SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Sh. Satparkash Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Diversity of microbes, algae, fungi and archegoniates Programme: B.Sc.Life Science

Semester: 1st

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative Dates/Days
I	Bacteria: Structure, nutrition, reproduction and economic importance. Viruses: General account of Viruse including structure of TMV and Bacteriophages. Algae: General characters, Introductory classification; economic importance; and life cycle (excluding development) of Nostoc (Cyanophyceae). Volvox, (Chlorophyceae), Vaucheria (Xanthophyceae), Ectocarpus (Phaeophyceae) and Polysiphonia (Rhodophyceae).	August
II	Fungi: General characters, Introductory classification; economic importance; and life-history of Phytophthora (Mastigomycotina), Penicillium (Ascomycotina), Puccinia (Basidiomycotina), Colletotrichum (Deuteromycotina).	September
	General account of Lichens, types, ecological and economic importance. Bryophyta: Bryophytes: General characteristics, classification upto classes (Smith, 1935), alternation of generations, structure and reproduction (excluding development) of Marchantia (Hepaticopsida), Anthoceros (Anthocerotopsida), Funaria (Bryopsida), ecological and economic importance of bryophytes.	
III	Pteridophyta: General characters, classification upto classes (A. R. Smith, 2006), structure and reproduction (excluding development) of Rhynia (Psilopsida): Structure and reproduction (excluding development) of Selaginella (Lycopsida), Equisetum (Sphenopsida) and Pteris (Pteropsida). heterospory and seed habit, stelar evolution; Ecological and economic importance.	October
IV	Gymnosperms: General characteristics, classification up to classes (Smith 1955), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of Cycas, Pinus, Ephedra (developmental details not to be included); Distribution and economic importance; General account of paleobotany and Geological time scale.	November
	Revision	December

SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Sh. Satparkash Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology Programme: B.Sc.Life Science

Semester: 5th

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative Dates/Days
I	Food Plants: Introduction to Cereals and Millets; Origin, distribution, botanical description, brief idea of cultivation and uses of Rice, Wheat and Maize. Protein Crops (Pulses); Origin, distribution, botanical description, brief idea of cultivation and uses of Gram, Arhar, Peas. Introduction to Vegetables; Origin, distribution, botanical description, brief idea of cultivation and uses of Potato, Tomato, Onion. Fibers: Introduction to natural fibers; Origin, distribution, botanical description, brief idea of cultivation, processing and uses of Cotton, Jute and Flax. Oil Yielding Crops: Origin, distribution, botanical description, brief idea of cultivation and uses of Groundnut, Mustard and Coconut.	August
II	Spices and Condiments: Introduction to spices and condiments; Morphology of plant part used, brief idea of cultivation and uses of Coriander, Black Pepper, Ginger, Turmeric and Cloves. Rubber: Botanical description and processing of Hevea Sugar: Botanical description, cultivation and harvesting of Sugarcane; processing of Sugar. Timber: Note on important timber yielding plants.	September
III	In vitro haploid production Androgenic methods: Anther culture, Microspore culture Ando genesis Significance and use of haploids Gynogenic haploids, factors effecting gynogenesis Somatic hybridisation, Cybrids, Somaclonal variations	October
IV	Plant transformation by Agrobacterium tumefaciens and A. rhizogenes. Strategies for gene transfer to plant cells. Binary and cointegrate vectors.	November
	Revision	December

SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Dr. Savita Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Diversity of microbes, algae, fungi and archegoniates Programme: B.Sc.Life Science

Semester: 1st

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative
		Dates/Days
II	General account of Lichens, types, ecological and economic	September
	importance. Bryophyta: Bryophytes: General characteristics,	
	classification upto classes (Smith, 1935), alternation of generations,	
	structure and reproduction (excluding development) of Marchantia	
	(Hepaticopsida), Anthoceros (Anthocerotopsida), Funaria	
	(Bryopsida), ecological and economic importance of bryophytes.	
III	Pteridophyta: General characters, classification upto classes (A. R.	October
	Smith, 2006), structure and reproduction (excluding development)	
	of Rhynia (Psilopsida): Structure and reproduction (excluding	
	development) of Selaginella (Lycopsida), Equisetum (Sphenopsida)	
IV	Gymnosperms: General characteristics, classification up to classes	November
	(Smith 1955), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of Cycas,	
	Pinus, Ephedra (developmental details not to be included);	
	Revision	December

SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Dr. Savita Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Plant Physiology Programme: B.Sc.Life Science

Semester: 3rd

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative
		Dates/Days
I	Plant water relations: absorption, water potential and transpiration;	August
	role of micro and macro nutrients. Photosynthesis, Respiration.	
II	Biosynthesis, mechanism of action and uses of auxin, gibberellin,	September
	cytokinin, abscisic acid, ethylene, Lipid metabolism and Nitrogen	
	metabolism	
III	Structure, function and mechanisms of action of phytochromes;	October
	stomatal movement; photoperiodism and biological clocks;	
	mechanism of flowering.	
IV	Concepts of plant growth; factors affecting germination and	November
	dormancy of seeds; physiological and biochemical changes	
	associated with senescence and abscission.	
	Revision	December

SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Dr. Savita Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology Programme: B.Sc.Life Science

Semester: 5th

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative Dates/Days
II	Medicinal Plants: Brief idea of Cultivation, botanical features and medicinal importance of Cinchona, Rauwolfia, Atropa, Opium, Cannabis, Indian Gooseberry and Withania. Beverages: Botanical description and processing of Tea and Coffee	September
III	Plant Tissue Culture: Concept, History, Scope and Applications; TotipotencyOrganogenesisCryopreservation Types of culture: Seed, Embryo, callus, suspension, organs, Cell and protoplast culture Micropropagation/clonal propagation (different routes of multiplication axillary bud proliferation, somatic embryogenesis, organogenesis), Synthetic seeds (a brief account)	October
IV	Genetic Engineering in plants: Introduction and applications Direct DNA transfer/Physical methods of gene transfer in plants - micro projectile bombardment, electroporation, liposome mediated, Calcium phosphate mediated etc. Restriction Endonucleases: Types and role; brief idea about cloning vectors- Ti plasmid, BAC, Lambda phage, cosmid, shuttle vector, eukaryotic vectors (YAC)	November
	Revision	December

SESSION: 2025-26

Name of the Teacher: Dr. Savita Department: Botany

Subject/Course: Biofertilizers Programme:SEC

Semester: 3rd

Unit	Name of Topic/Contents	Tentative
		Dates/Days
I	General account about the microbes used as bio fertilizers:	August
	Rhizobium-isolation, identification, mass multiplication and carrier	
	based inoculants, Actinorrhizal symbiosis. Azospirillum: isolation	
	and mass multiplication – carrier based inoculant, associative effect	
	of different microorganisms.	
II	Azotobacter: classification, characteristics-crop response to	September
	Azotobacter inoculum, maintenance and mass multiplication.	
	Cyanobacteria (blue green algae), Azolla and Anabaena azollae	
	association, nitrogen fixation, factors affecting growth, blue green	
	algae and Azolla in rice cultivation.	
III	Mycorrhizal association, types of mycorrhizal association,	October
	occurrence and distribution, nutrition, growth and yield –	
	colonization of VAM – isolation and inoculums production of VAM,	
	and its influence on growth and yield of crop plants.	
IV	Organic farming: Green manuring and organic fertilizers. Recycling	November
	of biodegradable municipal, agricultural and Industrial wastes- bio-	
	compost making methods. Vermicomposting – field application.	
	Antagonistic bacteria and fungi- role in agriculture.	
	Revision	December