

Core Course: Botany Paper I
Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate)
(Credits: Theory-4, Practicals-2)
THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Microbes and Fungi

(18 Lectures)

Viruses: Discovery, general structure, replication, DNA virus (T-phage); lytic and lysogenic cycle, RNA virus (TMV).

Bacteria: General characteristics and cell structure; reproduction ó vegetative, asexual and recombination (conjugation, transformation and transduction); economic importance.

Fungi: General characteristics, classification (Alexopolous, Mims & Blackwell), cell wall composition, nutrition and reproduction; life cycle of *Rhizopus* (Zygomycota), *Venturia* (Ascomycota), *Agaricus* (Basidiomycota).

Symbiotic Associations: Lichens and Mycorrhiza - general account and significance.

Unit 2: Algae

(13 Lectures)

General characteristics, classification of algae (Round 1965), criteria for algal classification; range of thallus organization; morphology, reproduction and life cycle of *Nostoc*, *Chlamydomonas*, *Oedogonium*, *Vaucheria*, *Ectocarpus*, *Batrachospermum*; economic importance of algae.

Unit 3: Bryophytes

(13 Lectures)

Archegoniate – General characteristics, adaptations to land habit.

Bryophytes - General characteristics, Proskauer's classification (upto family); morphology, anatomy and reproduction (excluding developmental details) of *Marchantia* and *Funaria*; Evolution of sporophyte; apogamy and apospory; alternation of generation; economic importance of bryophytes.

Unit 4: Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms

(16 Lectures)

Pteridophytes - General characteristics; classification of pteridophytes (Sporne 1965); Early land plants (*Rhynia*); morphology, anatomy and reproduction (excluding developmental details) of *Equisetum* and *Dryopteris*; heterospory and origin of seed habit; evolution of stellar systems in pteridophytes.

Gymnosperms - General characteristics, classification ó Christenhusz et al. 2011 (upto family); morphology, anatomy and reproduction (excluding developmental details) of *Cycas* and *Pinus*; economic importance of gymnosperms.

Practical

- i. Models / photographs of viruses ó T-Phage and TMV, drawing / photograph of lytic and lysogenic Cycle.
- ii. Types of bacteria from temporary/permanent slides/photographs; Gram staining
- iii. Study of vegetative and reproductive structures of *Nostoc*, *Chlamydomonas*, *Oedogonium*, *Vaucheria*, *Ectocarpus* and *Batrachospermum* through temporary preparations and permanent slides.
- iv. *Rhizopus* and *Venturia*: Asexual stages from temporary mounts and sexual structures

- through permanent slides.
- v. *Agaricus*: Specimens of button stage and full grown mushroom; sectioning of gills of *Agaricus*.
 - vi. Study of growth forms of lichens (crustose, foliose and fruticose)
 - vii. *Marchantia*- morphology of thallus, w.m. rhizoids and scales, v.s. thallus through gemma cup, w.m. gemmae (all temporary slides), v.s. antheridiophore, archegoniophore, l.s. sporophyte (all permanent slides).
 - viii. *Funaria*- morphology, w.m. leaf, rhizoids, operculum, peristome, annulus, spores (temporary slides); permanent slides showing antheridial and archegonial heads, l.s. capsule and protonema.
 - ix. *Selaginella*- morphology, w.m. leaf with ligule, t.s. stem, w.m. strobilus, w.m. microsporophyll and megasporophyll (temporary slides), l.s. strobilus (permanent slide).
 - x. *Equisetum*- morphology, t.s. internode, l.s. strobilus, t.s. strobilus, w.m. sporangiophore, w.m. spores (wet and dry - temporary slides); t.s rhizome (permanent slide).
 - xi. *Dryopteris*- morphology, t.s. rachis, v.s. sporophyll, w.m. sporangium, w.m. spores (temporary slides), t.s. rhizome, w.m. prothallus with sex organs and young sporophyte (permanent slide).
 - xii. *Cycas*- morphology (coralloid roots, bulbil, leaf), t.s. coralloid root, t.s. rachis, v.s. leaflet, v.s microsporophyll, w.m. spores (temporary slides), l.s. ovule, t.s. root (permanent slide).
 - xiii. *Pinus*- morphology (long and dwarf shoots, w.m. dwarf shoot, male and female), w.m. dwarf shoot, t.s. needle, t.s. stem, , l.s./t.s. male cone, w.m. microsporophyll, w.m. microspores (temporary slides), l.s. female cone, t.l.s. & r.l.s. stem (permanent slide).

Suggested Readings

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