

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE, MADURAI

COURSES FOR THE
POST GRADUATE CURRICULUM



2019 ONWARDS

PG DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY (2019 ONWARDS)

S.no	COURSE TITLE	HOURS	CREDIT
SEMESTER I			
PGB4441	Plant Diversity	6	4
PGB4443	Principles of Microbiology	6	4
PGB4445	Plant Diversity and Microbiology LAB	6(L)	4
PGB4447	Plant Cell Chemistry	5	4
PGB4249	Biochemistry LAB	3(L)	2
PGB4331/ PGB 4333	CBCS(Campus Ecology/ Pl. based enterprises)	4	3
	Total	30	21
SEMESTER II			
PGB4542	Plant Systematics	7	5
PGB4544	Plant Physiology	7	5
PGB4446	Plant Systematics & Physiology LAB	6(L)	4
PGB4448	Mycology and Pathology	6	4
PGB4330/PGB 4332	CBCS(Trends in Agriculture/ Plants and people)	4	3
	Total	30	21
SEMESTER III			
PGB5641	Morphogenesis	7	6
PGB5643	Genetics and Molecular Biology	7	6
PGB5445	Gen., Mol biol. and Morpho. LAB	6 L	4
PGB5547	Environment and Bio-Resource Management	6	5
PGB5349	Analytical and Research Methodology	4	3
	Total	30	24
SEMESTER IV			
PGB5742	Biotechnology	8	7
PGB5444	Biotechnology and Plant Tissue Culture Lab	6(L)	4
PGB5346	Nanobiology	4	3
PGB5348	Systems Biology	4	3
PGB5750	Projects	8	7
	Total	30	24

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs) for PG Department of Botany

1. Identify the indicators of biological diversity and conduct ecosystem health assessment to create career opportunities in healing the mother earth
2. Document, monitor, sustainably manage and share biological resources without bias and exploitative profiteering motives
3. Acquire technological and analytical skills needed for industrial support services
4. Take back biotechnological innovations to strengthen nutritional and food security
5. Forecast the forthcoming climate risks and develop combating strategies for survival
6. Handle large data using computational biology to become a partner of artificial intelligence revolution
7. Decode international governance, policies, treaties and participate in politics that protect environment and forest to become the stewards of global commons
8. Develop skills to pursue career in the arena related to plant sciences namely farming, forestry and floristic pursuits
9. Find scope for effective use of technology to develop new concepts and ideas to replace the old constructs that come from myths and misjudgement of facts
10. Learn from the study of plants to continuously innovate the change according to the need and ceaselessly struggle to find a personal and collective meaning for life.

Mapping of PSO with PO

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PREAMBLE: Students will explore the stupendous variation in the organization of internal and external morphology encountered in cryptogamic plants. The complexity of these features they will unravel in the light of lines of evolution. They will appreciate the interrelationship among them. Students will learn the lessons from the past fossil history to relate it to the present.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the course, the students will be able to

- i. understand and realize the paleontological history of the living earth by way of studying the evolution of green plants, classification and characterization of major plant groups.
- ii. comprehend the General features, classifications, biology and distribution and evolution of different algal forms with their ecology and ecological importance with their counterpart lichens.
- iii. connect the link between algae with their terrestrial counterpart bryophytes through studying the features, ecology and variations of gametophytes and sporophytes and their evolutionary significance
- iv. correlate the link between non vascular plants and vascular plants through analyzing the features, distribution and the significance of stele and seeds in land plants and also through the knowledge of various Indian pteridologists.
- v. comprehend the importance of seed plants in terrestrial habitat while learning the origin, general features and evolution of seed plants which will pave way to understand the origin of angiosperms.

UNIT I: Paleontological History: Earth as a living planet – origin of life – evolution of green plants through ages – geological timescale – continental drift – kingdom classification – mega extinction and speciation – classification and characterisation of major plant groups – fossils and fossilization.

UNIT II: Algae: General features – criteria for various classifications – thallus organization – biology and distribution – evolution of life cycle patterns – fossil algae – ecology and economic importance – algal research in India and key contributors – algae as symbiont – biology of lichens.

Unit III: Bryophytes: General features, distribution and ecology – variations of gametophytes and sporophytes – classification and inter-relationships – trends in bryology (Sphagnales and Takakiales) – progressive and retrogressive evolution.

Unit IV: Pteridophytes: General features and distribution – origin of land plants – evolution of stele – alternation of generations, heterospory and seed habit – structural variations in gametophytes and sporophytes – apogamy and apospory – aquatic ferns – contributions of Indian pteridologists.

Unit V: Gymnosperms: Origin and evolution of seed bearing plants – general features of Cycads, Conifers, and Gnetopsids – morphology, anatomy and reproductive biology – evolution of seed – fossil gymnosperms – origin of angiosperms.

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3. Lee,R. E. 2009. Phycology. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-0521-14144-42.
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1. Bell, P.R. and A.R. Hemsley. 2000. Green plants, their origin and diversity. Cambridge University Press, U.K. (2nd Edn). ISBN: 0-521-64109-8
2. Bold, H.C. and Wynne, M.J. 1985. *Introduction to the Algae: Structure and Reproduction*. 2nd Edn. Prentice Hall. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. ISBN: 978-0134777467
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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO 1				4		
CO 2				4		
CO 3					5	
CO 4					5	
CO 5				4		

PREAMBLE:

This course enables students to understand the basic concepts in microbiology and microscope as a tool to explore the microbial life. The emphasis will be given to their cosmopolitan distribution, diversity and ability to adapt in different environments. Microbes in different environmental conditions will be discussed with practical examples. Applied microbiology section will provide a glimpse on the industrially important microbes.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. knowledge about Microbiology starting from history and basic knowledge about the microorganisms. Understand microbial diversity, ultra-structure of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells. Assess the characters and classification of microbes through modern approach. knowledge about Microbiology starting from history and basic knowledge about the micro organisms
- ii. know the techniques of microscopy, quantitative measurement of bacterial growth sterilization and disinfection, methods of isolation, and get sufficient knowledge in measurement of bacterial growth and basic pure culture techniques, maintenance and preservation of cultures.
- iii. recognize the biology of bacteria and viruses, energy production, classification and reproduction. sufficient knowledge in biology of bacteria and viruses. relationship between food and microbes, techniques used in food processing. Enable the student to get sufficient knowledge in relationship between food and microbes, techniques used in food processing.
- iv. sound knowledge on the air, soil and aquatic microflora, role of microbes in organic matter decomposition and bioremediation. Understand solid waste management and waste water treatment.
- v. inculcate knowledge in role of micro organisms in eco system and impact created by microbes in agricultural development. gain experience in different aspects used in industrial microbiology. Understand food processing, nutrition,& food processing technology. And also study methods of refrigeration, material handling and food preservation

UNIT I: General Microbiology: History – scope – microbial diversity – extremophiles – ultra-structure of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells – human microbiome – natural classification,

phylogenetic approach – numerical taxonomy (simple match coefficient and Jaccard coefficient), modern approach – base composition – nucleic acid sequencing (RNA fingerprint – 5S rRNA and 16S rRNA) – Bergey's classification.

UNIT II: Tools and techniques: Microscopy (brightfield, darkfield, phase-contrast, fluorescence and electron microscopy) – microbial nutrition – quantitative measurement of bacterial growth – sterilization and disinfection – physical and chemical agents – methods of isolation – axenic cultures – maintenance and preservation.

UNIT III: Biology of bacteria and viruses: Energy production (anaerobic fermentation – aerobic respiration) – bacterial recombination (conjugation – transduction – transformation.) Viruses (general characteristics, structure, composition and classification of viral genomes.) bacteriophages (morphology and structure of T4 and λ phage.) – classification of viral vaccines – rabies and HIV.

UNIT IV: Environmental Microbiology: Air microflora (indoor and outdoor), soil microflora (diversity and abundance) – organic matter decomposition – biological nitrogen fixers (symbiotic and asymbiotic) – aquatic microflora (fresh and marine) – microbes in biodegradation, biodeterioration and bioremediation – potability, microbial assessment and purification of water – waste water treatment – solid waste treatment – source of food and energy.

UNIT V: Applied Microbiology: Scope – intrinsic and extrinsic factors affecting the growth of microbes – food microbiology (microbes in food, and spoilage, prevention and preservation methods – functional foods (probiotics, prebiotics, synbiotics and nutraceuticals) – dairy microbiology (microflora of raw milk, processed milk, spoilage and defects, fermented milk and microbiological standards of milk, milk products) – clinical microbiology (common pathogens, protocol for specimen collection, handling, transportation, processing, laboratory safety and infection control.) – applications of microbes in agriculture – bioinoculants – biofertilizer (types, mass production and quality control).

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2. Hull, R. 2004. Plant Virology. 4th Edn. Academic Press., ISBN 0-12-361160-1
3. Madigan M.T. and Martinko, J. M. 2006. Biology of Microorganisms, 11th ed., Pearson Prentice. 9780132017848 and 0132017849
4. Perry, J. J. and Stanley, J. T. 1997. Microbiology Dynamics and Diversity. Saunders College Publishing. ISBN 0-03-053893-9
5. Prescott, M. J., Harley, J. P. and Klein, D. A. 2008. Microbiology, 7th ed. WCB McGraw Hill. ISBN 978 007-126 727 4
6. Stanier, R.Y. 1987. General Microbiology. 5th Ed. McMillan Education Ltd. ISBN 0-333-41768-2
7. Talaro, K. P. and Talaro, A. 2002. Foundations in Microbiology. McGraw Hill Publ. ISBN 0-07-232042-7

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO1			3			
CO2				4		
CO3					5	
CO4				4		
CO5			3			

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the course the students will be able to

- i. explore the variations in the organization of internal and external morphology and the interrelationship observed among the non flowering plants right from the unicellular to multicellular organisms in the light of evolution.
- ii. perform the basic microbial culture techniques, standard methods of microbial load analysis in environmental samples, staining techniques and growth studies. Can demonstrate experiments and for antagonistic studies to screen chemicals and microbes to be used in microbial control strategies.

PLANT DIVERSITY

I. ALGAE: Taxonomy, thallus organization and reproductive structures of the following taxa:

1. **Chlorophyta** – *Chlamydomonas*, *Volvox*, *Ulothrix*, *Oedogonium*, *Cladophora*, *Spirogyra*, *Fritchiella*, *Coleochaete*, *Chaetomorpha*, *Caulerpa*, *Chara*.

2. **Phaeophyta** – *Dictyota*, *Padina* and *Sargassum*

3. **Rhodophyta** – *Batrochospermum*, *Gracilaria*, *Polysiphonia*

4. **Sea weeds-** Collection and the identification of macro algae and agarophytes from coastal lines

II. BRYOPHYTES: Study and the evolution of the thallus organization of the sporophytic and gametophytic structures of following taxa:

5. **Marchantiales** – *Riccia*, *Targionia*, *Marchantia* **Jungermanniales**

6. **Anthoceratales** – *Porella*, *Anthoceros* **Bryopsida** – *Sphagnum*, *Funaria* and *Polytrichum*

III. Pteridophytes: Study and the evaluation of the following taxa:

7. **Psilopsida** – *Psilotum*, **Lycopsida and Sphenopsida** – *Lycopodium*, *Selaginella*, *Isoetes*, *Equisetum*

8. **Pteropsida and Leptosporangiate ferns** - *Marsilea*, *Salvinia*, *Azolla*, *Adiantum*, *Gleichenia* and *Pteridium*.

IV. Gymnosperms: Morphology and anatomy of vegetative and reproductive structures of the following types

9. **Cycadopsida** : *Cycas*, *Zamia*

10. **Coniferopsida** : *Pinus*, *Cupressus*, *Podocarpus*, *Araucaria*. **Gentopsida:** *Gnetum*

11. Fossil Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms - Fossil cycads (*Lyginopteris oldhamia* Stem TS (*Lyginodendron*), *Lyginopteris* male (*Crassothea*); *Lyginopteris* rachis (*Rachiopteris aspera*); *Lyginopteris* pinnae (*Sphenopteris*), *Botryopteris* root, sporangia; petiole (*Botryopteris ramosa*), TS of stem (*Botryopteris cylindrica*). *Lepidodendron* - Stem (leaf base), periderm (*Stigmaria*); *Medullosa*.

V. Field Visit: Field trips to the Eastern and Western Ghats to study plants in their natural habitats.

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MICROBIOLOGY LAB

1. Principles of Microscopy – microbial photographs.
2. Preparation of culture media, sterilization - moist heat – dry heat- radiation- filtration.
3. Pour plate- spread plate, streak plate-serial dilution – hanging drop.
4. Microbial examination of different habitats – CFU, MPN, colony characterization.
5. Staining techniques - Smear preparation, Gram staining, endospore staining, capsular staining and fungal staining.
6. Microbial enzyme screening: amylase, protease, lipase, cellulase.
7. Growth studies: Growth curve – heamocytometry and turbidometry
8. Actinomycetes – isolation and characterization
9. Fungal endophyte study – isolation technique.

10. Type study - *Mucor*, *Rhizopus*, *Pilobolus* and *Aspergillus*
11. Macrofungal fruiting bodies - diversity
12. Disease symptoms and assessment methods - Paddy blast scale.
13. Evaluation of fungicide: Slide germination technique and inhibition zone technique
14. Biological control – Antagonistic property.
15. Visit to microbiological lab/ microbe based industry.

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2. Gunasekaran, P. 2000. Laboratory Manual in microbiology. ISBN 81-224- 0783-8
3. Anonymous 1983. Field problems of tropical rice. International Rice Research Institute, Philippines. ISBN 971-194-080-8

Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1				4			
CO2					5		

PREAMBLE:

This course unravels the basic construct of how organisms are hierarchically assembled from free atoms and molecules to bioorganic chemicals and cells that cell as the basic structural and functional unit of life is able provide the material as well as strategy for survival as rooted entity.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. look at cells as a composite organic entity made of simple atoms and molecules that can congregate to form supra molecular complexes and macro molecules that can provide a basis for functioning of life.
- ii. comprehend plant cells as a finely woven network of continuous and discrete membranous pockets to enable a cell to live as a fundamental and structural entity.
- iii. understand the basic framework of cells contributed by homo and hetero polymers of carbohydrates, amino acids and proteins that provides for the organization of the cell wall, plasma membrane, cytoskeleton and cytoplasmic network.
- iv. unravel the structural and functional intricacies of nucleic acids and proteins whose sequence information's prove vital to store the genetic scripts that control and regulate the expressions of hereditary traits.
- v. comprehend cell as a thermodynamically competent and energy sufficient component of the plant system which by its various carbon breakdown pathways and electron transfer reactions meet out the energy requirements.

UNIT I: Molecules of life : Atoms, molecules, bonds, functional groups, periodic table, nomenclature, units of measurement – physical constants – concepts of pH and buffers – simple inorganic molecules to macromolecules, reducing power, energy rich molecules – basic design of metabolism.

UNIT 2: Cell Architecture: Concept of Cell – ultrastructure and organization of plasma membrane – cell wall – cytoskeleton nucleus – nucleolus – chromosome – chloroplasts, mitochondria – lysosome – peroxisomes – glyoxysomes – centriole – flagellum – cilium and vacuoles – cell cycle and cell division- cell as a building block

UNIT 3: Structural and Skeletal Compounds in Plant Cells: Configurational and conformational aspects of carbohydrates and lipids – structure, properties and importance of

structural (cellulose and chitin) and storage polysaccharides (starch and glycogen) and Chemical nature of lipids (fatty acids, triacylglycerol, phospholipids, waxes, spingolipids) – topology of biological membrane – fluid mosaic model – biosynthesis of membrane lipids

UNIT 4: Memory Chemicals and Cell's Makeover: Candidacy of protein, RNA and DNA as genetic material, Structure and classification, physical, chemical and optical properties of amino acid – peptides – Ramachandran Plot – porphyrin biosynthesis – amino acids metabolism (synthesis and deamination)- chemical structure and base composition – biosynthesis and break down of nucleotides – Smaller compounds and Secondary metabolites (terpenoids, alkaloids and flavonoids, vitamins).

UNIT 5: Substrates of Energy Transactions and Cell Dynamics: Carbohydrate and lipid reserves- glycolysis – pentose phosphate pathway – Krebs cycle- lipid metabolism (biosynthesis, oxidation and energy budget) β oxidation – electrochemical potential and redox reactions- – Role for enzymes - enzyme catalysis – substrate specificity – kinetics and allostearamism – coenzymes- metabolic regulation.

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2. Voet, D, J. G. Voet and Pratt, C. W. 2008, Principles of Biochemistry, John Willey and Sons, Publ. ISBN 13-978-0470-23396-2
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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO1			3			
CO2		2				
CO3		2				
CO4				4		
CO5		2				

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the course, the students will be able to

- i. perform qualitative tests for all major macro molecules and file a report of chemical profile of a plant cell.
 - ii. extract biomolecule of diverse nature from different sources that they will be able to assess the metabolic profile of their source material
1. Carbohydrates – Qualitative and Quantitative tests.
 2. Protein – Qualitative and Quantitative tests.
 3. Estimation of free fatty acids and saponification value.
 4. Lipids – Separation of chloroplast lipids
 5. Estimation of cholesterol.
 6. Amino acids – Estimation of amino acids in biological samples.
 7. Separation of amino acids by paper chromatography and Thin Layer Chromatography.
 8. Protein separation by Polyacrylamide Gel–Electrophoresis.
 9. Extraction and quantification of pigment (Lycopene & Curcumin).
 10. Extraction and estimation of vitamins and phenolics.

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2. Harborne, 1998. Phytochemical methods, Chapman and Hall, Publ. ISBN 0 4125 7270 2.
3. Jeyaraman, J. 1988. Laboratory Manual in Biochemistry, New Age International Pub., Ltd. ISBN 0–85226–428–3
4. Plummer, DT., 2003. An Introduction to Practical Biochemistry, 3rd Edn. Tata McGraw Hills Pub Company, ISBN 0–07–0994870
5. Sadasivam. S and A. Manickam. 2008. Biochemical methods for Agricultural Sciences, 2nd edn., New Age International Pub. Ltd., ISBN 978–81–224–2140–8
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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1					5		
CO2					5		

PREAMBLE: This course stresses the importance of ecological knowledge to preserve and protect the nature and its elements *per se* in the campus. Awareness of our own ecosystem alone can give an insight towards the conservation of our own environment. The present course aimed at giving quality education on the basics of ecosystem, in order to give a clean atmosphere within the campus. Uniqueness of the flora and fauna in the campus will tickle the young mind to broaden their vision towards the biodiversity of the campus. After the completion of the course the students will be able to understand, appreciate and conserve the nature.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. know about the ancient history and establishment of the campus which is an important heritage marvel and the origin and history of the satellite campus and their immediate beneficiaries.
- ii. understand the biodiversity abode in the campus especially the flora and fauna with their seasonal variations and the abundant exotic plants and weeds including the horticultural varieties and appreciate the reasons behind it.
- iii. realize the ecoclimatic conditions prevailing in the campus which is responsible for the serenity of the campus, and efforts taken by the administration related to maintain the ecological harmony of the campus especially during the water crisis and conservation.
- iv. comprehend the reason behind the cleanliness of the campus by way of solid waste disposal and also to ensure the serene atmosphere related to air, water and environment following ecological ethics.
- v. conduct anywhere the quantitative experiments such as the tree cover using – quadrat analysis, tree identification, bird watching and aerobiology on their own.

UNIT I: Understanding the campus: Origin and history – departments – etymology – building designs – architecture – various facilities – organizational set up – satellite campus – origin and history – beneficiaries.

UNIT II: Biodiversity: flora and fauna – seasonal variations – exotic plants and weeds – horticultural species – arboretum – species of birds and animals – importance of flora and fauna

UNIT III: Ecoclimate: Serenity of the campus – ecological factors – rainfall – temperature – altitude – impact of plants – campus as an ecosystem – litter fall – rain water harvesting – water crisis and conservation.

UNIT IV: Waste regulation: waste disposal – litter vs solid waste – basics of solid waste management – pollution (air, water and environment) – ecological ethics – importance of diversity – atmospheric cleanliness – future scope.

UNIT V: Eco-watching: Tree cover – quadrat analysis (density, abundance and frequency) – basics of bird watching – tree identification – unique trees and animals – litter drop method – basics of aerobiology.

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO 1		2				
CO 2				4		
CO 3						6
CO 4					5	
CO 5				4		

PREAMBLE:

This course will survey the overall business potentiality of plants and practical aspects of food fermentation in regard to beer, wine, and cheese/dairy. Focus will be on the processes of converting source material to finished products. Students will gain a fundamental understanding of theory and technology involved in it.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. identify trade opportunities and funding agency , build business plan, acquire talent and awareness on food certification
- ii. Categorize food and practice the preparation of commercial products, cultivate and trade of medicinal plants.
- iii. Use biotechnological approach to produce processed food, know the strategies to develop bakery industry.
- iv. List the types of biofertilizers, learn the process of composting and design backyard composting.
- v. Distinguish between edible and poisonous mushroom, develop cultivation method-evaluate the economics of marketing –practice the mushroom recipe preparation.

UNIT I: Plant trade: Trade opportunities – Becoming an Entrepreneur –guidance from MSME - Finance from banks -SME –MSMED act - plan and proposal – training in concerned field - trade license and registration marks – marketing strategies -Food safety –Food certification (FAO, EFSA) - organic shops – food centres.

UNIT II: Fresh and Dry Plant market: Fresh plant products : Food – health drink – juice - ~~herbs~~ herbal drink- salad) — cut flowers usage (garland, Bonsai & Bouquet)- Nursery(cultivating and sale of ornamental plants, medicinal plants) Dried plant products: (spices, leaf plates –leaf fan - plant articles –wood work) food supplements (health mix) – beverages (tea/coffee) - raw drugs – natural dyes – Cosmetic products – awareness on narcotic plants.

Unit III: Processed food Products: Fermentation -milk and milk products –alcoholic products- Bakery products –preparation of Batter - jam – jelly – squash - pickles –pounded masala products - starting bakery unit – factors affecting the products -natural preservatives.

Unit IV: Farm Supplements: Bio-fertilizer [types](#)– microbial biofertilizer production – green manures – mass cultivation of *Azolla*, *BGA* – composting processes (vermi, backyard compost)

UNIT V: Mushroom Technology: Identification – characterization – collection – edible and poisonous – nutritional, medicinal and economical value –substrates, spawning and pure culture techniques – protocols for cultivation (indoor and outdoor cultivation) – harvesting, storing, packing – marketing strategies – mushroom recipes.

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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1(KNOW)	K2(UNDER)	K3(APPLY)	K4(ANALY)	K5(EVAL)	K6(SYN)
CO1				4		
CO2			3			
CO3					5	
CO4						6
CO5					5	

PREAMBLE: The present course is aimed at giving a holistic account on the nuances of flowering plants such as history, classification and the relationship with non flowering plants. Nomenclature of higher plants is another wing of plant systematics which ought to be given importance. Teaching herbarium techniques on hand, might give the students an insight regarding the study of plant specimens and appreciate the morphology of plants better. Alternative methods of classification of plants will make the students see beyond microscope to the digital world.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. comprehend the different flavours of evolution from the origin of species and its development in to a complex structure in its natural habitat and the ever changing physiognomy of the habitat based on their geological position with special reference to the diversity of Southern India and its conservation
- ii. tread and appreciate the glimpses of botanical history right from the layman's classification to the phylogenetic classification through ages
- iii. do research and also gets hands on training in herbarium taxonomy through the process of preserving the plant specimens for herbarium which is a biological tool and store house of plants for taxonomical research.
- iv. understand the principles, articles and recommendations of International Code of Nomenclature and apply the rules and regulations formulated by the botanical congress while naming the plant species.
- v. examine the recent developments in the field of plant systematics and reflect upon the e-learning programs related to net based applications which will make the students amused towards the subject.

UNIT I: Ascent of angiosperms: Origin of flowering plants – angiosperm phylogeny – co - evolution – basal angiosperms – ecological dominance of angiosperms – latitudinal and altitudinal zonation of floristic wealth, biomes – physiognomy and structures of forest in southern India – endemism and hotspots.

UNIT II: History of classification: Pre-Linnaean, Linnaean and post Linnaean period – contributions of Linnaeus, Bentham and Hooker, Engler and Prantle and Bessey – angiosperm phylogeny groups APG I, II, III, and IV – ethnobiological survey and classification of plants.

UNIT III: Herbarium taxonomy: Objectives and functions – herbarium preparation – collection – pressing – poisoning and drying – identification – mounting – labeling – incorporation – herbarium ethics – maintenance – important herbaria – BSI (Botanical Survey of India), and TBGRI (Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute) Rapinat herbarium (RAPINAT) – Kew Garden (KEW).

UNIT IV: International Code of Nomenclature: History of different codes – botanical congress – ICBN to ICN (Melbourne code 2010), IAAT (Taxon), IAPT (Rheede) – principles of ICN – taxonomic hierarchy – active principles (priority of publication, typification, effective publication) valid names, rejection of names, author citation – botanical naming (polynomial, trinomial and binomial).

UNIT V: Trends in classification: Cladistics and biosystematics (chemo, sero and molecular taxonomy) – numerical taxonomy – Kubitzki system – use of computers – automated pattern recognizing systems – matrices, online data bases: IPNI (International Plant Names Index) – Index Kewensis and The Plant List.

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO 1				4		
CO 2				4		
CO 3			3			
CO 4						5
CO 5						5

PREAMBLE:

Students would be able to understand water as an elixir for plant life. They will scientifically explore the plumbing and pipe line system along with the ventilating system for gas exchange. The molecular mechanism of synthesis of food and its usage to derive energy are explored. The physiology of deriving nourishment from soil and its conversion to usable form too are unravelled. Plant's management of physical, chemical and edaphic factors are studied.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. to locate water as a resource and analyze the movement of water and other substances across membranes which gets integrated with cellular chemistry and functions that the soil water-plant –atmospheric continuum provides the vibrancy needed for plants despite its sedentary habit.
- ii. discover photosynthesis as a mandatory mechanism to input energy into the living world and analyze the ultra structural and biochemical variations of the photosynthetic machinery among plants and estimate the
- iii. photosynthetic productivity at specific types of ecosystems
- iv. understand the inside story of molecular physiology of mineral nutrient acquisition, transport and utilization involving a select list of elements with which the land plant is able to show case the dynamism of life with only a few macromolecules and specific secondary chemicals.
- v. analyze the energy utilization pathways of photosynthetic products harnessing energy into ATP through a proton circuit mechanism and electrophysiology of membranes that the life forms are thermodynamically equipped to be self sufficient structures at normal and stressed conditions.
- vi. Correlate how plants respond to environmental conditions that limits the distribution of plants and understand the challenges encountered by plants to defend themselves from these stresses.

UNIT I: Plant, water and ionic relations: Soil and atmospheric water-Physiological role of water – water potential –uptake and transport mechanisms – stomatal mechanics – gas transfer

equation – malate metabolism in guard cells – potassium ions – organization of conducting tissues, Source sink relations- phloem loading and unloading-theories of translocation.

UNIT II: Carbon metabolism: Fine structure of photosynthetic machinery-light harvesting protein complex– Einstein's law of photochemical equivalent – light absorption and photosynthetic electron transfer – Emerson's enhancement effect and synergetic functions of LHCP 1 and LHCP 2– cyclic, non-cyclic, pseudo cyclic photophosphorylation – significance of OEC and D2 proteins – C-3 cycle — C-4 and CAM metabolism – factors affecting photosynthesis- photorespiration (C-2 cycle)

UNIT III: Mineral nutrition and nitrogen metabolism: Macro, micro nutrients of plants- deficiency and toxicity symptoms – integration of nitrogen, phosphorus, Sulphur- nitrogen assimilation - GS - GOGAT path way, Hup genes nitratereductase,–leghaemoglobin, carbon economy –biological role of carotenoids and flavonoids - *nod*- hsn, gsn genes – ammonia assimilation-uride synthesis – ammonia assimilation.

UNIT IV: Respiration: respiratory substrates- Carbon break down pathways-Respiratory Quotient-Int -Electron transport and respiratory chain. Energy budget – chemi-osmotic proton circuit, ATPase complex, mechanism of ATP synthesis–cyanide resistant respiration-pentose phosphate pathway-factors affecting respiration.

UNIT V: Stress physiology: Concepts – water-drought,flooding and salt-radiation-UV-temperature-heat,frost- acidic soil, osmotic, oxygen deficit and oxidative stress – mechanism of plant responses-stress proteins – mineral and metal toxicity – stress management.

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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO 1				4		
CO 2		2				
CO 3				4		
CO 4		2				
CO 5				4		

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the course the students will be able to

- i. comprehend and analyze the salient features of different families in the world of flowering plants through hands on experience and field trips to different botanically rich areas from the sea shore to the altitude sholas which will ensure further conservation of green plants locally and globally.
- ii. Critically evaluate the primary metabolic activities of plant and get hands on experiences and training on instrumental skills.

PLANT SYSTEMATICS**OBJECTIVES:**

1. to explore the diversity of angiosperms
 2. to understand and appreciate the evolutionary trend in the plant world.
 3. Hands on experience to study plant morphology and vegetative parts
 4. To botanically describe and identify the species with the help of available local floras
 5. to study the plants in their natural habitat through field trips
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1. Morphology of flowering plants: General description and traits of taxonomic interest
 2. Herbarium preparation (Traditional methods).
 3. Phytography (describing plants with technical terms).
 4. Construction of dichotomous keys (indented and bracketed key)
 5. Identification of local plants using local floras
 6. Phenological study on select tree species in the campus.
 7. Characterisation of different forests in Southern India
 8. Analysis of plant characters - Polypetalae
 9. Analysis of plant characters - Gamopetalae
 10. Analysis of plant characters - Monochlamydae
 11. Analysis of plant characters - Monocots
 12. Computer databases in plant identification
 13. Field visit to at least three of the listed destinations -Alagar Hills, Kuttupatti, Karungalakudi, Kodaikanal, Coimbatore and Udagamandalam.

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PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

1. Measurement of water potential
2. Osmosis
3. Measurement of phosphate ion absorption by plant tissues
4. Extraction and estimation of chlorophylls a,b, and carotenoids in C₃ and C₄ plants.
5. Isolation of chloroplast and measurement of Hill reaction
6. Estimation of Photosystem II activity C₃, and C₄ anatomy, C₄ subtypes.
7. Permeability changes of biomembranes (using beet root discs and RBC)
8. Measurement of enzyme activity (Nitrate reductase)
9. Factors affecting enzyme activity-substrate concentration, pH and Temperature
10. Calculation of activation energy of enzymes (NR as a model)
11. Isolation of mitochondria from potato
12. Mineral nutrition – hydroponics
13. Estimation of proline
14. Estimation phenols in plant tissues under different environmental and physiological conditions.

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1				4			
CO2					5		

PREAMBLE:

The course has been designed to give basic knowledge of fungi and plant pathology. The history and development in the field of plant pathology will be traced. The uniqueness of the fifth kingdom – fungi in terms of characteristics, growth pattern and reproduction will be discussed. Host pathogen interactions and stages in disease development will help to understand the pathogen, which in turn will facilitate the strategies of disease management. Etiology and management of important fungal, bacterial, viral diseases and angiosperm parasites will be dealt.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. comprehend the milestones in field of Plant pathology, diagnostic methods and pattern of disease development.
- ii. recognize characteristic features, classification and commercial importance of fungi and their interactions.
- iii. interpret the stages in disease development and various defense mechanisms in plants and suggest suitable combat measures.
- iv. identify the incidence and symptoms of disease caused by: fungi, bacteria, virus, mycoplasma, nematodes and angiosperm parasites to closely monitor and control the spread of pathogens.
- v. apply knowledge on epidemiology and disease forecasting tools and disease management strategies to minimize the crop loss thereby increasing productivity.

UNIT I: Fundamentals of Plant Diseases: History – classification – diagnosis and identification – Koch's postulates – gene for gene hypothesis – disease tetrahedron – pathogenesis (disease initiation, development and establishment) – parasitism (role of enzymes, toxins and growth regulators.)

UNIT II: Elements of mycology: General characters – habitat – growth pattern – nutrition types – cell wall (structure, composition) – fungal classification upto class level (Alexopolous and Mims) – modes of reproduction – parasexual cycle – fruiting bodies – fungal interactions (parasitic and symbiotic) – importance of VAM fungi – primary and secondary metabolites – commercial fungal enzymes.

UNIT III: Disease development and defense mechanisms: Disease development and influence of factors – inoculum and inoculum potential – hypersensitivity – pathogenic impacts on host physiology – host defense mechanisms - innate and induced – morphological and anatomical defenses – biochemical (phenols, phenolic glycosides, phytoalexins) – Pathogenesis Related Proteins (PR) – Systemic acquired and Induced systemic resistance (SAR and ISR).

UNIT IV: Diseases and Disease Cycle: Study of the following diseases with reference to their incidents – symptom manifestation and control measures – fungal (rust of wheat, blast of rice, Tikka of groundnut, Red rot of Sugar cane) – bacterial (Bacterial blight, Citrus canker) – mycoplasmal (Little leaf of brinjal, *phyllody* of sesamum – viral (Yellow vein mosaic disease) – nematode (Root knot of potato) – non- parasitic diseases (*Cuscuta*, *Striga*).

UNIT V: Disease management: Epidemiology – disease forecasting – concepts on prophylaxis, exclusion and legislation – plant quarantine principles – eradication (crop rotation, field sanitation, elimination of alternate hosts, soil treatment and seed treatments.) –management strategies (chemical and biological) – microbial antagonists [(bacterial, fungal and viral) mode of action, mass production and field application]] – engineered resistance against fungal, viral and bacterial pathogens – Integrated disease management (IDM).

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO1				4		
CO2					5	
CO3				4		
CO4				4		
CO5			3			

PREAMBLE: This course is designed for the non major students and stress would be given on the history, traditional agricultural practices and the cropping pattern practiced for generations. The period in which the production of food materials was surplus and extensive cultivation was practiced in order to cope up with the famine in india. Modern agricultural techniques have also been discussed to have a better understanding about the agricultural practices in India.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the Students will be able to

- i. appreciate and get amazed in listening to the various civilization of the yesteryears along the riverbanks, primitive agricultural practices along the Ganges delta and in Southern India especially the agricultural details in Sangam literature.
- ii. comprehend the traditional agricultural practices in India which includes the irrigation system and methods and the crop and land use patterns practiced by the early agriculturalists in India. .
- iii. recognize and realize the cropping pattern which is mainly based on the soil and climatic conditions in Southern India and its conservation
- iv. evaluate the history of agriculture with special reference to famines and also the governing policies for the construction of dams and application of fertilizers and development of gene and seed banks for the betterment of mankind
- v. understand and develop the modern agricultural practices in order to save water and also to promote waterless agriculture, development of hybrids, and high yielding varieties.

UNIT I History of agriculture: Early civilization (Indus valley, Harappa, Mayan Inca, Egyptian, Chinese) – nomads, pastoralism, sedentism – river banks as cradle of civilization – domestication of plants – monoculture – Ganges delta farming – farming in southern India – Sangam literature – ancient crops.

UNIT II Traditional practices: Agronomy in India – irrigation methods (dam, kanmai/ oorani, ayakattu, anicut, ponds, lakes, channel, well, check dams) – irrigation systems – catchment area – reservoirs – manuring (farm, cattle, green manure) – multicropping – crop rotation.

UNIT III Cropping pattern: Weather based cropping (Kharif, rabi and zadi) – Basic soil types – soil map of southern India – soil and crop selection – top soil – soil erosion and conservation (types and methods)

UNIT IV Green revolution: History (famines in India) – government policies – construction of reservoirs – extensive cultivation – introduction of exotic varieties – fertilizers and pesticide industries – high yielding varieties – rural banks and road – seed banks – wild relatives of

cultivars – contributions of Indian Scientists – IRRI, IARI, ICAR and TNAU – ecological backlash.

UNIT V Modern practices in agriculture: Mechanization (seeding, weeding, manuring, harvesting) – intensive cultivation – hybrids – water saving devices – rain water harvesting – biofertilizers – underutilized crops for food security – organic and vertical farming – hydroponics and aquaponics – scope for agriculture in space.

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2. Chandrasekaran, B., K. Annadurai, and E. Somasundaram, 2010. A textbook of agronomy, New Age International (P) Limited, Publishers, ISBN (13) : 978-81-224-2859-9

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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO1			3			
CO2				4		
CO3			3			
CO4				4	5	
CO5						6

PREAMBLE:

The objective of the course is to highlight the importance of plants in our different facets of life. Plants have been part of human civilization from the pre historic period. The contents are divided to give an overview of plants in different aspects of human being. References of plants in scriptures and Sangam literature will be cited and relevance at the context will be discussed. Cultures are identified based on their food and dressing habits, an overview of history of Indian cuisine will be traced specially with references to south India. Plants always served us as food and medicine the important plants used in the Indian system of medical practioners also included.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, the students will be able to

- i. spot the major events that shaped up the modern society by taking into consideration the changes adopted in terms of vocation life styles.
- ii. get a glimpse of major religions and faith component of India with a special mention about the significance of plants in each system.
- iii. develop a wholistic appreciation of plant references made in tamil and western literature that the learner would develop a sense of tolerance and mutual respect all faiths.
- iv. food as basic necessity and composite and complementary amalgamations of inputs that are geographically relevant to health, culture and practices.
- v. accept and adopt the Indian and indigenious systems of medicines (AYUSH) as a viable better alternative to allopathic practices.

Unit 1. Prehistorical evidences:Unraveling ancient civilization using plant based prehistoric evidences – cotton fabrics and dyes of prehistoric period – plants in ancient funerary rituals – pollen and paleoclimates

Unit 2. Scriptures: Forest and trees associated with Lord Buddha – plants in Bible and Quran – temple trees and sacred plants of India – sacred oil and fragrances used across the religious barriers.

Unit 3. Plants in literature: Cultural and biological diversity – Sangam landscape – Thina concept – early livelihood strategies in Sangam literature – western literature.

Unit 4. History of Indian cuisine: Social history of food – dietary beliefs and cooking patterns of Indians – minor millets, spices and sweeteners of Indian origin.

Unit 5. Indian System of Medicine: Indian system of medicine – Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani – revitalization of indigenous medicinal practices and knowledge in south India.

TEXT BOOKS

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)
CO1		2				
CO2				4		
CO3		2				
CO4				4		
CO5		2				

PREAMBLE: This course is to inculcate in students the appreciation of architectural marvel of plants and to explore the various developmental stages involved in it. The types of building blocks and the engineering mechanisms involved in tissue assembly and organ development would be unraveled. The innate message and its communication at the cellular level is explored. The vegetative growth and the reproductive ability of the immobile entity as plants would be studied at the experimental level.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. understand plant as a composite life form made of genetically identical and functionally different distinctive cells and cell types derived from a simple process of cell division which through a coordinated design is able to provide attributes to an autotrophic mode of life.
- ii. comprehend shoot apical meristem (SAM) as a transient entity derived from zygote which with its developmental potential is able to sensitively respond to the cues of space and time to offer a regulated contribution to plant development in consonance with environmental stimuli
- iii. gain insights on the dynamics of growth, mechanics of cell expansion, cytoskeletal controls, vacuolization, cell maturation and cytodifferentiation with an intent of suitably tinkering these microporocesses of development with a utility value
- iv. resolve the most fascinating process of flower development in plants with a modularized approach of analyzing floral induction, development of the various floral organs and anthesis the processes of post pollination-fertilization changes can be suitably intervened and interceded to suit market interest
- v. get reinforced with the biophysical principles in understanding the growth dynamics that on elucidation of pattern formation students will be carrying out practical and applied experiments in plant morphogenesis.

UNIT I Organization of land plants: Exomorphic design – internal morphology and histological diversity – unique and general attributes of plant growth – plant structure viewed in terms of functions – cell as a building block – developmental potential of zygote, shoot and root meristem – embryogenic, somatic and reproductive phases of plant development.

Unit II Developmental anatomy: Uniqueness of meristematic cell – Shoot Apical Meristem (SAM)– theories and contemporary views– parenchyma as a filler and feeder – wall thickening and cytological variations in collenchyma and sclerenchyma – axial and appendicular structures – shoots – leaf differentiation and leaf expansion – plastochron – phyllotaxy – mechanism of axial and radial growth – polarity – histogenesis – lateral meristem (vascular and cork cambium)

– xylem – phloem – secondary growth and anomaly – environmental control – special structures (velamen, hydathodes and laticifers).

Unit –III Growth and Development: Mechanics of cell cycle and cell division – Growth curve and relative growth rate (RGR) – growth pattern – Plant Growth Regulators: bioassay and biosynthesis – mode of action of classical hormones, Brassinosteroids, Jasmonic Acid – Phytochromes and Photoperiodism – Biological Clock – Plant Movements – Biochemical and Hormonal Integration – Signal Transduction – Genetic Control – Growth Measurement – Aging – Senescence, Abscission – Dormancy – Programmed Cell Death (PCD).

Unit IV Reproductive Biology: Organization of floral meristem – protective and generative organs of a flower – floral evocation – Control of florogenesis: ABC model – microsporogenesis and pollen development – megasporogenesis and female gametophytes – genic and cytoplasmic male sterility – Floral and extrafloral nectaries – Protection and pollination behavior – pollen – pistil interactions and sexual incompatibility– syngamy, post-fertilization changes (embryo, seed, fruit development).

Unit V Experimental morphogenesis: Plant growing structures – controlled and precision farming. Nursery practices – propagation through cutting, layering, grafting – Seed science – traditional and hybrid seed production – grain filling – parthenocarpy and applications (seedless, shelf - life) – commercial dimensions of flower, seed, fruit and grain production – Case studies on rubber, tea ‘banji’ removal and Jasmine production.

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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1				4			
CO2					5		
CO3				4			
CO4						6	
CO5					5		

PREAMBLE: This important course on modern biology provides the basic knowledge on genes genomes and genotype as the basis of heredity and goes on to provide an explanation as to how biological systems which vulnerable and dynamic are able to offer firm foundations in dealing with plants as biotic entities with endless opportunities to evolve bio based experiments and enterprises. Besides offering a broad based understanding on the functioning of plant genetic systems it seeks to provide useful insights on how breeding will have bearing on agronomy and crop improvement

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. gain a comprehensive exposure on the foundations and application of classical genetics that they would realize the implications of their study with live examples
- ii. understand the chromosomal basis of heredity and evaluate the phenotypic expressions of the autosomes and sex chromosomes with real time case studies that the ramifications of mutations can be understood in comparison with wild type as showcased in select organisms
- iii. undisputedly affirm the DNA as the genetic material in life forms and elucidate its functions and replication to the extent that the centrality and the significance of this form polynucleotide in the study of molecular biology is comprehended
- iv. elucidate the molecular frame work of the process of transcription and translation that a reference is created for understanding the controls of selective and sequential expression of genes
- v. infer from the host of argonomically significant case studies that the value of organelle genome and advantages of classical and contemporary techniques hired by plant breeders is studied and evaluated

UNIT I: Concepts of Heredity: Pre-Mendelian and Mendelian genetics – classical experiments in plants – phenotype and genotype variations - laws of Mendel – Genes and Alleles– application of statistics in genetics — Mendel-Fisher Controversy- Extensions of Mendelian Genetics - Penetrance – expressivity –pleiotrophy –phenocopies- Lethality – genetic heterogeneity – Gene interaction

UNIT II: Genetics in everyday life: Sex determination – linkage and crossing over – gene Maps (*Neurospora*, *Yeast*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *Drosophila melanogaster* and *Homo sapiens*— Sex linkage – Sex Limited and Sex influenced inheritance - Polygenic Inheritance. Gene Mapping - Structural and numerical alterations of chromosomes- types, causes and detection of mutations – Gene Mutation: biochemical loss and gain of function

UNIT III: Organization of nuclear genome: DNA as genetic material – prokaryotic and eukaryotic DNA- chromatin – chromosomes - gene, C value paradox – *Arabidopsis* and *Oryza* as genome models – transposons – evolution of DNA - Replication of DNA (Structure – types – melting curve – types of replication – enzymes in replication – formation of replication fork – synthesis of daughter strands – repair mechanisms).

UNIT IV: Genes in Action: Transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (RNA synthesis – enzymology – signaling) – mechanics of initiation, elongation, termination – post-transcriptional modification and RNA splicing - regulation of gene expression (operon concept, physical and chemical factors) – RNA interference (TGS and PTGS)- Translation (genetic code – redundancy and elucidation of base composition – tRNA charging – initiation, elongation and termination) – post-translational modification – coupled transcription and translation.

UNIT V: Organelle Genome and Plant Breeding Techniques: Endosymbiotic theory – organization in chloroplast and mitochondria – synthesis and assembly of RUBPcase – interaction with nuclear genome – cytoplasmic male sterility, Plant breeding: selection (types , methods) – Hybridization techniques – heterosis – clonal selection – Types of breeding (mutation, ploidy) – introduction and acclimatization – Pros and Cons of GM crops.

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CO1				4			
CO2					5		
CO3				4			
CO4					5		
CO5					5		

PREAMBLE

This back to back laboratory sessions that comes in two splits will provide an hands on experience to the students to test and verify the laws and concepts in classical and modern genetics that the learner will be confident in handling issues that crop up in these domains and in addition provide a know-how to interpret the plant structure and its growth from the developmental point of view. ON effective completion of the lab exercises prescribed here the students gain and gather immense confidence to perform horticultural and plant breeding experiments and take jobs in plant based vocations.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. test and verify the basic laws of inheritance as proposed by mendalian and post mendalian era and entrain themselves to handle experiments in molecular biology that they would be inspired to take up advanced studies in gene manipulation
- ii. to gain a comprehensive understanding on the organization of plant structure that they will draw insights to effectively manipulate them for commercial gains

Genetics

1. Verification of Mendel's laws
2. Gene interactions
4. Study of Mendelian traits in human
5. Barr bodies & Giant chromosome - Chironema
6. Blood grouping- multiple alleles
7. Probability test – beads/coin/dice
8. Chromosome mapping

Molecular Biology

1. Isolation of genomic DNA from plant tissue.
2. Estimation of Nucleic acid
3. Preparation of genomic DNA from Bacteria.
4. Isolation of plasmid DNA
5. Identification of DNA by Agarose Gel Electrophoresis.
6. Extraction of total RNA (hot phenol method).
7. PCR.

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MORPHOGENESIS-LAB

The morphogenesis component throws light on the exomorphic variations, anatomy of root, stem and leaf and lends insights on the pattern of primary and secondary growth. Variations that occur during the development of plant organs shall be presented through suitable examples. The technique of maceration, micrometry and the staining will be taught along with method of micro slide preparation. Due importance is also given to the embryological aspects. Histological analysis of ovular complex, different types of ovules, ovary and placentation shall be presented. Some experiments are included on experimental manipulation of plant growth.

1. Morphology and adaptations of flowering plant.
2. Growth pattern
3. Internal morphology of the monocot and dicot root and shoot (using camera lucida).
4. Investigation of secondary growth and wood anatomy.
5. Anomalous secondary growth in selected plants.
6. Study on leaf: Anatomy, Trichomes, Phyllotaxy and Stomatal apparatus.
7. Plant organs of special purpose – Floral, extra floral nectaries, laticifers.
8. Observation on primary, secondary meristems and nodal anatomy.
9. Maceration techniques and study of plant tissues.
10. Types and variations in inflorescences and flowers, floral modification.
11. Organization of anther and pollen (pollen wall patterns, pollen germination)
12. Study on ovary, ovules and their modification.
13. Isolation of plant embryos and embryonal tissues.
14. Group projects:
 1. Vegetative propagation techniques: Budding, Layering, Cuttage and graftage.
 2. Microtomy and permanent slide preparations.

Submission:

A minimum of 10 double stained permanent sections

Record and observation note book.

Wax blocks and slides mounted with wax ribbons.

Group report on a ontogenetic change in selected plant.

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CO1					5		
CO2						6	

ENVIRONMENT AND BIORESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PGB 5547

6Hr/ 5 Cr

Preamble: The course presents an overview on the components of environment. Students will learn about the fragility and delicate balance between the interactive variables of habitat. Various causes of pollution and will have an opportunity to get sensitized about local and global environmental issues. The course reveals various resources available in the environment and suggest management strategies and conservation techniques to prevent loss of environment.

COURSE OUTCOME

The student will be able to

- i. Understand the elements of nature governing life, categorize the ecosystem, analyze the interaction among living organism
- ii. assess the effects of disasters, remind of the episodes of natural and man-made disasters, develop strategies to tackle the situation during disasters.
- iii. know the resources available in land ,water and air, utilize the bioresources sustainably, assess the microbial products, produce animal food product.
- iv. plan for his land, manage water and wildlife, render ecoservices, restore the environment, create integrated crop management system
- v. differentiate in-situ and ex-situ conservation, identify ecosensitive zone and heritage sites, create community reserves

Unit 1. Living Earth:

Elements of Nature – Biotic, abiotic and climatic factors –seasonal variations- lithosphere – atmosphere –hydrosphere – biosphere –land forms – forest - ecosystem (Structure, component and Types) –food chain &food web –ecological pyramid –energy flow – Succession – biogeochemical cycle – living organism interactions.

Unit 2. Disasters affecting Environment:

Natural disasters: earthquake – volcanic eruption – floods –cyclones – tsunami – forest fire.

Man made disasters: pollution of air (green house effect, ozone depletion, acid rain, photochemical smog) land (solid waste, chemical waste, nuclear waste) water (pacific gyre, oil spillage, thermal) -episodes (Bhopal gas tragedy, Fukushima nuclear plant disaster, Gulf war oil spill)

Unit 3. Natural resources:

Renewable resources: Land (nutrient rich soil, mineral, constructing materials, precious stones) water (hydro power, tidal power, salt, minerals) air (wind energy, oxygen source, breeze). Non renewable resources: Fossil fuel (Natural gas – Coal- Crude oil).

Bioresources: Plants (Food, fodder, fuel, timber, Paper, fibre, NTFPs, seaweed) Animals (meat, dairy products, wool, biogas, seafood, corals) Microorganisms (antibiotics, enzymes, detritus, Nitrogen fixer)

Unit 4 .Natural resource management:

Land use planning – Land reclamation – Water management – biodiversity conservation – sustainability of (agriculture – mining – fisheries –forestry) – reintroduction of species – mimic environment afforestation and reforestation – Integrated crop management –wildlife management –ecosystem services – ecobalance –ecotourism.

Unit 5: Conservation of Bioresources:

In-situ conservation: National parks - wildlife sanctuaries – biosphere reserves – protected forests – ecosensitive zones – Unesco heritage sites – Man and Biosphere reserve – tiger reserve – conservation reserves – community reserves –Sacred groves.

Ex-situ conservation: Botanical gardens- germplasm centres – hot spots –agro forestry –seed gene bank –cryopreservation – Tissue culture bank – Long term captive breeding – zoological garden. Environment conservation organizations- ecological movements – Government policies – Ecosensitization.

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CO1		4				
CO2				4		
CO3			5			
CO4						5
CO5	4					

ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

PGB5349

4Hr /3Cr

PREAMBLE

In these days commoditization, marketization and globalization, education at tertiary level calls for personalized professional and skill development that can come only with a special emphasis on original research. This course has ingredients that would prepare the senior graduating students to get into the habit asking specific questions of exploration that would help in self-learning. The course content has emphasis on two components namely (1) ways and means to equip themselves with research methodology, and (2) to give a concise and comprehensive exposure for bioinstrumentation.

COURSE OUTCOME

The student will be able to

- i. experiment using pH meter& centrifuge, know how to separate biomolecules and differentiate the various chromatography, construct the electrophoresis technique
- ii. Use spectrophotometers, gain knowledge on advance techniques such as NMR & ESR, apply isotopes in various fields.
- iii. Document the availability of plants in an area, monitor the weather condition prevailing in a locality, assess the topography, examine the characteristics of water.
- iv. Effectively perform sampling techniques, retrieve data from web source-calculate using statistical formula and tabulate datas using computers, test the validation
- v. review various types of research publication, develop their knowledge in writing thesis, summarize his work.

UNIT I: Analytical and Separation techniques : Concept and working principle of pH meter– principle and protocols of centrifugation (differential, density gradient and ultra); Chromatography (TLC, Column, GLC, HPLC) -Electrophoresis (PAGE, AGE).

UNIT II: Biophysical Methods: Spectroscopy (Visible/UV, IR, AAS) - Molecular structure analysis (mass spectrometry, X-ray diffraction, NMR) FTIR, MALDI-ToF, - detection using isotopes (measurement, radiolabelling, autoradiography).

UNIT III: Materials and methods in Field study : Qualitative and quantitative parameters: plant study – (Density, frequency, abundance, basal area, canopy cover, standing biomass, Quadrat, transect, point frame)- Meteorological studies (Rain gauge, anemometer, windpane, psychrometer barometer, altimeter, thermometer, Stoke's sunshine recorder)- Aquatic

studies(Secchi's disc, turbidometer)- field photography(DLR, Aerial)and remote sensing(GPS,GIS, toposheet)-Phytosociological studies

UNIT IV: Data Handling: Proposal of research- Hypothesis validation- Sampling (nature, design, size). Data sources (primary and secondary, electronic, library, database)- techniques in data collection (observation- interview- questionnaire- feed back- opinion poll) - quantification- classification- tabulation- diagrams(pictogram- cartogram- graphs- charts)- measures of central tendency (Mean, mode and Standard Deviation) - Percentages and Ratios – *f-test & t-tests* ANOVA)-Data interpretation.

UNIT V: Research design and Validation : Types of research publication (article, dissertation, research paper, peer- reviewed publication) - standards in publications- impact factor (SCOPUS and h-index)– plagiarism- thesis guidelines (Title of the paper, declaration, certificates, acknowledgement, contents, abbreviations, measurements, introduction, review of literature, rationale, plan of work, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion , summary, bibliography and appendices)– Presentation (oral and poster).

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	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	K6
CO1			5			
CO2		4				
CO3					5	
CO4						5
CO5						5

PREAMBLE: Students will apply the knowledge gained from molecular biology and microbiology in commercial explorations. They will learn the techniques for plant transformation and its confirmation. The students will appreciate the art of tissue culture not only in micropropagation but also in genetic transformation of plants.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the students will be able to

- i. understand the theoretical approach to gene manipulation through enzymological study and vector mediated approaches that experiments on genetic manipulations can be pursued further
- ii. Learn various wet lab molecular biological techniques and access the online bioinformatics tools and software to the extent that the in-silico resources are effectively tapped
- iii. Acquire knowledge on in-vitro cultivation techniques to develop protocols targeted towards commercialization
- iv. Appreciate the value of the traditional germplasm and get themselves trained in conserving and improving the crop variety to suit market interest and global legal policies
- v. develop entrepreneurial skills by acquiring knowledge on lab and mass cultivation of beneficial microbes to suffice the demand of marketable product

UNIT I: Gene manipulation :Scope - cloning strategies – restriction endonucleases – modifying enzymes (ligases, phosphatases, kinases) – gene cloning vectors – DNA library – plasmid vectors – phage vectors – expression vectors – binary vectors – shuttle vectors – poly nucleotide probe – cDNA cloning – Ti plasmids – transformation (*Agrobacterium* mediated and biolistics method) –marker and reporter genes.

UNIT II: Molecular tools and techniques: Promoters – open reading frames – linkers and adaptors – fusion protein – DNA amplification (principle and applications) – RtPCR –blotting techniques (Southern, Northern and Western blotting) – nonradioactive probe – DNA diagnostics (RFLP, AFLP, RAPD, SNP) – gene chip – DNA sequencing – restriction mapping - online resources (NCBI and EBI) – softwares (Bioedit, ClustalW, NJplot).

UNIT III: Plant Tissue Culture: Founding Principles – rationale for *in vitro* culture – techniques of asepsis –patterns of regeneration– bud and meristem culture – genetic stability and variability (spontaneous variations and somaclones) – *in vitro* mutagenesis (physical and

chemical) – suspension culture – cell line selection – triploids, haploids – advantages of polyploidy – as an adjunct to plant breeding (embryo rescue and embryo culture) – limitations.

UNIT IV: Genetic improvement of crops : Importance of germplasm - crop improvement-nuances of cryoprotection – hybrid seeds – Seed certification – plant quarantine and international exchange of germplasm – gene transfer methods (direct DNA delivery, microinjection, biolistic bombardment – electroporation) – Synthetic seeds – Case study on *glyphosate* and *Cry genes* – terminator Seed technology – gene pyramid and bioprospecting – lab to land transfer protocols – IPR – patenting – bioethics – ELSI.

UNIT 5 : Fermentation technology: Historical developments – fermentor (construction, components, types, basic functions) – media formulation – sterilization and culture methods (batch, continuous and fed-batch systems) – industrial microbes (isolation and strain improvement) – inoculum development – fermentation kinetics – fermentation scale-up , upstream and downstream processing – fermented products (milk products, alcoholic beverages, organic acids and amino acids) – single cell proteins (bacteria, algae and fungi).

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CO3						6	
CO4					5		
CO5						6	

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND TISSUE CULTURE (LAB)

PGB 5444

6 Hrs / 4 Cr

PREAMBLE: The objective of this lab course is to make the students understand the various techniques of genetic engineering, tissue culture and industrial microbiology. It deals with the procedures of extracting and estimating the nuclear material. Students will learn the techniques needed for cloning. Students will know the ways and means to use the *in vitro* procedures for crop improvement and plant propagation. The training in organ, callus, embryo, cell suspension and plant protoplast culture will help students to apply tissue culture in biotechnology. The stakeholders will have the knowledge to make industrial products such as wine, alcohol, citric acid and single cell protein under lab conditions. They will have the expertise for mass production of cyanobacteria under improvised conditions. They will visit leading laboratories and institutes to get exposed to various developments that take place in biotechnology.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the Semester, the students will be able to

- i. perform experiments using DNA technology and skills acquired on fermentation methodology that they shall be able to make produce suiting industrial and community demands
- ii. equip themselves to develop procedures and protocols to find employment opportunities in tissue culture industries and /or initiate project of entrepreneur dimensions

GENETIC ENGINEERING

1. Isolation of genomic DNA from plant tissue.
2. Estimation of Nucleic acid
3. Preparation of genomic DNA from Bacteria.
4. Identification of DNA by Agarose Gel Electrophoresis.
5. Restriction digestion
6. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR).

INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY

1. Production of citric acid using *Aspergillus niger* – Solid state fermentation and submerged fermentation.
2. Mass production of cyanobacteria – improvised method.
3. Fermentation and wine production.
4. Screening of microbes for antimicrobial products – Crowded plate method.

5. Immobilization of algal cells using calcium alginate.
6. Types of Fermentations- SSF and SMF

PLANT TISSUE CULTURE

1. Aseptic procedures.
2. Preparation of MS and B5 medium.
3. Callus culture techniques: model system – Carrot and Bean.
4. Maintenance of callus-subcultures and induction of regeneration responses.
5. Organ culture: Procedure for the *in-vitro* culture shoots bud and nodal buds.
6. Embryo rescue techniques and embryo cultures.
7. Culture of pollen, anther and ovary.
8. Delineating a protocol for organogenesis / embryogenesis.
9. Installation of cell suspension culture
10. Cell immobilization, Protoplast isolation and the production of new cell lines.
11. Feasibility of raising haploid and genetic variants.
12. Whole plant recovery, hardening and field plant.

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Mapping Cos with Bloom's taxonomy:

	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1						6	
CO2						6	

NANOBIOLOGY

PGB 5346

4 Hr / 3 Cr

PREAMBLE: This course is designed for the students to identify the nanoparticles and their usage. Students will know the awe of the diverse application of DNA, protein and lipid in the fabrication of nanowires and nanomachines.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. trace the timeline of events in this new discipline, look at nature for drawing inspirations from the idea spontaneous self assembly to salvage pathways to locate plenty of room available at the bottom
- ii. arrive at the classification of nano materials and finds ways and means of using them for novel applications in various spheres of research and utility
- iii. evaluate the different types of synthesis of nano molecules and find the scope for developing innovative technology and products that their utility is consciously and continuously explored
- iv. assess the feasibility of using this technology in dealing with issues pertaining to health and environment
- v. discuss in detail the prospects and perils of hiring nanotechnology in the context of assessing ethical, legal, social implications cropping up in the liberalization, privatization & globalization (LPG) scenario

UNIT I: Basic concepts : Social background, definition – bio-nanotechnology and nanobiotechnology- timeline of nanotechnology - types, magnitude of particles, shape and phase of molecules – Moore's law - top down and bottom up approaches, delivery systems – liposome, Blood Brain Barrier.

UNIT II: Diversity in nanosystems – Carbon based nanostructures - fullerenes, nanotubes, nanoshells, buckyballs – biomolecules and nanoparticles, nanosensors, nanomaterials - Classification based on dimensionality- quantum dots, wells and wires – metal based nano materials (gold, silver and oxides) - Nanocomposites- Nanopolymers – Nanoglasses –Nano ceramics.

UNIT III: Fabrication of Nanostructures: Photolithography and its limitation-Electron beam lithography (EBL)- Nanoimprint – Soft lithography patterning, optical lithography – characterization – Bionanostructures and their properties - DNA nanowires Peptide nanowires and nanotubes - Protein nanoparticles - Bioinspired nanomaterials – DNA as a nano structure – silk protein - biomineralisation (diatoms) - lotus effect – nanomotors (ATPase, flagella).

UNIT IV : Nanobiotechnology : Nanodevices and nanomachines based on biological nanostructures - Protein and DNA nanoarrays, tissue engineering - medical applications - nanotechnology for reducing energy consumption and pollution.

UNIT V: Biophysical Applications: Solar energy conversion and catalysis, biosensors – Nanomedicine - Nanoparticles in bone substitutes and dentistry. Nanotoxicology - challenges. Nanotechnology in agriculture (fertilizer, pesticides and food), cosmetics (gels, sun-screen, shampoos and hair conditioners) – dispersions for UV protection using titanium oxide – color cosmetics - commercial exploration. Biosafety and bioethics.

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1					5		
CO2						6	
CO3						6	
CO4				4			
CO5					5		

PREAMBLE:

Systems biology had emerged as a field of biology in the post-genomic era due to availability of omics data. This fundamental course in system biology will introduce the concepts pertaining to the systems biology. System approach helps to understand the structure, dynamics and functional attributes from molecules, cell, tissue and organism level. The course will provide insights into holistic approach in the biological system, contrary to the reductionist approach which dominates now. High throughput techniques employed in the biological research, data collection and processing will be dealt. Expose students to system level thinking and understanding the functions at different hierarchy by integrating different databases and working with existing models. This will help the students to work parallel with the experimental, computational and theoretical research in different aspects of biology.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. comprehend the complexity of processes in the biological system and construe the interactions from a holistic view harping on the theories over which this emerging discipline is built.
- ii. understand the nuances of systems approach in biology in the aftermath of post genomic era, and employ high throughput techniques to collect and analyze biological data with a focus on its future perspectives.
- iii. demonstrate the structure and dynamics of biological network and their interactions at various levels encompassing gene regulatory, biochemical and signal transduction network and apply the knowledge to analyze disorders in the system.
- iv. apply system based modeling approaches in biology (microbial, plant based and ecological models) as template to collect and analyze perturbations to test hypothesis and draw holistic inferences.
- v. evaluate the plant databases and software packages used in systems biology to secure desired details that innovations can be made in contemporary collaborative research

Unit I. Trends in biological research: Cell – a basic unit of life – molecules involved in cellular processes - cell to organism level process in biological system – paradigm in biological research – reductionism and holistic approach–Systems biology theories and time line – challenges and future perspectives.

Unit II. Facets of Systems approach: Hierarchies in biological system: gene, molecular, cellular and organ levels and interactions. High throughput experimental techniques - post-genomic era - omics technologies – whole genome sequences - big data - interactome. Properties of biological system – system dynamics and control - experimental and computational biology - emergent properties.

Unit III. Network biology and their applications: Cell as an integrated device – molecular interactions – network analytic methods – Gene, transcription and regulatory network – Biochemical reactions and metabolic pathway systems – disease pathway analysis - Signal transduction network.

Unit IV. System biology models and approaches: Genome to life – data integration and modeling process – hypothesis testing - flux balance analysis and applications. Cell cycle models – Microbial models (Bacterial chemotaxis and Yeast) – Plant based models (plant development and plant defense system) - Ecological models (energy flow and population dynamics).

Unit V: Databases and Software for Systems Biology Omics databases in plants - Software packages – Cytoscape, Celldesigner, Virtual cell. MetaCyc, BioCyc, KEGG pathway, Pathguide. Features of System Biology Markup Language and PYTHON.

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	K1 (Recall)	K2 (Understand)	K3 (Apply)	K4 (Analyze)	K5 (Evaluate)	K6 (Create)	Total
CO1				4			
CO2					5		
CO3					5		
CO4					5		
CO5						6	

PROJECT

PGB 5750

8H/7Cr

PREAMBLE: Project is a component of the active learning module that teaches approach and research techniques. Students would have hands on experience in investigating a selected research problem where he/she shall be trained in framing and testing hypothesis through suitable research design. The primary intent of the project experience is to build in interest, confidence and credentials in students to make them turn independent researchers, scientists, technocrats or a biological entrepreneur.

COURSE OUTCOME

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- i. make fair and unbiased judgment with data that they generate and draw meaningful inferences to contribute first hand information to the existing body of knowledge
- ii. eventually emerge as an independent researcher who can make correct judgments for recommending policies for pursuing innovation

BROAD RESEARCH AREAS

- Plant diversity and Systematics
- Plant physiology and Biochemistry
- Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Microbiology and Plant pathology
- Environmental Biology
- Computational Biology
- Nanobiotechnology

Allocation

- Student may select their broad research area during the end of the second semester and will be guided by a suitable research supervisor in the area allotted by the HOD.
- Each research supervisor may be allotted a single student or a group (2-3 students).
- Summer vacation may be used by the students to initiate their project work.
- Staff workload will be equally shared among the guides.

Objective of the study

- Topic investigated will have defined area of study.
- Project students would have hands on experience in all the instruments and techniques to conduct his/her original research.

- Minimum of 5-10 yrs of literature will be added in the review with recent year of publication.
- Standard of the project work should be high enough to be presented in conferences or to communicate as a paper and be subjected to a peer review.

Evaluation

- Term paper (summer and third semester) and Oral presentation (work plan in outline) in the beginning of the fourth semester. Guide and HOD will evaluate.
- At the middle of fourth semester (after the first test), Interim reports shall be submitted by the students. This interim report should form the basis for the final project report and which will be evaluated by UG HOD, PG HOD and guide.
- Even at instances where research is carried out as a group, individual students will be evaluated.
- Evaluation will be based on prescribed format approved by the faculty. The format may be revisited and updated as and when needed.
- Attendance of the student for presentation and viva-voce is a must.

Final Evaluation

A department level open viva-voce will be conducted. PG &UG Head, Guide and senior most faculty functioning as project coordinator will form a panel to evaluate the dissertation work.

PG HOD will chair all the evaluation components connected to the project work.

Dissertation format

- Introduction
- Review of literature
- Materials and methods
- Result
- Discussion
- Summary
- Bibliography

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						6	