

IV Semester / Botany Core Course –5
Cell Biology, Genetics and Plant Breeding
(Total hours of teaching – 60 @ 04 Hrs./Week)

Theory:

Learning outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Distinguish prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and design the model of a cell.
 - Explain the organization of a eukaryotic chromosome and the structure of genetic material.
 - Demonstrate techniques to observe the cell and its components under a microscope.
 - Discuss the basics of Mendelian genetics, its variations and interpret inheritance of traits in living beings.
 - Elucidate the role of extra-chromosomal genetic material for inheritance of characters.
 - Evaluate the structure, function and regulation of genetic material.
 - Understand the application of principles and modern techniques in plant breeding.
 - Explain the procedures of selection and hybridization for improvement of crops.
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Unit – 1: The Cell

12 Hrs.

1. Cell theory; prokaryotic vs eukaryotic cell; animal vs plant cell; a brief account on ultra-structure of a plant cell.
2. Ultra-structure of cell wall.
3. Ultra-structure of plasma membrane and various theories on its organization.
4. Polymorphic cell organelles (Plastids); ultra structure of chloroplast. Plastid DNA.

Unit – 2: Chromosomes

12 Hrs.

1. Prokaryotic vs eukaryotic chromosome. Morphology of a eukaryotic chromosome.
2. Euchromatin and Heterochromatin; Karyotype and ideogram.
3. Brief account of chromosomal aberrations - structural and numerical changes
4. Organization of DNA in a chromosome (solenoid and nucleosome models).

Unit – 3: Mendelian and Non-Mendelian genetics**14Hrs.**

1. Mendel's laws of inheritance. Incomplete dominance and co-dominance; Multiple allelism.
2. Complementary, supplementary and duplicate gene interactions (plant based examples are to be dealt).
3. A brief account of linkage and crossing over; Chromosomal mapping - 2 point and 3 point test cross.
4. Concept of maternal inheritance (Corren's experiment on *Mirabilis jalapa*); Mitochondrial DNA.

Unit – 4: Structure and functions of DNA**12 Hrs.**

1. Watson and Crick model of DNA. Brief account on DNA Replication (Semi-conservative method).
2. Brief account on Transcription, types and functions of RNA. Gene concept and genetic code and Translation.
3. Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes - Lac Operon.

Unit – 5: Plant Breeding**12 Hrs.**

1. Plant Breeding and its scope; Genetic basis for plant breeding. Plant Introduction and acclimatization.
 2. Definition, procedure; applications and uses; advantages and limitations of : (a) Mass selection, (b) Pure line selection and (c) Clonal selection.
 3. Hybridization – schemes, and technique; Heterosis (hybrid vigour).
 4. A brief account on Molecular breeding – DNA markers in plant breeding. RAPD, RFLP.
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Text books :

- Botany – III (Vrukshasastram-I) : Telugu Akademi, Hyderabad
- Pandey, B.P. (2013) *College Botany, Volume-III*, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi
- Ghosh, A.K., K.Bhattacharya & G. Hait (2011) *A Text Book of Botany, Volume-III*, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
- Chaudhary, R. C. (1996) *Introduction to Plant Breeding*, Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

Books for Reference:

- S. C. Rastogi (2008) *Cell Biology*, New Age International (P) Ltd. Publishers, New Delhi
- P. K. Gupta (2002) *Cell and Molecular biology*, Rastogi Publications, New Delhi
- B. D. Singh (2008) *Genetics*, Kalyani Publishers, Ludhiana
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- De Robertis, E.D.P. & E.M.F. De Robertis Jr. (2002) *Cell and Molecular Biology*, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publ., Philadelphia
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- Micklos, D.A., G.A. Freyer & D.A. Cotty (2005) *DNA Science: A First Course*, I.K. International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- Chaudhari, H.K. (1983) *Elementary Principles of Plant Breeding*, TMH publishers Co., New Delhi
- Sharma, J.R. (1994) *Principles and Practice of Plant Breeding*, Tata McGraw- Hill Publishers, New Delhi
- Singh, B.D. (2001) *Plant Breeding : Principles and Methods*, Kalyani Publishers, Ludhiana

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- Gupta, S.K. (2010) *Plant Breeding : Theory and Techniques*, Agrobios (India), Jodhpur
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Practical Syllabus of Botany Core Course – 5/IV Semester

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(Total hours of laboratory exercises 30 Hrs. @ 02 Hrs. /Week)

Course Outcomes: After successful completion of this practical course the student shall be able to:

1. Show the understanding of techniques of demonstrating Mitosis and Meiosis in the laboratory and identify different stages of cell division.
2. Identify and explain with diagram the cellular parts of a cell from a model or picture and prepare models
3. Solve the problems related to crosses and gene interactions.
4. Demonstrate plant breeding techniques such as emasculation and bagging

Practical Syllabus:

1. Study of ultra structure of plant cell and its organelles using Electron microscopic Photographs/models.
2. Demonstration of Mitosis in *Allium cepa*/*Aloe vera* roots using squash technique; observation of various stages of mitosis in permanent slides.
4. Demonstration of Meiosis in P.M.C.s of *Allium cepa* flower buds using squash technique; observation of various stages of meiosis in permanent slides.
4. Study of structure of DNA and RNA molecules using models.
5. Solving problems monohybrid, dihybrid, back and test crosses.
6. Solving problems on gene interactions (at least one problem for each of the gene interactions in the syllabus).
7. Chromosome mapping using 3- point test cross data.
8. Demonstration of emasculation, bagging, artificial pollination techniques for hybridization.