DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

RAGHUNATH GIRLS' POST GRADUATE COLLEGE, MEERUT

B.Sc. (NEP 2020) Syllabus

B.Sc. Ist Sem Microbiology & Plant Pathology Units **Topics** I A. Introduction to Indian ancient, Vedic and heritage Botany and contribution of Indian Botanists (in all branches), in context with the holistic development of modern science and technology, has to be taught, practiced and assessed via class interaction/ assignments / self-study mentioned under Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE). **B. Microbial Techniques & instrumentation** Microscopy – Elementary knowledge of Light, phase contrast, electron, scanning and transmission electron microscopy, staining techniques for light microscopy, sample preparation for electron microscopy. Common equipment of microbiology lab and principle of their working – autoclave, oven, laminar air flow, centrifuge. Colorimetry and spectrophotometry, immobilization methods, fermentation and fermenters. ΤΤ Microbial world Cell structure of Eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells, Gram positive and Gram-negative bacteria, Structure of a bacteria and plasmids; Bacterial Chemotaxis and Quorum sensing, Bacterial Growth curve, factors affecting growth of microbes; measurement of growth; Batch culture, fed batch culture and continuous culture; Synchronous growth of microbes; Sporulation and reproduction and recombination in bacteria. Viruses, general characteristics, viral culture, Structure of viruses, TMV and retro viruses, Bacteriophages, Structure of T4 &, λ-phage; Lytic and Lysogenic cycles, mycophages, viroid, Prions & mycoplasma & phytoplasma, Actinomycetes (Actinobacteria) and their economic uses. III Phycology Range of thallus organization in Algae, Pigments, Flagella, Reserve food, Types of Reproduction, Classification and comparative life cycle of –

	Nostoc, Chlorella, Volvox, Oedogonium, Chara; Ectocarpus, Sargassum, Polysiphonia.
	Phycoviruses, Economic importance of algae - Role of algae in soil fertility- biofertilizer – Nitrogen fixation- Symbiosis; Commercialproducts of algae –biofuel, Agar, Diatomite.
IV	Mycology
	Comparative study of general characteristics, nutrition, life cycle, Economic importance of Fungi, Classification upto class. Distinguishingcharacters of Myxomycota : General characters of True Fungi (Eumycota) : Mastigomycotina <i>Synchytrium</i> : Zygomycotina : <i>Rhizopus</i> , Ascomycotina : <i>Saccharomyces</i> , <i>Penicillium</i> , <i>Peziza</i> . Basidiomycotina :
	Ustilago, Puccinia, Agaricus; Deuteromycotina: Fusarium, Alternaria. Heterothallism, Physiological specialization, Heterokaryosis & Parasexuality,
V	Mushroom Cultivation, Lichenology & Mycorrhiza
	Mushroom cultivation.
	General account of lichens, reproduction and significance; <i>Mycorrhiza: ectomycorrhiza</i> and <i>endomycorrhiza</i> and their significance.
VI	Plant Pathology
	Disease concept, Symptoms, Etiology & causal complex, Primary and secondary inoculum, Infection, Pathogenicity and pathogenesis, Koch's Postulates. Mechanism of infection (Brief idea about Pre-penetration, Penetration and Post- penetration), Disease cycle (monocyclic, polycyclic and polyetic). Defense mechanism with special reference to Phytoalexin, Resistance- Systemic acquired and Induced systemic fungicides- Bordeaux mixture, Lime Sulphur, Tobacco decoction, Neem cake & oil
VII	Diseases and Control
	Symptoms, Causal organism, Disease cycle and Control measures of – Early & Late Blight of Potato, Black Stem Rust of Wheat, <i>Alternaria</i> spot' and 'White rust of Crucifers, Red Rot of Sugarcane, Wilting of Arhar, Mosaic diseases on tobacco and cucumber, yellow vein mosaic of bhindi; Citrus Canker,
	Little leaf of brinjal; Damping off of seedlings, Disease management: Quarantine, Chemical, Biological, Integrated pest disease management
	Applied Microbiology
VIII	Elementary knowledge of Food fermentations and food produced by microbes, Production of amino acids, antibiotics, enzymes, vitamins, alcoholic beverages, organic acid & genetic recombinant vaccines. Mass production of bacterial biofertilizers, blue green algae, <i>Azolla</i> and <i>mycorrhiza</i> . Plant growth promoting rhizobacteria & biopesticides— <i>Trichoderma sp.</i> and <i>Pseudomonas</i> , Single cell proteins (<i>Spirulina</i>), Organic farming inputs, Microbiology of water, Biopolymers, Bioindicators, Biosensors, Bioremediation, Production of biofuels, Biodegradation of pollutants and Biodeterioration of materials & Cultural Property. Microbial Biofactories (<i>E.coli</i> and Yeast) for production of recombinant proteins

B.Sc. IInd Sem Archegoniates and Plant Architecture

Units	Topics
I	Introduction to Archegoniates & Bryophytes
	Unique features of archegoniates, Bryophytes: General characteristics, adaptations to land habit, Range of thallus organization. Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy
	and reproduction of <i>Riccia</i> , <i>Marchantia</i> , <i>Anthoceros</i> , <i>Sphagnum and Funaria</i> . (Developmental details not tobe included). economic importance of bryophytes
П	Pteridophytes
	General characteristics, Early (fossil)land plants (<i>Rhynia</i>). Classification (up to family) with examples, Heterospory and seed habit, stelar evolution, economic importance of
	Pteridophytes. Comparative study of morphology, anatomy and reproduction of <i>Selaginella</i> , <i>Equisetum and Azolla</i> .
III	Gymnosperms
	Classification and distribution of gymnosperms; Salient features of Cycadales, Ginkgoales, Coniferales and Gnetales, their examples with special reference to <i>Cycas</i> , <i>Ginkgo,Pinus</i> ,
	Ephedra, structure and reproduction; economic importance
	Palaeobotany
IV	General account of Cycadofilicales, Bennettitales, Pentoxylales and Cordaitales; Geological time scale; Brief account of process of fossilization & types of fossils and study techniques;
V	Angiosperm Morphology
	Morphology and modifications of roots; stem, leaf and bud. Types of inflorescences; flowers, flower parts, fruits and types of placentation; Definition and types of seeds.
VI	Plant Anatomy: Meristematic and permanent tissues, Organs (root, stem and leaf). Apical meristem & theories on apical organization. Secondary growth - Root and stem- cambium (structure and function) annual rings, Periderm, Anomalous secondary growth - <i>Bignonia, Boerhaavia, Dracaena, Nyctanthes</i>
	Reproductive Botany
VII	Plant Embryology, Structure of microsporangium, microsporogenesis, Structure of megasporangium and its types, megasporogenesis, Structure and types of female gametophyte, Types of pollination, Methods of pollination, Germination of pollen grain,
	Structure of male
	gametophyte, Fertilization, Structure of dicot and monocot embryo, Endosperm, Double fertilization Apomixis and Polyembryony.
VIII	Palynology: Pollen structure, pollen morphology, pollen allergy, Applied Palynology: Basic concepts, Palaeopalynology, Aeropalynology, Forensic palynology, Role in taxonomicevidences.

B.Sc. III Semester

Flowering Plants Identification & Aesthetic Characteristics

Unit	Topic
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I	Taxonomic Resources & Nomenclature
	Components of taxonomy (identification, nomenclature, classification); Taxonomic resources: Herbarium- functions & important herbaria, Botanical gardens, Flora, Artificial Keys.
	Binomial Nomenclature:Principles and rules of Botanical Nomenclature according to
	ICN (ranks and taxa; principle of priority, type method, author citation, valid publication).
II	Types of classification & Evidences
	Artificial, natural and phylogenetic. Bentham and Hooker (upto series), Takhtajaan, Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG IV) classification. Introduction to taxonomic evidences from cytology, phytochemistry & Molecular biology data (Protein and Nucleic acid homology).
Ш	Identification of Angiospermic families -I: (Families can be chosen University wise as per local available flora)
	A comparative study of the following families with emphasis on the morphological peculiarities and economic importance of its members (based on Bentham & Hooker's system) Ranunculaceae, Papaveraceae, Malvaceae, Rutaceae, Fabaceae, Myrtaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Apiaceae, Rubiaceae, A s t e r a c e a e .
IV	Identification of Angiospermic families -II: (Families can be chosen University wise as per local available flora)
1,	A comparative study of the following families with emphasis on the morphological peculiarities and economic importance of its members (based on Bentham & Hooker's system)-Apocynaceae, Asclepiadaceae, Solanaceae, Acanthaceae, Lamiaceae, Amaranthaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Liliaceae, Musaceae, Poaceae.
V	Phylogenetic systematics:
	Brief idea on Phenetics, Biometrics (Neighbour joining), Cladistics: Basics and Methodology; Supraspecific taxa (Monophyletic, polyphyletic and paraphyletic groups); Plesiomorphy and Apomorphy).
	TOOLS & SOFTWARES IN PLANT IDENTIFICATION-
VII	GIS (Mapping of (i) Patterns(ii) Features (iii) Quantities Free Phylogenetic Software: PAUP and MESQUITE
	Digital Taxonomy (e-flora), Description Language for Taxonomy – DELTA Internet directory for Botany.
	Computer usage, Android Applications & Character Analysis
VII	MS Office: PPT, Microsoft Excel, data entry, graphs,.
	GPS tagging, Plant Identification Apps. Concept of Character, Selection of characters, Character coding, Character step matrix, Character x Taxon Matrix
	Aesthetic Characteristics of Plants:
VIII	Elementary knowledge of Aesthetic characteristics of plants, English, Italian, French, Persia Mughal and Japanese; Features of a garden (Garden wall, Fencing, Steps, Hedge, Edging, Law Trees, shrubs and shrubberies, climbers and creepers, rockery, Flower beds, Shrubbery, Borders,
	Water garden). Some Famous gardens of India. Conservatory, green houses, Indoor
	garden, Roof garden, Topiary, Bonsai.

B.Sc IVth Semester

Economic Botany, Ethnomedicine & Phytochemistry

Unit	Торіс
I	Origin and domestication of cultivated plants
•	Centers of diversity of plants, origin of crop plants. Domestication and introduction of crop plan Concepts of sustainable development; cultivation, production and uses of Cereals, legume Spices & beverages.
П	Botany of oils, Fibers, timber yielding plants & dyes
	Study of the plants with Botanical names, Family, part used, and economic uses yielding Edil & essential oils; Sugar, Starch; Fibers; Paper, Fumigatories & Masticatories, Rubber, Dyd Timber, biofuel crops.
III	Commercial production of Flowers, Vegetables, and fruits (To be Chosen area wise) Commercial greenhouse cultivation of rose, <i>Gerbera, Gladiolus, Anthurium</i> /lilium/lily, tomate bell pepper, cucumber, strawberry & Exotic leafy vegetables using Hydroponics.
IV	IPR & Traditional Knowledge
	IPR and WTO (TRIPS, WIPO), Patent Act 1970 and its amendments, TIFAC, NRDC, Rights, Procedure of obtaining patents, Working of patents, Infringement, Copyrights, Trademarks,
	Geographical Indications, Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, Protection of Traditional Knowledge & Protection of Plant Varieties and Biotech inventions.
V	Ethnobotany
	Methodologies of ethnobotanical research: Field work, Literature, Herbaria and Musea and othe aspects of ethnobotany. Importance of ethnobotany in Indian systems of medicine (Siddh Ayurveda and Unani), Role of AYUSH, NMPB, CIMAP and CARI.
	Tribal knowledge towards disease diagnosis, treatment, medicinal plants, plant conservation and cultivation.
VI	Medicinal aspects
	Study of common plants used by tribes (Aegle marmelos, Ficus religiosa, Emblica officinalis, Eclipta alba, Rauvolfia serpentina, Oxalis and Ocimum sanctum) Ethnobotanical aspect of
	conservation and management of plant resources, Preservation of primeval forests in the form of sacred groves of individual species and Botanical uses depicted in our epics.
	Plants in primary health care: common medicinal plants: Tinospora, Acorus, Ocimum, Turme.
	and Aloe. Indian Pharmacopeia, Quality Evaluation of crude drugs & adulteration
VII	Pharmacognosy
	Preparation of drugs for commercial market - Organoleptic evaluation of drugs - Microscop evaluation of drugs - Physical evaluation of drugs - Active and inert constituents of drugs Classification of drug plants - individual drugs - drug adulteration. Sources of crude drugs roots, rhizome, bulb, corm, leaves, stems, flowers, fruits and seeds;
	organoleptic study of Adhatoda vasica, Andrographis paniculata, Azadirachta indica Coriandrum sativum, Datura metel, Eclipta alba, Emblica officinalis, Ocimum sanctum,
	Phyllanthus amarus, Ricinus communis, Catharanthus roseus and Zingiber officinale.
	Herbal Preparations & Phytochemistry :
VIII	Collection of wild herbs - Capsules - compresses - Elixirs - Glycerites - Hydrotherapy or Herb bath - Herbal oils - Liquid extracts or Tincture - Poultices - Salves - Slippery elm slurry and gru
	- Suppositories - Teas. Plant natural products, general detection, extraction and characterizati

procedures. Glycosides and Flavonoids and therapeutic applications. Anthocyanins and

B.Sc. Vth Semester Plant Physiology, Metabolism & Biochemistry (Paper 1)

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Unit	Торіс	
I	Plant water relation, Mineral Nutrition, Transpiration and translocation in phloem Importance of water, water potential and its components; Transpiration and its significance; Factors affecting transpiration; Root pressure and guttation.	
	Criteria of essentiality of elements; Role of essential elements; Symptoms of mineral deficiency in major crops,	
	Transport of ions across cell membrane, active and passive transport, Composition of phloem sap, girdling experiment; Pressure flow model.	
II	Carbon Oxidation	
	Krebs cycle, Glycolysis, fate of pyruvate- aerobic and anaerobic respiration and fermentation, regulation of glycolysis, oxidative pentose phosphate pathway, oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate, regulation of Krebs cycle, mitochondrial electron transport, oxidative phosphorylation, ATP-Synthetase, Chemiosmotic mechanism, P/O ratio, cyanide-resistant respiration, factors affecting respiration.	
III	Nitrogen Metabolism	
	Nitrate assimilation, biological nitrogen fixation (examples of legumes and non-legumes), Physiology and biochemistry of nitrogen fixation, Ammonia assimilation (GS-GOGAT), reductive amination and transamination, amino acid synthesis.	
IV	Lipid Metabolism & Photosynthesis	
	Lipid Metabolism: Synthesis and breakdown of triglycerides, -oxidation, glyoxylate cycle, gluconeogenesis and its role in mobilization of lipids during seed germination, -oxidation.;	
	Photosynthesis: Pigments, Action spectra and Enhancement effect, Electron transport system and Photophosphorylation, C3 & C4 photosynthesis, CAM- Reaction and Significance	
V	Plant Development, Movements, Dormancy & Responses	
•	Developmental roles of Phytohormones (auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ABA, ethylene.) autonomic & paratonic movements, Photoperiodism (SDP, LDP, Day neutral plants); Phytochrome (discovery and structure), red and far red-lightresponses on photomorphogenesis, Seed physiology & Dormancy, Vernalization & Senescence	
VI	Biomolecules	
•	Carbohydrates: Nomenclature and classification; Role of monosaccharides (glucose, fructose, sugar alcohols – mannitol and sorbitol); Disaccharides	
	(sucrose, maltose, lactose), Oligosaccharides and polysaccharides (structural-cellulose, hemicelluloses, pectin, chitin, mucilage; storage – starch, inulin).	
	Lipids: Storage lipids: Fatty acids structure and functions, Structural lipids: Phosphoglycerides; Lipid	

	functions: cell signals, cofactors, prostaglandins, Introduction of lipid micelles, monolayers, bilayers
VII	Proteins : Structure of amino acids; Peptide bonds; Levels of protein structure-primary, secondary, Ramchandran plot, tertiary and quaternary; Isoelectric point; Protein denaturation and biological roles of proteins
	Nucleic acids: Structure of nitrogenous bases; Structure and function of nucleic acids, Nucleic acid denaturation & Re-naturation, MiRNA
VIII	Enzymes: Structure of enzyme: holoenzyme, apoenzyme, cofactors, coenzymes and prosthetic group; mechanism of action (activation energy, lock and key hypothesis, induced-fit theory), enzyme inhibition and factors affecting enzyme activity, Allosteric enzymes & Abzymes.
	Elementary knowledge of Phytonutrients, Nutraceuticals, dietary supplements and antioxidants.

B.Sc. Vth Semester

Molecular Biology & Bioinformatics (Paper 2)

Units	Topics
	Genetic material
I	Miescher to Watson and Crick- historic perspective, Griffith's and Avery's transformation experiments, Hershey-Chase, bacteriophage experiment, DNA structure, types of DNA, types of genetic material. DNA replication (Prokaryotes and eukaryotes): semi– conservative. DNA replication (Prokaryotes and eukaryotes): bidirectional replication, semi– conservative, semi discontinuous RNA priming, $\acute{\phi}$ (theta) mode of replication, replication of linear, dsDNA, replicating the 5 end of linear chromosome including replicationenzymes.
II	Transcription & Regulation of gene expression
	Types of structures of RNA (mRNA, tRNA, rRNA), RNA polymerase- various types; Translation, (Prokaryotes and eukaryotes), genetic code. Regulation of gene expression in Prokaryotes: Lac operon and Tryptophan operon; and in Eukaryotes, RNAi, Gene editing
III	Principles & Techniques of genetic engineering
	Blotting techniques: Northern, Southern and Western Blotting, DNA Fingerprinting; Molecular DNA markers i.e. RAPD, RFLP, SNPs; DNA sequencing, PCR and Reverse Transcriptase-PCR. Hybridoma and monoclonal antibodies, ELISA and Immunodetection. Antibody Engineering. Enzymes used in Genetic Engineering and Gene cloning
	Applications of Genetic engineering
IV	Pest resistant (Bt-cotton); herbicide resistant plants (RoundUp Ready soybean); Transgenic crops with improved quality traits (Flavr Savr tomato, Golden rice); Improved horticultural varieties (Moondust carnations); Role of transgenics in bioremediation (Superbug); Industrial enzymes (Aspergillase, Protease, Lipase); Genetically Engineered Products, Biosafety concerns
	Bioinformatics & its applications
	Computer fundamentals - programming languages in bioinformatics, role of supercomputers in biology. Historical background. Scope of bioinformatics - Genomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Molecular Phylogeny, computer aided Drug Design (structure based and ligand based approaches), Systems Biology and Functional Biology. Applications and Limitations of bioinformatics. Primer designing Biological databases:
VI	Introduction to biological databases - primary, secondary and composite databases, NCBI, nucleic acid databases (GenBank, EMBL, DDBJ, NDB), protein databases (PIR, Swiss- Prot, TrEMBL, PDB), metabolic pathway database (KEGG, EcoCyc, and MetaCyc), small molecule databases (PubChem,)
VII	Data Generation and Data Retrieval
V 11	Generation of data (Gene sequencing, Protein sequencing, Mass spectrometry, Microarray), Sequence submission tools (BankIt, Sequin, Webin); Sequence file format (flat file, FASTA, GCG, EMBL, Clustal, Phylip, Swiss-Prot); Sequence annotation; Data retrieval systems (SRS, Entrez)
VIII	Phylogenetic analysis
	Similarity, identity and homology, Alignment – local and global alignment, pairwise and multiple sequence alignments, alignment algorithms. Methods of Alignment (Dot matrix, Dynamic Programming, BLAST and FASTA);
	Phylogenetic analysis: Construction of phylogenetic tree, dendrograms, methods of

B.Sc. VIth Semester

Ecology & Environment (Paper 2)

Unit	Торіс
I	Natural resources & Sustainable utilization: Land Utilization, Soil degradation and management strategies; Restoration of degraded lands. Water, Wetlands; Threats and management strategies, Ramsar sites, Forests: Major and minor forest products; Depletion, Biological Invasion, Energy: Renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, Contemporary practices in resource management: EIA, GIS, Participatory Resource Appraisal, Ecological Footprint with emphasis on carbon footprint, Resource Accounting.
	Ecology & Ecosystem
II	Definition of Ecology, Ecological Factors, Positive and negative interactions. Ecosystem
	 Concept of an ecosystem-structure and function of an ecosystem. Abiotic and biotic components and their interrelationship- Biogeochemical and hydrological cycles, and Energy flow in an ecosystem
	Ecological Succession-Definition & types. Processes and types (autogenic, allogenic, autotrophic, heterotrophic, primary & secondary), Hydrosere and Xerosere.
	Food chains and food webs, Concept of Ecological perturbations and balance, Ecological pyramids, Primary and Secondary Production and Productivity; Types of ecosystems: Natural and Man-made-Forest Grassland, Aquatic and Agro- Ecosystems. Ecological Adaptations – Hydrophytes, Xerophytes, Halophytes,
	Epiphytes and Parasites.
	Soil Formation, Properties & Conservation
Ш	Soil: Origin, Formation, composition, Soil types, Soil Profile, Soil Microorganisms, soil processes, Soil Erosion, Biogeochemical cycles, Soil Conservation: Biological—Contour farming, Mulching, Strip cropping, Terracing and Crop rotation. Mechanical—Basin Listing, Construction of dams, Watershed Management, Soil reclamation
IV	Biodiversity and its conservation:
	Definition -genetic, species, and ecosystem diversity. Value of biodiversity:
	In d i a n socio-cultural, ethical and aesthetic values; hotspots of Biodiversity threats to biodiversity, Biotic communities and populations, their characteristics and dynamics. Endemic and endangered species of plants in India. Ecological niche, ecade, ecotypes, ecological indicators. Conservation of Biodiversity:
	Ex-situ and in-situ conservation, Red data book, botanical gardens, National park,
	Sanctuaries, hot & hottest spots and Biosphere reserves. Role of Seed Bank and Gene Bank Valuing plant resources, ecotourism, Role of NBPGR, FAO, BSI, Indian value system

Phytogeography

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Biogeographic regions of India & world, Agroecological & Floristic zones of India. Natural vegetation of India, static and dynamic plant geography, basic principles

governing geographical distribution of plants, Phytogeographical regions of India, Vegetational types in Uttar Pradesh.

VI Environmental audit & Sustainability

Elementary knowledge: Concept of environmental audit; Guidelines of environmental audit; Methodologies adopted along with some industrial case studies; Environmental standards: ISO 14000 series; Scheme of labelling of environment friendly products (Ecomark); Life cycle analysis; Concept of energy and green audit, Strategies and debates on sustainable development; Concept of Sustainable Agriculture; India's environment action programme: issues, approaches and initiatives towards Sustainability; Sustainable

development in practice.

VII Pollution, Waste management & Circular Economy

Environmental pollution, Environmental protection laws, Bioremediation, Activated Sludge Process (ASP) – Trickling Filters – oxidation ponds, fluidized bed reactors, membrane bioreactor, neutralization, ETP sludge management; digesters, up flow anaerobic sludge blanket reactor, fixed film reactors, sequencing batch reactors, hybrid reactors, bioscrubbers, biotrickling filters; regulatory framework for pollution monitoring and control; case study: Ganga Action Plan; Yamuna Action Plan; implementation of CNG; Waste- Types, collection and disposal, Recycling of solid wastes (hazardous & non-hazardous) - classification, collection and segregation, Incineration, Pyrolysis and

gasification, Sanitary landfilling; composting, Biogas production, Circular Economy & sustainability.

VIII Environmental ethics, Carbon Credits & Role of GIS

Carbon credit: concept, exchange of carbon credits. Carbon sequestration, importance, meaning and ways.

Climate change, global warming, acid rain, ozone layer depletion, nuclear accidents and holocaust.

Wasteland reclamation. Consumerism and waste products. Clean development mechanism.

Geographical Information Systems: definitions and components; spatial and non-spatial data; GIS software packages; GPS survey, data import, processing, and mapping.

Applications and case studies of remote sensing and GIS in land use planning, forest resources & agriculture studies.