ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

III SEMESTER  **AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT** TIME:15HRS

AGRD 261 (1) **ECO-PHYSIOLOGY** MARKS:100

w.e.f 2024-2025 (23AK Batch) **SYLLABUS**

**OBJECTIVES:**

* To study about relation between environment and the functioning of the live

Organisms

* To study about how life process depend on the environment at different levels.
* To study about connection between life process in the context.

**Course Outcomes**

**CO1:** Explain concepts and components of ecophysiology and its influence on crop distribution.

**CO2:** Outline the impact of different environments on biotic and abiotic components.

**CO3:** Distinguish between iconic and osmotic balance and types of competition in agriculture cropping.

**CO4:** Explain the scope of allelopathy and phyto-remediation in agriculture

**CO5:** Summarize the sources, effects of pollution, global warming on agricultural field crop productivity.

**UNIT – I: (4hrs)**

1. Ecophysiology – Introduction – Definition – Importance in agriculture and horticulture – Ecosystem – Definition of ecosystem, ecotypes and ecads – Biosphere and ecosystem – Sub divisions of biosphere – Pathways of energy in the biosphere – Concept of ecosystem – Components of ecosystem – Basic structure of ecosystem.

2. Different types of ecosystem – Freshwater, marine, forest and crop ecosystem – Energy in ecosystem – Productivity – Primary production – Secondary production – Types of food chains.

3. Global climates and crop distribution – Influence of climate on crop distribution (rice, wheat, maize, sorghum and sugarcane) – Important climatic regions of the world – Agro-climatic zones of India – Crop distribution in India and Andhra Pradesh.

4. Environment – Definition – Components – Biotic and abiotic environments – Biotic environment – Biotic factors and anthropic factors – Abiotic environment – Climatic, edaphic, physiographic and pyric factors – Climatic factors – Radiation – Effect of radiation on plant functions –Classification of ultraviolet (UV) radiation – Effects of UV-B radiation.

**UNIT – II: (3hrs)**

1.Abiotic environment – Climatic factors – Precipitation – Forms of precipitation – Effect of water deficit and water logging on plant processes – Temperature – Cardinal temperature – Effects of temperature on plant processes – Temperature injuries – High temperature and low temperature stress – Classification of plants based on heat resistance and cold resistance – Heat units.

2. Edaphic factors – Classification of plants based on adaptation to different soil types – Halophytes and salt stress tolerance mechanisms.

3. Physiographic factors – Altitude of the place, steepness of the slope, direction of mountain chain and exposure of the slope to light and wind – Effects of topographic factors on vegetation – Wind effect on physiological processes - Pyric factors – sources and type of fires – Effects of fire on vegetation and environment – management of fires and rejuvenation of crops.

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**UNIT- III: (3hrs)**

1. Biotic factors – Herbivores (grazing effect), symbiosis (Mycorrhiza and Rhizobium associations), insectivorous plants, epiphytism and parasites - Anthropic factors – Industrialization – Shifting cultivation – Crop improvement.

2. Physiological approaches for climate resilient agriculture.

3. Competition – Ecological succession – Dominance and subordination – Types of competition – Inter-specific, intra-specific and intra-plant competition – Monoculture and polyculture – Multistoried cropping system – Mutual shading.

**UNIT – IV: (2hrs)**

1. Allelopathy – Definition – Concept – Sources of allelopathic chemicals in crop and weed species – Natural products identified as allelopathic chemicals – Mode of action – Scope for allelopathy.

2. Phyto-remediation – Definition – Concept – Applications in agriculture and industry.

3. Pollution – Air pollution – Sources – Physiological effects on plants and its Management - Water pollution – Sources – physiological effects on plants and its Management - Soil pollution – Sources – Physiological effects on plants and its Management

**UNIT – V: (3hrs)**

1. Global warming – Greenhouse effect – Causes of global warming – Methane, carbon dioxide, chloro fluoro carbons’ (CFC), nitrous oxide (NO) gas and ozone – Impact of global warming on climate and agricultural productivity – Measures to reduce build-up of greenhouse gases.

2. Controlled environment – Purposes – Types – Designs of structure – Commercial applications.

3. Carbon dioxide fertilization – Definition – Concept – Importance – Sources Methods of CO2 fertilization – Effects on crop yields and limitations - Eco physiological models - Concept – Models for different environmental management.

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5. Schulze, E.C., Beck, E and Muller-Hohenstein, K. 2005. Plant Ecology. Springer Science & Business Media, New York City.

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