

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To understand the cell and distinguish between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell
- To understand the role of different cell organelles in maintenance of life activities
- To acquaint the students with the concepts of cell division and cell cycle
- To acquaint student with basic concepts of molecular biology as to how characters are expressed with a coordinated functioning of replication, transcription and translation in all living beings
- To acquaint the students on the biological importance of biomolecules.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The overall course outcome is that the student shall develop deeper understanding of what life is and how it functions at cellular level. This course will provide students with a deep knowledge in Cell and molecular biology. By the completion of the course the graduate shall be able to –

- Understand the basic unit of the living organisms and to differentiate the organisms by their cell structure.
- Describe fine structure and function of plasma membrane and different cell organelles of eukaryotic cell.
- Explain the cell cycle and bioenergetics of the cell
- Understand the central dogma of molecular biology and flow of genetic information from DNA to proteins
- Understand the gene expression phenomenon and biological importance of biomolecules

SYLLABUS:

UNIT – I Cell Biology-I

- 1.1 Definition, history, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, virus, viroids, mycoplasma
- 1.2 Electron microscopic structure of animal cell.
- 1.3 Plasma membrane –Models and Fluid mosaic model
- 1.4 Transport functions of plasma membrane-Active – passive- facilitated.

UNIT – II Cell Biology-II

- 2.1 Structure and functions of Golgi complex & Endoplasmic Reticulum
- 2.2 Structure and functions of Lysosomes & Ribosomes
- 2.3 Structure and functions of Mitochondria & Centriole
- 2.4 Structure and functions of Nucleus & Chromosomes

UNIT – III Cell Biology-III

- 3.1 Cell Division- mitosis, meiosis
- 3.2 Cell cycle – stages- check points- regulation
- 3.3 Abnormal cell growth- cancer- apoptosis
- 3.4 Bio energetics- Glycolysis-Krebs cycle-ETS

UNIT IV: Molecular Biology-I

- 4.1 Central Dogma of Molecular Biology
- 4.2 Basic concepts of - DNA replication – Overview (Semi-conservative mechanism, Semi-discontinuous mode, Origin & Propagation of replication fork)
- 4.3 Transcription in prokaryotes – Initiation, Elongation and Termination, Post-transcriptional modifications (basics)
- 4.4 Translation – Initiation, Elongation and Termination

UNIT V: Molecular Biology-II

- 5.1 Gene Expression in prokaryotes (Lac Operon); Gene Expression in eukaryotes
- 5.2 Biomolecules- Carbohydrates (Glucose- structure-properties- biological importance only)
- 5.3 Biomolecules- Protein (Amino acid- structure- properties- biological importance only)
- 5.4 Biomolecules- Lipids (Fatty acid- structure - properties- biological importance only)

Co-curricular activities (Suggested)

- Model of animal cell
- Working model of mitochondria to encourage creativity among students
- Photo album of scientists of cell biology
- Charts on plasma membrane models/cell organelles
- Charts on central dogma/lac operon/genetic code
- Model of semi-conservative model of DNA replication
- Power point presentation of any of the above topics by students

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