit IV - Approaches in agribusiness management

Approaches to management - Management By Objectives (MBO) - Quality Circle (QC) - profit center approach - Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) - Management Information System (MIS) - agribusiness management - future prospects.

Unit V - Tools of farm management

Principle of variable proportion - cost principle - factor substitution, opportunity cost principle. Farm business analysis - valuation of farm assets and depreciation - net worth statement - income statement - cash flow statement. Farm planning and budgeting - complete budget, partial budget, enterprise budget. Farm records and accounts - types of farm record. Management of farm resources - land, labour, farm machinery, farm building etc., - break even analysis.

Practicals

Agribusiness opportunities - business project preparation - business project scheduling - inventory management - production management - working capital management - repayment schedule of loans - feasibility control network analysis - project evaluation - visit to agro processing units and agribusiness units - consumer survey - market potential assessment. Farm survey - methods of data collection - estimation of cost of cultivation for annual and perennial crops - estimation of cost of production of milk, egg, broiler, fish - valuation of farm assets - depreciation of farm assets - farm financial statements - balance sheet - income statement - cash flow statement - budgeting - complete budgeting and partial budgeting - break even analysis.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Definition- basic concepts- structure of agribusiness**
- 2. Agribusiness sectors - special features of agribusiness**
- 3. Importance of agribusiness in Indian economy**
- 4. Role of farm business management**
- 5. Farm management decision**
- 6. Farm management problems**
- 7. Management- definitions and importance**
- 8. Management functions- nature, roles, skills, levels**
- 9. Functional areas of management**
- 10. Forms of business organization**
- 11. Sole proprietorship, partnership**
- 12. Private and public limited, cooperatives**
- 13. Planning- definition- types of plans**
- 14. Steps in planning- advantages of planning**
- 15. Organizing- structure, departmentation- line and staff functions**
- 16. Centralization and decentralization**
- 17. Mid semester examination**
- 18. Formal and informal organizations**
- 19. Staffing- human resource planning process**
- 20. Directing- concept, principles, techniques, supervision**
- 21. Motivation- communication- leadership**
- 22. Controlling- concept, steps, types, process**
- 23. Approaches to management- Management By Objectives (MBO)**
- 24. Quality Circle (QC) - profit center approach**
- 25. Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT)**
- 26. Management Information System (MIS) - agribusiness management- future prospects**
- 27. Principle and variable proportion- cost principle**
- 28. Factor substitution, opportunity cost principle**
- 29. Farm business analysis - valuation of farm assets and depreciation**
- 30. Net worth statement - income statement- cash flow statement**
- 31. Farm planning and budgeting - complete budget, partial budget, enterprise budget**
- 32. Farm records and accounts - types of farm records**

33. Management of farm resources, land, labour, farm machinery, farm building

34. Break even analysis

Practical schedule

- 1. Agribusiness opportunities**
- 2. Business project preparation**
- 3. Business project scheduling**
- 4. Inventory management**
- 5. Production management**
- 6. Working capital management**
- 7. Repayment schedule of loans**
- 8. Feasibility control network analysis - project evaluation**
- 9. Visit to agro processing units and agribusiness units**
- 10. Consumer survey - market potential assessment**
- 11. Farm survey - methods of data collection**
- 12. Estimation of cost of cultivation for annual and perennial crops**
- 13. Estimation of cost of production of milk, egg, broiler, fish**
- 14. Valuation of farm assets - depreciation of farm assets - budgeting**
- 15. Farm financial statements - balance sheet - income statement - cash flow statement**
- 16. Complete budgeting and partial budgeting**
- 17. Break even analysis**

Course Outcomes

CO1-Understand special features of agribusiness and its importance in Indian economy.

CO2-Understand the principles of agribusiness management.

CO3-Know the ways to communicate information effectively and economically.

CO4-Analyse the future prospects of agribusiness using different approaches of management.

CO5-Estimate economic and financial feasibility of agri-business industries.

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OPCAEC 712 AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (2+1)

Learning Objective

- **The aim of this course is to provide the students a thorough knowledge on the principles of insurance, practices of risk management and various insurance policies and schemes available for agri business.**

Theory

Unit I - Agricultural finance

Role and importance of agricultural finance. Financial institutions and credit flow to rural/priority sector. Agricultural lending - direct and indirect financing - financing through co-operatives, NABARD, Commercial Banks and RRBs. District Credit Plan- and lending to agriculture/priority sector. The concept of 5 C's, 7 P's and 3 R's of credit.

Unit II - Classification of risks

The concept of risk - kinds and classification of risks - assessment - the concept of insurance - types of general insurance - agriculture, fire, marine, engineering - insurance of property. Insurance professionals and intermediaries.

Unit III - Principles of insurance

Basic principle of insurance - utmost good faith - insurable interest - material facts - economic principles - sharing - subrogation - contribution - legal principles - the Indian Contract, 1872 - insurable interest - nomination and assignment - financial principles - premium funds - investments.

Unit IV - Agricultural risks

Agricultural risks - sources of risk - production and technical risk, output and input price risk, financial risk, political risk, legal risk, personal risk. Risk management tools. Low risk investments. Enterprise diversification - excess - debt capacity, liquid financial reserves. Off - farm Income, shared ownership or leasing risk transfer insurance products. Contracts - hedging and options market.

Unit V - Agricultural insurance

Agricultural insurance - importance of agricultural insurance - scope - genesis - crop insurance development in India - Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) - advantages - livestock insurance - agencies of agricultural insurance - General Insurance Corporation - New India Assurance - Agricultural Insurance Corporation - National Agricultural Insurance Scheme - business loss estimation - appraisal - claiming and repayment. Types of insurance products - stakeholders.

Practicals

Estimation of cost of cultivation for major crops. Procedure on scale of finance for major crops. Estimation of technical feasibility, economic viability of farmers - Repaying capacity of borrowers and appraisal of credit proposals. Analysis of trend in farm lending and over dues - assessment of farm credit needs. Collection of farm level data on yield and crop losses. Visit to commercial bank, insurance agency - processes and procedure for agricultural insurance - crop loss assessment - estimation of indemnity - actuarial method of premium calculation - pure risk rate liability - case study on insurance development - case study on problem and prospect of insurance in India - role of government in farm insurance.

Lecture schedule

- 1. Agricultural finance**
- 2. Role and importance of agricultural finance**
- 3. Financial institutions and credit flow to rural/priority sector**
- 4. Agricultural lending- direct and indirect financing**
- 5. Financing through co-operatives**
- 6. Role of NABARD, Commercial Banks and RRBs**
- 7. District credit plan and lending to agriculture/priority sector**
- 8. The concept of 5 C's, 7 P's and 3 R's of credit**
- 9. The concept of risk - kinds and classification of risks - assessment**
- 10. The concept of insurance - types of general insurance - agriculture, fire, marine, engineering**
- 11. Insurance of property- insurance professionals and intermediaries**
- 12. Basic principle of insurance - utmost good faith - insurable interest - material facts**
- 13. Economic principles- sharing - subrogation- contribution**
- 14. Legal principles- the Indian contract, 1872**
- 15. Insurable interest- nomination and assignment**
- 16. Financial principles- premium funds - investments**
- 17. Mid semester examination**
- 18. Agricultural risks - sources of risk - production and technical risk**
- 19. Output and input price risk**
- 20. Financial risk - political risk - legal risk - personal risk**
- 21. Risk management tools**
- 22. Low risk investments- enterprise diversification**
- 23. Excess - debt capacity - liquid financial reserves off - farm income - shared ownership or leasing**
- 24. Risk transfer insurance products - contracts - hedging and options market**
- 25. Agricultural insurance importance of agricultural insurance - scope**
- 26. Genesis - crop insurance development in India**
- 27. Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) - advantages**
- 28. Livestock insurance - agencies of agricultural insurance**
- 29. General Insurance Corporation. New India Assurance**
- 30. Agricultural insurance corporation**
- 31. National agricultural insurance scheme**

32. **Business loss estimation- appraisal**
33. **Claiming and repayment**
34. **Types of insurance products - stakeholders**

Practical schedule

1. **Estimation of cost of cultivation for major crops**
2. **Procedure on scale of finance for major crops**
3. **Estimation of technical feasibility, economic viability of farmers**
4. **Repaying capacity of borrowers and appraisal of credit proposals**
5. **Analysis of trend in farm lending and over dues**
6. **Assessment of farm credit needs**
7. **Collection of farm level data on yield and crop losses**
8. **Visit to commercial bank**
9. **Visit to insurance agency**
10. **Processes and procedure for agricultural insurance**
11. **Crop loss assessment**
12. **Estimation of indemnity**
13. **Actuarial method of premium calculation**
14. **Pure risk rate liability**
15. **Case study on insurance development**
16. **Case study on problem and prospect of insurance in India**
17. **Role of government in farm insurance**

Course Outcomes

CO1-Understand the role of financial institutions in agricultural development.

CO2-Understand kinds of risk in agriculture and allied sectors.

CO3-Know the principles of insurance and assess the credit need.

CO4-Analyse different risk management techniques.

CO5-Discuss the role of agencies involved in agricultural insurance and types of insurance products.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

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OPCAEX 711 FARM JOURNALISM (2+1)

Learning Objectives

To enable the students to learn about

- **Agricultural Journalism and its role in agricultural development**
- **Skills in script writing for different media.**
- **Online journalism and Web writing**
- **Preparation of short films**

THEORY

Unit I – Print Media

Journalism, Concept, Types, Principles, Scope, Importance, elements, qualities of News. Script writing for print media – News stories, news, success stories, features. Nature and characteristics of Newspaper – Readers’ perception – Photo journalism – importance and functions.

Unit II- Magazines

General magazines – basics of writing farm articles – contents – target readers – language – writing style – pictures and illustrations – features and special articles – Tamil Agricultural Magazines.

Unit III – Radio

Nature and characteristics of Radio – Radio for information, education and entertainment – News headlines and highlights – News features – talk shows, interviews – Radio audiences – audience participation – language and style – target audience – script writing for radio.

Unit IV - Television

Nature and characteristics of television – audio and visual elements – script writing television – time factor – information and educational programmes – general and special audience programmes – language and style of presentation – entertainment programmes – audience participation.

Unit V – Web Writing

Understanding and using the Internet - Online journalism – Agricultural News – Agricultural technology – Newspapers online - e-journals and e-magazine – textual – language and style - multimedia support – contents online: informational and educating market information. Content developing using links and text.

Practicals

Writing for the print media preparing and editing news items for Newspapers. Practicing photography and videography, Visit to a newspaper organization. Preparation of leaflets and folders. Designing a cover for farm magazine. Preparing the radio script, practicing the radio script, Visit to FM radio station. Practicing the script writing for television. Designing visuals, graphics and Illustrations for television. Designing a programme on Interview with farmer. Preparation of short film, Visit to local TV channel, Visit to Doordharsan Kendra. Preparation of Interview Schedule to study the preference of farmers towards mass media.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Journalism, Concept, Types**
- 2. Principles, Scope, Importance**
- 3. Elements / qualities of News**
- 4. Script writing for print media**
- 5. Script writing for news, success stories, features**
- 6. Nature and characteristics of Newspaper – Readers' perception**
- 7. Photojournalism – scope and importance**
- 8. Photojournalism – functions**
- 9. General magazines – basics of writing farm articles**
- 10. General magazines – Contents – target readers – language.**
- 11. Writing style – pictures and illustrations – features and special articles**
- 12. Tamil Agricultural Magazines – pictures and illustrations – Writing style.**
- 13. Nature and characteristics of Radio**
- 14. Radio for information, education and entertainment.**
- 15. News headlines and highlights – News features**
- 16. Talk shows, interviews.**
- 17. Mid Semester Examination**
- 18. Radio audiences – audience participation – language and style**
- 19. Target audience – script writing for radio**
- 20. Nature and characteristics of television**
- 21. Audio and visual elements**
- 22. Script writing for television**
- 23. Time factor – information and educational programmes**
- 24. General and special audience programmes**
- 25. Language and style of presentation**
- 26. Entertainment programmes – audience participation**
- 27. Understanding and using the Internet**
- 28. Online journalism**
- 29. Agricultural News – Agricultural technology – Newspaper online**
- 30. e-journals – textual – language and style**
- 31. e-magazine – textual – language and style**
- 32. Multimedia support – contents online**
- 33. Informational and educating market information**

34. Content developing using links and text.

Practical Schedule

- 1. Writing for the print media**
- 2. Preparing and Editing news items for Newspapers.**
- 3. Practicing photography.**
- 4. Practicing videography**
- 5. Visit to a newspaper organization.**
- 6. Preparation of leaflets and folders.**
- 7. Designing a cover for farm magazine.**
- 8. Preparing the radio script**
- 9. Practicing the radio script**
- 10. Visit to FM radio station.**
- 11. Practicing the script writing for television.**
- 12. Designing visuals, graphics and Illustrations for television.**
- 13. Designing a programme on Interview with farmer.**
- 14. Preparation of short film**
- 15. Visit to local TV channel**
- 16. Visit to Doordharsan Kendra.**
- 17. Preparation of Interview Schedule to study the farmer preference towards mass media.**

Course Outcomes

CO 1: Develop skills about the art of script writing for different media.

CO 2: Practice and prepare for online journalism and web writing

CO 3: Develop skills to prepare and shoot the video programme.

CO 4: Prepare short films

CO 5: Practice and develop skill on efficient handling of digital camera.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO 1	-	-	-	-	3
CO 2	-	-	-	-	3
CO 3	-	-	-	-	3
CO 4	-	-	-	-	3
CO 5	-	-	-	-	3

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**OPCAEX 712 INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND
ADVERTISING TECHNOLOGIES (2+1)**

Learning Objectives

To enable the students to learn about

- Principles and concepts of visual communication
- Scope, concept and trends of advertising
- Various formats of advertising
- Elements of graphic design

Theory

UNIT I - Visual Communication

Need for and the Importance of Visual Communication. Communication as an expression, skill and process, Understanding Communication – Message, Meaning, Connotation, Denotation, Codes - Levels of communication: Technical, Semantic, and Pragmatic. The semiotic landscape: language and visual communication, narrative representation

UNIT II - Colour Psychology and Types of Media

Principles of Visual and other Sensory Perceptions. Colour psychology and theory - Optical / Visual Illusions - Types of Media – Print media, Electronic media and recent media in communication

UNIT: III -Graphic Design

Basic of Graphic Design, Definition, Elements of Graphic Design. The process of developing ideas – Verbal, Visual, Combination and thematic, visual thinking, design execution and presentation.

UNIT IV - IV Advertising

Definition, Nature & Scope of advertising, Roles of Advertising; Societal, Communication, Marketing & Economic functions of advertising. Advertising based on target audience, geographic area, Corporate and Promotional Advertising. Web Advertising.

UNIT V -Trends and Types of Advertising

Latest trends in advertising– Advertisement agency & its types, functions, services- Legal aspects & ethical issues. Communication Plan, Brand management – Positioning, Brand personality, Brand image, Brand equity. Conceptualization & Ideation, Visualization, Designing & Layout, Copy writing – Types of headlines, body copy base lines, slogans. Logos & trademarks. Typography, writing styles, Scripting. Story board. Advertising campaign-from conception to execution

Practicals

Geometrical Shapes - Perspectives - Light and shade - Story Board Colours - Visit to an advanced digital studio - Design ear panels - Design a visual dominant

advertisement - Design a souls advertisement - Design an advertisement for a consumer product - Design a corporate advertisement - Design a public service advertisement - Design a testimonial advertisement - Design a comparative advertisement - Design an advertisement for brand promotion - Design an advertisement with emotional appeal- . Design an advertisement with fear appeal - Design an advertisement with humor appeal

Lecture Schedule

1. **Need for and the Importance of Visual Communication.**
2. **Communication as an expression, skill and process, Understanding Communication**
3. **Message, Meaning, Connotation, Denotation, Codes**
4. **Levels of communication, Technical, Semantic and Pragmatic**
5. **The semiotic landscape: language and visual communication, narrative representation**
6. **Principles of Visual and other Sensory Perceptions.**
7. **Colour psychology and theory**
8. **Optical / Visual Illusions**
9. **Types of Media**
10. **Print media, Electronic media**
11. **Recent media in communication**
12. **Basics of Graphic Design. Definition, Elements of Graphic Design**
13. **Design process-research, a source of concept, the process of developing ideas**
14. **Verbal, visual, combination and thematic**
15. **Visual thinking, associative techniques, materials, tools**
16. **Design execution, and presentation.**
17. **Mid semester Examination**
18. **Definition, Nature & Scope of advertising**
19. **Roles of Advertising**
20. **Societal, Communication, Marketing & Economic functions of advertising**
21. **Advertising based on target audience, geographic area**
22. **Corporate and Promotional Advertising**
23. **Web Advertising**
24. **Latest trends in advertising**
25. **Advertising agency & its types, functions, services**
26. **Legal aspects & ethical issues in advertising**
27. **Communication Plan and Brand management**
28. **Positioning, Brand personality, Brand image, Brand equity**
29. **Conceptualization, Ideation, Visualization designing and layout**
30. **Copy writing- types of headlines**
31. **Slogans- types of slogans**
32. **Logos and Trademarks**
33. **Typography and Writing styles, Scripting and Story board**
34. **Advertising campaign from conception to execution**

Practical Schedule

1. Practicing Geometrical Shapes in visual designs
2. Practicing Perspectives in visual designs
3. Practicing Light and shade in visual designs
4. Practicing Story Board Colours in visual designs
5. Visit to an advanced digital studio
6. Design ear panels
7. Design a visual dominant advertisement
8. Design a souls advertisement
9. Design an advertisement for a consumer product
10. Design a corporate advertisement
11. Design a public service advertisement
12. Design a testimonial advertisement
13. Design a comparative advertisement
14. Design an advertisement for brand promotion
15. Design an advertisement with emotional appeal
16. Design an advertisement with fear appeal
17. Design an advertisement with humorous appeal

Course Outcomes

CO 1 : Understand Principles and concepts of visual communication.

CO 2 : Design various formats of advertising.

CO 3 : Design web advertising.

CO 4 : Design various visual designs and develop story board colours.

CO 5: Develop skill on designing farm advertisements.

CO-PO Mapping- with POs of Horticulture

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO 1	-	-	-	-	3
CO 2	-	-	-	-	3
CO 3	-	-	-	-	3
CO 4	-	-	-	-	3
CO 5	-	-	-	-	3

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SUPPORTING COURSES

STA 611 STATISTICAL METHODS AND DESIGN OF EXPERMENTS (2+1)

Learning objectives

- To emphasize the students to learn the principles and methods of statistics to carry out analysis of data obtained through experiments.

Theory

Unit I Concepts in statistics

Population and sample, parameter and statistic -concept of sampling – simple random sampling – concept of probability distribution – binominal, poisson and normal distributions - F and Chi square distribution- estimation -point estimation- interval estimation- degrees of freedom- concept of sampling distribution – standard error- tests of significance based on t, z, (mean and equality of means only)- χ^2 test for goodness of fit.

Unit II Correlation and Regression

Definition, types and methods of studying correlation – properties of correlation coefficient- regression – measuring and uses of regression analysis – properties- differences between correlation and regression. regression co - efficient – simple-linear – multiple linear regression co - efficient – standard error of estimate – test of significance of observed regression co - efficient and co - efficient of determination – non linear regression- misuses of correlation and regression in agricultural research.

Unit III Basic designs

Agricultural experiments: concepts – field studies – pot-culture – quantitative and qualitative variables- errors: sources of errors and estimate of errors- basic principles of design of experiments – CRD – RBD – LSD layout and their analysis – efficiency.

Unit IV Mean comparison and missing data

Comparison of treatments – least significant difference method – duncan's multiple range test (DMRT)- missing plot technique in RBD and LSD (one and two missing)- concept of analysis of covariance- data transformation: logarithmic square root and arc sine.

Unit V Factorial experiments

Concept of factorial experiments – 2^n , 3^2 factorial experiments- principle of confounding in factorial experiments – confounding in 2^3 factorial experiments- split-pot design and strip – plot design.

Practicals

Estimation of samples statistic *viz.*, means, sd, se and cv. z-test, t-test and paired t-test- comparison of two variances using F-test-bartlett's test for homogeneity of variances- Chi-square test for test of goodness of fit and homogeneity of ratio test for independence of attributes.computation of correlation co-efficient and its significance- fitting of simple linear regression and testing the significance of regression co-efficient- multiple linear regressions fitting and testing -determination of optimum plot size using uniformity trial-analysis of CRD, RBD, LSD and DMRT- analysis of multi-observation data (sampling in rbd) -missing plot technique

in RBD with one or two missing values -analysis of factorial experiments conducted in RBD- analysis of split-plot and strip-plot design- analysis of data with transformations.

Lecture Schedule

1. Definition of population and sample
2. Difference between parameter and statistic
3. Concept of sampling- simple random sampling
4. Concept of probability distribution - Binomial, Poisson and Normal distributions.
5. F and Chi square distribution
6. Estimation - point estimation, interval estimation, degrees of freedom.
7. Concept of sampling distribution - Standard Error.
8. Tests of significance based on t, z, (mean and equality of means only). χ^2 test for goodness of fit.
9. Definition of correlation, significance and types
10. Properties of correlation coefficient
11. Definition of regression - measuring and uses of regression analysis properties.
12. Differences between correlation and regression.
13. Regression coefficient - simple, linear.
14. Multiple linear regression coefficient - standard error of estimate.
15. Test of significance of observed regression coefficient and coefficient of determination.
16. Non linear regression-misuses of correlation and regression in agricultural research.
17. Mid- semester examination
18. Characteristics of agricultural experiments: concepts - field studies.
19. Characteristics of agricultural experiments -pot-culture - quantitative and qualitative variables.
20. Sources of errors and estimate of errors
21. Design of Experiments- Basic principles of CRD
22. Design of Experiments- Basic principles of RBD
23. Design of Experiments- Basic principles of LSD
24. Efficiency of designs -layout and their analysis
25. Comparison of treatments- least significant difference method
26. Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).
27. Missing plot technique in RBD and LSD (one and two missing).
28. Concept of analysis of covariance
29. Data transformation: logarithmic square root and arc sine.
30. Concept of factorial experiments
31. 2^n , 3^2 Factorial experiments,
32. Principle of confounding in factorial experiments
33. Confounding in 2^3 Factorial experiments.

34. Split-pot design and strip – plot design.

Practical Schedule

1. Estimation of sample statistic *viz.*, means, SD, SE and CV.
2. Z-test, t-test and paired t-test.
3. Comparison of two variances using F-test
4. Bartlett's test for homogeneity of variances.
5. Chi-square test for test of goodness of fit and homogeneity of ratio test for independence of attributes.
6. Computation of correlation coefficient and its significance.
7. Fitting of simple linear regression and testing the significance of regression coefficient.
8. Multiple linear regressions fitting and testing
9. Determination of optimum plot size using uniformity trial.
10. Analysis of CRD.
11. Analysis of RBD
12. Computation of LSD and DMRT
13. Analysis of multi-observation data (sampling in RBD)
14. Missing plot technique in RBD with one or two missing values.
15. Analysis of Factorial experiments conducted in RBD
16. Analysis of Split-plot and Split-plot design.
17. Analysis of data with transformations.

Course Outcomes

CO1 - The students can understand the basic statistical concepts applied in agricultural research

CO2 - Can apply statistical tools in design of experiments

CO3 - Can acquire skills in analyzing statistical data efficiently

CO -PO mapping with POs of Horticulture

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO 1	-	-	3	-	-
CO 2	-	-	3	-	-
CO 3	-	-	3	-	-

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COM 611 – COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

(1 + 1)

Learning Objectives

- To understand the basics of Computer and to gain abundant knowledge in information technology.
- To know how to use office automation tools to increase personal and academic productivity.
- To get exposed to aspects of internet usage and to propagate the awareness of research facilities using browsing and searching.

Theory

Unit – I Introduction to Computer

Overview of Computers - Devices of a Computer and their functions - Classification of Computers - Hardware – Software – Classification of Software - Operating System – Dos – Windows – Unix - VIRUS – Current trends in Hardware and Software.

Unit –II Word Processor & Spread Sheet Applications

MS-Word – Word Processing and Components of Word Ribbon - Creating, Editing and Printing of a document – Features of word like Page setting, Font, Paragraph, Table, Clip arts, Text box, Spell check, Grammar check - Mail Merge concepts. MS-Excel – Ribbon Components - Spread sheet - Creating a simple formula and Aggregate function - Preparation of charts – Applying Conditional formula - Use of Data Analysis tools.

Unit – III Database & Presentation

MS-Access – Creation of database, storing and retrieval - Table form – Adding records – SQL Query – using GUI to design printing layout - Report generation. MS-PowerPoint – Slide preparation – Components of PowerPoint Ribbon – Adding slides with different layouts – Design, Custom Animation and Transition effects.

Unit – IV Internet, Webpage Design & Networks

Introduction to Internet – Service providers - Web browser – Search engines – Internet applications – Cyber Security – Types of Web Pages – HTML webpage design – Usage of script language – Introduction to Computer Networks- Topologies – Network device - Current trends in Networks & Internet.

Unit – V Agricultural Statistical Software

SAS, MSTAT, IRRISTAT, AGRES, AGRISTAT, STATISTICA, MANOVA, MANCOVA AND SPSS.

Practicals

Introduction to Hardware, Software and Operating System, Study of Dos and Unix Commands, MS-Word – Create, Edit and Print a document and Ribbon features, MS-Word – Formatting, Inserting, Table creation and Alignment, MS-Word – Creating a Mail Merge, MS-Excel – Inbuilt Functions, Chart preparations, MS-Excel – Prepare Student mark sheet with Aggregate and draw chart, MS-Excel – Prepare Employee payroll with Income tax and draw chart, MS-Excel – Statistical Function and Data analysis tools, MS-Access – Database Creation, MS-Access – Insert, Update and Delete data from the database, MS-Access – Query Execution and Report generation, Webpage creation using basic HTML tags, Webpage creation with Hyperlink and Images, Email – Compose, Attaching, Browsing a webpage, IRRISTAT, AGRESS, SPSS – Median, Mode Standard Deviation and Correlation.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Introduction to Computers, Anatomy of Computers.**
- 2. Input and Output devices, Units of memory, Hardware, Software and Classification of Computers.**
- 3. Software, Categories of software, Operating System, Types of operating system.**
- 4. Booting sequence of operating system, DOS, Windows, Unix, VIRUS.**
- 5. Word Processor and their components of ribbon.**
- 6. Creating, Editing and printing a document, Features of word Table creation, Insert menu option.**
- 7. Creation of spread sheet and their ribbon components.**
- 8. Creating different types of graphs and working procedure of Aggregate function and data analysis.**
- 9. Mid semester Examination**
- 10. Concepts of Database, Creating Database.**
- 11. Creation, Storing and retrieval of data from database and report generation.**
- 12. PowerPoint preparation, Different layouts, Design Custom Animation and Transition effects.**
- 13. Introduction to Internet and its applications**
- 14. Types of WebPages, Service providers, Web browser and Search engines**
- 15. HTML and usage of script language.**
- 16. Introduction to Networks Concepts SAS, MSTAT, IRRISTAT and AGRISTAT**
- 17. MANOVA, MANCOVA and SPSS.**

Practical schedule

- 1. Introduction to Hardware, Software and Operating System.**
- 2. Study of Dos and Unix Commands.**
- 3. MS-Word – Create, Edit and Print a document and Ribbon features.**
- 4. MS-Word – Formatting, Inserting, Table creation and Alignment.**
- 5. MS-Word – Creating a Mail Merge.**
- 6. MS-Excel – Inbuilt Functions, Chart preparations.**
- 7. MS-Excel – Prepare Student mark sheet with Aggregate and draw chart.**
- 8. MS-Excel – Prepare Employee payroll with Income tax and draw chart.**
- 9. MS-Excel – Statistical Function and Data analysis tools.**
- 10. MS-Access – Database Creation.**
- 11. MS-Access – Insert, Update and Delete data from the database.**
- 12. MS-Access – Query Execution and Report generation.**
- 13. Webpage creation using basic HTML tags.**
- 14. Webpage creation with Hyperlink and Images.**
- 15. Email – Compose, Attaching, Browsing a webpage.**

16. IRRISTAT,AGRESS

17. SPSS – Median, Mode Standard Deviation and Correlation Regression for Linear and Non linear.

Course Outcomes

CO1-Understand the difference between an operating system and application program, and what each is used for in a computer

CO2-Performing common basic functions like editing, formatting, printing, scanning etc using tools.

CO3-Ability to sort data, manipulate data using formulas and Statistical function and Data analysis tools .

CO4-Understanding methods and tools to design, implement in web pages and develop Web Application.

CO5-Gain expertise on application of spss

PO-CO MAPPING

	PO 1	PO 2	PO3	PO 4	PO5
CO 1	-	-	3	-	-
CO 2	-	-	3	-	-
CO 3	-	-	3	-	-
CO 4	-	1	3	-	-
CO 5	-	-	3	-	-

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NON CREDIT COMPULSARY COURSES

PGS 611 –AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ETHICS AND METHODOLOGY (0 + 1)

Learning Objectives

- Students will acquire awareness on conducting research with ethics**
- To gain familiarity on need based research**
- To develop experience on designing of field experiments for various agronomic situations**
- To realize good laboratory techniques and practices**

- To comprehend about plagiarism, copy right rules and techniques in writing the dissertation

Practicals

Agricultural research system - need, scope, opportunities, role in food security, poverty reduction and environmental protection. Research ethics - research integrity, research safety in laboratories, Lab equipments, welfare of animals used in research, computer ethics, standards and problems in research ethics-Good Laboratory Practices – Plagiarism and Copy right rules.

Research – Fundamental vs. applied research – research prioritization and selection of research problem – Research planning - review of literature – setting of objectives and hypothesis – research design and techniques – data collection – analysis – formulation of tables – interpretation of results and thesis writing – writing of research articles - Type and choice of experiment - Designing research programme for experimentation – Formulation and preparation of research / scheme proposal – Impact factor and citation index – different forms of writing in text - citation and references.

Layout of field experiment - Designing - sampling techniques - Use of experimental tools and equipments for recording observation and analysis – recording biometric observations - data analysis - Computer software - Tabulation and presentation - Guidelines for thesis and technical paper writing – Appraisal of published research articles - Collection of details on research periodicals - Guidelines for oral / poster presentations – Internet in scientific research.

Practical schedule

1. **Agricultural research system – needs, scope, opportunities in the role of food security and poverty reduction.**
2. **Research ethics: research integrity, computer ethics, standards and problems in research ethics, plagiarism and copy right rules.**
3. **Research safety in laboratories, good laboratory practices and welfare of animals used in research and learning the use of various lab equipments required for agronomical research.**
4. **Research prioritization and selection of research problem, basic principles and objectives of the problem.**
5. **Designing and planning of research programme for field experimentation.**
6. **Selection of experimental sites and laying out field experiments for various experimental designs.**
7. **Recording growth parameters and its analysis.**
8. **Mid-semester examination**
9. **Writing review of literature using various sources of information.**
10. **Practice on writing materials and methods and ethics involved in the use of biological materials in the research.**
11. **Writing bibliography and references.**
12. **Practice in the use of various instruments for field research observations.**
13. **Recording of yield parameters and yield - tabulation, analysis of results and its Interpretation.**
14. **Model technical paper writing, guidelines for oral / poster presentation.**
15. **Practice on discussion of results.**

16. Evaluation of research articles on National and International journals with impact factor and citation index.

17. Preparation of research projects/schemes proposal.

Course outcomes

CO 1: The course outcome will convey knowledge on research integrity, ethics and copyright rules

CO 2: The course outcome will augment the knowledge of the students in designing field experiments to address practical need of the farming community

CO 3: The course outcome will be able to prioritize the research problem in a specific location

CO 4: The course outcome will assist the scholar in publishing quality research paper in indexed journals

CO 5: The course outcome will fortify the students to lead a research team

CO- PO Mapping with PO'S of Horticulture

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO1	-	-	2	3	-
CO2	-	1	3	2	-
CO3	-	-	-	3	-
CO4	-	-	-	3	-
CO5	-	-	-	3	-

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PGS 612: TECHNICAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS (0+1)

Learning Objective

- To equip the students with skills Viz., writing of dissertations, research papers, etc. and to communicate and articulate in English

Practicals

Grammar - Tenses, parts of speech, clauses, punctuation marks; Error analysis - Common errors; Concord; Collocation; Phonetic symbols and transcription; Accentual pattern: Weak forms in connected speech: Participation in group discussion: Facing an interview; presentation of scientific papers. Proof reading.

Technical Writing - Various forms of scientific writings- theses, technical papers, reviews, manuals, etc; Structure of thesis and research communications (title page, authorship contents page, preface, introduction, review of literature, material and methods, experimental results and discussion); Writing of abstracts, summaries, précis, citations etc.; commonly used abbreviations in the theses and research communications; illustrations, photographs and drawings with suitable captions; pagination, numbering of tables and illustrations; Writing of numbers and dates in scientific write-ups; Editing and proof-reading; Writing of a review article.

Practical schedule

1. Grammar (Tenses, parts of speech)
2. Grammar (clauses, punctuation marks)
3. Error analysis (Common errors); Concord; Collocation;
4. Phonetics symbols and transcription;
5. Accentual pattern: Weak forms in connected speech
6. Participation in group discussion
7. Facing an interview; presentation of scientific papers.
8. Technical Writing- Various forms of scientific writings- theses, technical papers
9. Mid -semester examination
10. Technical Writing- reviews, manuals
11. Structure of thesis and research communications
12. Writing of abstracts, summaries, précis, citations etc
13. Commonly used abbreviations in the theses and research
14. communications
15. Illustrations, photographs and drawings with suitable captions
16. Pagination, numbering of tables and illustration, numbers and dates in scientific write-ups
17. Editing and proof reading and writing of a review article.

Course Outcomes

At the end of the course, the students will obtain:

CO1-Proficiency in the English language to express their views and ideas without any hindrance

CO2-Competency in communication both written and oral

CO3- Fluency in the English language.

CO4-Word power to use the English language effectively.

CO-PO Mapping with PO' s of Horticulture

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	2	1	
CO2	-	-	2	2	2

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO3	-	-	2	2	
CO4	-	-	1	2	

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PGS 623- BASIC CONCEPTS IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES (0 + 1)

Learning Objectives

- To enlighten the students about the basics of commonly used techniques in laboratory at national and international levels
- To learn the appropriate basics of commonly used techniques and research methodologies adopted to carry out agriculture research problems.
- To learn the knowledge about various concepts and types of research laboratory techniques
- To able to design and follow original laboratory methods and will be able to do concise and persuasive scientific laboratory techniques
- To gain the experience in basic concepts in laboratory techniques and pursue quality research

Practicals

Safety measures while in labs; Handling of chemical substances ; use of burettes ,pipettes, measuring cylinders, flasks, separator funnel, condensers and micropipettes. Washing ,drying and sterilization of glassware; drying of solvents/chemicals. Weighing and preparation of solutions of different strengths and their dilution ;Handling techniques of solutions; preparations of different agro-chemical doses in field and pot applications; preparation of solutions of acids; Neutralisation of acid and bases ;preparation of buffers of different strengths and ph values. Use and handling of vacuum pumps, viscometer, thermometer, magnetic stirrer, micro-ovens, incubators, sand bath and water bath. Use and handling of microscope and laminar flow-preparation of media- differential ,selective and enriched media. Methods of sterilization –physical methods-dry and moist heat ,cold ,filtration and radiation, chemical methods and disinfectants.

Description of flowering plants in botanical terms in relation to taxonomy- seed viability test-pollen fertility test-tissue culture media-composition of media-media preparation –instant media-aseptic manipulation-procedure for in vitro culture of explants-leaf bit-stem bit-anthers-pollen –microspores-ovule and embryo.

Practical Schedule

1. Safety measures in labs and handling of chemical substances.
2. Common laboratory equipments.
3. Calibration and cleanliness of volumetric glass wares.
4. Methods of expressing strength of solutions.

5. Preparation of primary standard solutions and buffer solutions.
6. Preparation of standard solutions for nutrient analysis of soil, plant and water.
7. Preparation of different agro-chemical doses for field experiments, Preparation of buffer solutions,
8. Handling of instruments-vacuum pumps, thermometers, magnetic stirrer.
9. Mid semester examinations
10. Handling of instruments-ovens, sand bath and water bath.
11. Handling and uses of microscopes and laminar flow.
12. Sterilization by physical methods.
13. Sterilization by chemical methods.
14. Preparation of different media for culturing the micro organisms.
15. Description of flowering plants-seed viability test and pollen fertility test.
16. Aseptic manipulations and media.
17. In vitro culture of different explants.

Course Outcomes

CO1-Have core knowledge leading to laboratory techniques and agriculture research system

CO2-To learn the various concept and terminologies for laboratory techniques.

CO3-Graduates will be acquiring knowledge about various laboratory techniques of national and international level.

CO4-Graduates will gain accurate and relevant analytical skill of different analytical skills and will have capacity to interpret information

CO5-Graduates will be able to develop an analytical skill like methods of soil and plant analysis

CO PO Mapping with PO' s of Horticulture

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	1	3	-	2	-
CO2	1	3	-	2	-
CO3		2	-	2	-
CO4	1	3	-	2	-
CO5	1	3	-	2	-

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4. **Analytical Chemistry lecture notes sadhu malyadiwww.freebookcentre.net.**
5. **Short introduction into analytical chemistry Dr.manfredsietzand Dr. Andreassonnenberg www.freebookcentre.net.**

PGS 624: LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES (0+1)

Learning Objectives

- **To equip the library users with skills to trace information from libraries efficiently,**
- **To apprise them of information and knowledge resources, to carry out literature survey,**
- **To formulate information search strategies, and**
- **To use modern tools (Internet, OPAC, search engines etc.) of information search.**

Practicals

Introduction to library and its services; Role of libraries in education, research and technology transfer; Classification systems and organization of library; Sources of information- Primary -Sources, Secondary Sources and Tertiary Sources; Intricacies of abstracting and indexing services - (Science Citation Index, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Abstracts, etc.); Tracing - information from reference sources; Literature survey; Citation techniques/Preparation of bibliography; Use of CD-ROM Databases, Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized - library services; Use of Internet including search engines and its resources; e-resources access methods.

Practical schedule

1. **Introduction to library and its services**
2. **Role of libraries in education, research and technology transfer;**
3. **Classification systems and organization of library**
4. **Sources of information Primary -Sources**
5. **Sources of information-Secondary Sources and Tertiary Sources**
6. **Intricacies of abstracting and indexing services**
7. **Science Citation Index, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Abstracts, etc.);**
8. **Tracing - information from reference sources; Literature survey**
9. **Mid- Semester examinations**
10. **Citation techniques/Preparation of bibliography;**
11. **Use of CD-ROM Databases,**
12. **Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized library services**
13. **Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized library services**
14. **Use of Internet including search engines and its resources**

15. Use of Internet including search engines and its resources
16. e-resources access methods.
17. e-resources access methods.

Course outcomes:

CO1-To equip the library users with skills to trace information from libraries efficiently,

CO2-To apprise them of information and knowledge resources,

CO3-To carry out literature survey, to formulate information search strategies, and

CO4-To use modern tools (Internet, OPAC, search engines etc.) of information search.

PO-CO MAPPING

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	-	2	2
CO2	-	1	-	3	1
CO3	1	-	-	2	2
CO4	-	-	1	2	3

PGS 715 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ITS MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE (1+0) (e-course)

Learning Objectives

- To create awareness about intellectual property rights in agriculture
- To explain management of patents, trademark, geographical indications, copy rights, designs, plant variety protection and biodiversity protection
- To understand marketing and commercialization of intellectual properties

Theory

Unit I: World trade organization - introduction

World Trade Organization - Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) - importance of intellectual property management - IPR and economic growth - IPR and bio diversity - major areas of concern in intellectual property management - technology transfer and commercialization - forms of different intellectual properties generated by agricultural research.

Unit II: Patent document

Discovery *versus* invention - patentability of biological inventions - procedure for patent protection - preparatory work - record keeping, writing a patent document, filing the patent document - types of patent application - patent application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Unit III: Plant genetic resources

Plant genetic resources - importance and conservation - sui generic system - plant varieties protection and farmers' rights act - registration of extinct varieties - registration and protection of new varieties / hybrids / essentially derived varieties - dispute prevention and settlement - farmers' rights.

Unit IV: Trademark

Trademark - geographical indications of goods and commodities - copy rights- designs - biodiversity protection.

Unit V: Benefit sharing

Procedures for commercialization of technology - valuation, costs and pricing of technology - licensing and implementation of intellectual properties - procedures for commercialization - exclusive and non exclusive marketing rights - research exemption and benefit sharing.

Lecture schedule

- 1. World Trade Organization - Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**
- 2. Importance of intellectual property management - IPR and economic growth - IPR and bio diversity**
- 3. Major areas of concern in Intellectual property management - technology transfer and commercialization**
- 4. Forms of different intellectual properties generated by agricultural research**
- 5. Discovery versus invention patentability of biological inventions**
- 6. Procedure for patent protection**
- 7. Preparatory work - record keeping, writing a patent document, filing the patent document**
- 8. Types of patent application - patent application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**
- 9. Mid semester examination**
- 10. Plant genetic resources - importance and conservation**
- 11. Sui generic system - plant varieties protection and farmers' rights act - registration of extant varieties**
- 12. Registration and protection of new varieties / hybrids / essentially derived varieties - dispute prevention and settlement - farmers' rights**
- 13. Trade mark - geographical indications of goods and commodities - copy rights - designs**
- 14. Biodiversity protection**
- 15. Procedures for commercialization of technology - valuation, costs and pricing of technology**
- 16. Licensing and implementation of intellectual properties - procedures for commercialization**
- 17. Exclusive and non exclusive marketing rights - research exemption and benefit sharing**

Course Outcomes

CO1: Understand the concepts in international trade.

CO2: Understand the procedure to obtain patent rights.

CO3: Know the way to protect extinct varieties.

CO4: Create awareness about geographical indications of goods and commodities.

CO5: Identify the way to commercialize intellectual properties.

CO – PO Mapping with PO'S of Horticulture

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	-	-	-	-	3

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO2	-	-	-	-	3
CO3	-	-	-	-	3
CO4	-	-	-	1	3
CO5	-	-	-	1	3

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PGS 716 DISASTER MANAGEMENT (1+ 0)(e-Course)

Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn key concepts and types of natural disaster
- Students will acquire knowledge about climate change and its impact
- Students will understand about man made disaster and disaster response mechanisms in India
- Students will equip on disaster warning response and preparedness
- Students will acquire knowledge about climate resilient agriculture

Theory

Unit I – Natural disaster

Natural Disasters - meaning and nature of natural disasters, their types and effects. Floods, drought, cyclone, earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, heat and cold waves.

Unit II – Climate change

Climatic change - Global warming, sea level rise, ozone depletion, Manmade disasters - Nuclear disasters, chemical disasters, biological disasters.

Unit III – Man – made disaster

Building fire, coal fire, forest fire, oil fire, air pollution, water pollution, deforestation, industrial waste water pollution, disaster management- efforts to mitigate natural disasters at national and global levels – India’s key hazards, vulnerabilities and disaster response mechanisms in India.

Unit IV – Disaster warning, response and preparedness

Concept of disaster management, national disaster management framework; financial arrangements, role of NGOs, community-based organizations, and media - central, state, district and local administration. Dissemination of disaster warning, response to natural disasters, national, state, district level, relief – food and nutrition – water – health – mental health services.

Unit V – Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation – food - clothing - utensils - fuel – shelter – relief camp – sanitation and hygiene. Resilient farming concepts – reclamation and revival of the agriculture system after natural disaster (Bio-shield). Preparedness – Emergency Operations Centres (EOCS).

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Natural Disaster - meaning and nature of natural disasters, their types and effects.**
- 2. Flood, drought, cyclone, earthquakes landslides, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, Heat and cold waves.**
- 3. Climatic change- Global warming, sea level rise, ozone depletion**
- 4. Manmade disaster - Nuclear disasters, chemical disasters, biological disasters.**
- 5. Building fire, coal fire, forest fire. oil fire.**
- 6. Air pollution, water pollution, deforestation, industrial wastewater pollution.**
- 7. Disaster management efforts to mitigate natural disasters at national and global levels.**
- 8. India's key hazards, vulnerabilities and disaster response mechanism in India.**
- 9. Mid-Semester examination**
- 10. Concept of disaster management, national disaster management framework.**
- 11. Financial arrangements, role of NGOs, community-based organizations and media.**
- 12. Central, state, district and local administration.**
- 13. Dissemination of disaster warning - response to natural disasters, national, state, district level.**
- 14. Relief– food and nutrition– water– health– mental health services.**
- 15. Rehabilitation – tolerant and resistant crops- resilient farming concepts – bioshields - livelihood options – insurance and compensation.**
- 16. Disaster preparedness - clothing and utensils and fuel – shelter – relief camp– sanitation and hygiene.**
- 17. Preparedness– Emergency Operations Centers (EOCS).**

Course Outcomes:

CO 1: To learn different types of natural disasters

CO 2: To understand climate change, global warming and their mitigation

CO 3: To gain knowledge about disaster management and understand the importance of afforestation

CO 4: To acquire knowledge about disaster warnings

CO 5: To understand the importance of climate smart agriculture

CO- PO Mapping with PO's of Horticulture

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO1	1	-	-	-	3
CO2	1	-	-	-	3
CO3	-	1	-	-	3
CO4	1	1	-	-	3
CO5	1	1	-	-	3

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5. www.wcpt.org

PGS 717 CONSTITUTIONS OF INDIA (1+0)

Learning Objectives:

- The main aim of this course is to make the students to understand the history of making of the Indian Constitution.
- This course will enable the students to know the philosophy of the Indian Constitution.
- This course will make the students to understand the nature of Indian Federalism, about the powers and functions of the President and Prime Minister of India.
- This course aims to sensitize the students on the administrative setup at the centre, state and local level.

Theory

Unit - I

Meaning of the Constitution law and Constitutionalism -Historical Perspective of the Constitution of India -Salient features and Characteristics of the Constitution of India.

Unit - II

Scheme of the Fundamental Rights. The scheme of the Fundamental Duties and its legal status. The Directive Principles of State Policy – Its importance and implementation.

Unit - III

Federal structure and distribution of legislative and financial powers between the union and the States-Parliamentary form of Government in India. The Constitution powers and status of the President of India. Amendment of the Constitutional Powers and Procedure.

Unit - IV

The Historical perspectives of the constitutional amendments in India. Emergency Provision: National Emergency, President Rule, Financial Emergency. Local Self-Government – Constitutional Scheme in India.

Unit - V

Scheme of the Fundamental Right to Equality. Scheme of the Fundamental Rights to certain Freedom under Article 19. Scope of the Right to life and Personal Liberty under Article 21.

Lecture Schedule

- 1. Meaning of the Constitution law and Constitutionalism.**
- 2. Historical Perspective of the Constitution of India.**
- 3. Salient features and Characteristics of the Constitution of India.**
- 4. Scheme of the Fundamental Rights.**
- 5. The scheme of the Fundamental Duties and its legal status.**
- 6. The Directive Principles of State Policy – Its importance and implementation.**
- 7. Federal structure and distribution of legislative and financial powers between the union and the States.**
- 8. Parliamentary form of Government in India**
- 9. Mid- Semester Examination**
- 10. The Constitution powers and status of the President of India.**
- 11. Amendment of the Constitutional Powers and Procedure.**
- 12. The Historical perspectives of the constitutional amendments in India.**
- 13. Emergency Provision: National Emergency, President Rule, Financial Emergency.**
- 14. Local Self Government– Constitutional Scheme in India.**
- 15. Scheme of the Fundamental Right to Equality.**
- 16. Scheme of the Fundamental Rights to certain Freedom under Article 19.**
- 17. Scope of the Right to life and Personal Liberty under Article 21.**

Course Outcome**CO 1: Understanding the history of making of the Indian Constitution****CO 2: Understanding the philosophy of the Indian Constitution.****CO 3: Understanding the nature of Indian Federalism, about the powers and functions of the President and Prime Minister of India.****CO 4: Make the students abreast of the administrative setup at the centre, state and local level.****CO -PO Mapping**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5
CO1	-	-	-	-	3
CO2	-		-	-	3
CO3			-	1	3
CO4		-		1	3

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Proforma-1

PROFORMA FOR FORMATION OF RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(To be sent before the end of I Semester)

1. Name of the student :
2. Enrolment number: Reg. No.
:
3. Degree :
4. Course :
5. Advisory Committee :

S.No.	Advisory Committee	Name, Designation and Department	Signature
1.	Chairperson		
2.	Members		
	Additional Member		
	Reasons for additional Member		

Signature of Professor and Head

Additional members may be included only in the allied faculty related to thesis research with full justification at the time of sending proposals (Program of research).

PROFORMA FOR CHANGE IN THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Name of the student :

2. Enrolment number:

Reg. No.

3. Course :

4. Degree :

5. Proposed Change :

Advisory Committee	Name and designation	Signature
a. Existing member		
b. Proposed member		

6. Reasons for change

Chairperson

Signature of Professor and Head

PROFORMA FOR OUTLINE OF RESEARCH WORK (ORW)

(To be sent before the end of I Semester)

1. Name :
2. Enrolment number: Reg. No.
3. Degree :
4. Course :
5. Date of Joining :
6. Title of the research project :
7. Objectives :
8. Duration :
9. Review of work done :
10. Broad outline of work/methodology :
11. Semester wise break up of work :

Signature of student

Approval of the advisory committee

Advisory committee	Name	Signature
Chairperson		
Members		
1.		
2.		

Professor and Head

PROFORMA FOR CHANGE IN OUTLINE OF RESEARCH WORK (ORW)

1. Name :

2. Enrolment number: Reg. No

3 Degree :

4 Course

5 Reasons for change :

6 Proposed change in the approved
Program of research :

7 Number of credits completed so far
Under the approved program :

8 a. Whether already earned credits are
to be retained or to be deleted :

b. if retained, justification :

Signature of the student

Approval of the Advisory Committee

Advisory committee	Name	Signature
Chairperson		
Members		

Professor and Head

DEPARTMENT OF -----
PROFORMA FOR EVALUATION OF SEMINAR

1. Name of the candidate :
2. Register Number :
3. Degree programme :
4. Semester :
5. Topic of the seminar
and credit :
6. Distribution of marks

Distribution of marks	Max Marks					
i. Literature coverage	40					
ii. Presentation	30					
iii. Use of audio- visual aid	10					
iv. Interactive skills	20					
Total	100					
Name						
Designation		H.O.D	Chairperson	Member 1	Member 2	Average
Signature						

Grade point :

Head of the Department

PROFORMA FOR REGISTRATION OF RESEARCH CREDITS

(To be given during first week of semester)

PART A: PROGRAM

Semester:

Year:

Date of registration:

1. Name of the student and
2. Enrolment number : Reg. No.:
3. Total research credits completed so far:
4. Research credits registered during the semester:
5. Program of work for this semester (list out the
Items of research work to be undertaken during
the semester) :

Approval of advisory committee

Advisory committee	Name	Signature
Chairperson		
Members		
1		
2		

Professor and Head

Approval may be accorded within 10 days of registration

PROFORMA FOR EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CREDITS

PART B EVALUATION

(Evaluation to be done before the closure of Semester)

Date of Commencement semester : _____ Date of closure of semester: _____

Date of evaluation :

1. Name of the student

2. Enrolment number :

Reg. No. :

3. Total research credits completed so far:

4. Research credits registered during the semester:

5. Whether the research work has been carried out as per the approved :
program

6. If there is deviation specify the reasons :

7. Performance of the candidate : SATISFACTORY /NOT SATISFACTORY

Approval of the advisory committee

Advisory committee	Name	Signature
Chairperson		
Members		

Professor and Head

PROFORMA FOR THE PROPOSAL OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

1. Name of the student:
2. Enrolment number: Reg. No.:
3. Degree:
4. Course:
5. Whether all major courses have been completed:
6. No. of credits completed:
7. Whether he/she has an overall GPA of above 6.5:
8. Title of thesis:
9. Panel of external examiners:
10. Remarks:

Signature of Chairman with
Name and designation

Professor and Head

PROFORMA FOR COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

1. Name of the student:
2. Enrolment number: Reg. No.:
3. Degree:
4. Course:
5. Department :
6. Date of examination:
7. Result (Successful / not Successful*):
8. Remarks:

(*) to be written by the external examiner

Examination committee	Name	Signature
Chairperson		
Members		
External Examiner		

Professor and Head

Note if this is the re-exam the date of previous examination may be indicated

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PROFORMA FOR EVALUATION OF THESIS

1. Name of the examiner:
2. Postal Address:
3. Telephone/Mobile:
4. E-Mail:
5. Name of the candidate :
6. Title of the thesis:
7. Date of receipt of the thesis copy:
8. Date of dispatch of the detailed report and thesis by the examiner to the Controller of Examinations:
9. Examiner's recommendations choosing one of the following based on quality of thesis

Please give your specific recommendation (select any one decision from the list below) with your signature and enclose your detailed report in separate sheet(s).

a. I recommend that the thesis entitled -----
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----- submitted by -----for
award of the Degree of MASTER OF SCIENCE (HORTICULTURE) of Annamalai
University, Annamalainagar. (Please specify reasons)

Date :

Signature with Office Seal:

Note: Please enclose a detailed report in duplicate duly signed by you giving the merits and demerits of the thesis on the choice of problem, review of literature, methods followed, results and discussion, etc.

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The meeting of the Examining Committee for Mr./Ms. -----
M.Sc.(Ag.)/(Hort.)/Agri Business Management Student Reg. .No. ----- majoring in --
-----was held at -----a.m/p.m on -----

The following members were present:

1. ----- : Chairperson
2. ----- : Members
3. -----

The committee took note of the report of the external examiner Dr. -----
recommending the thesis for acceptance.

The final viva voce examination for the candidate was conducted by the members of the
Advisory Committee. The performance of the candidates was Satisfactory/ not Satisfactory.

The Committee recommends/ does not recommend unanimously the award of Degree of
M.Sc.(Ag.)/(Hort.)/Agri Business Management to Mr./Ms.-----

1. Chairperson
2. Member
3. Member

The original report from the External Examiner is attached herewith

Chairperson of the Advisory Committee

Professor and Head

**CERTIFICATE FOR HAVING CARRIED OUT THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE
EXTERNAL EXAMINER AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Certified that Mr./ Ms. ----- Reg. No. -----has carried out all the corrections and suggestions as pointed out by the External examiner and the Advisory Committee. He/She has submitted **TWO** copies of his/ M.Sc.(Ag.)/(Hort.)/Agri Business Management thesis in hard bound cover and two soft copies in CD format, two copies each of the abstract of thesis and summary of the findings both in Tamil and English in CD format.

Chairperson

Professor and Head



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Chairperson

1. Member
2. Member