

Unit-4: Soil microbes – interactions 10 Hrs.

1. Distribution of microorganisms in soil; factors influencing the soil microflora; role of microorganisms in soil fertility.
2. Microbial interactions: symbiosis, neutralism, commensalism, competition, antagonism, synergism, parasitism and predation.
3. Microorganisms of rhizosphere, phyllosphere and spermosphere; microbial interactions and their effect on plant growth.

Unit-5: Beneficial and harmful microbes 10 Hrs.

1. A brief account of symptoms of viral diseases in plants; Tungro disease in paddy.
2. A summary of symptoms of bacterial diseases in plants; Citrus canker.
3. Microorganisms as food; probiotics and prebiotics; products from microorganisms, Metabolites, enzymes, and antibiotics.
4. Bacterial and Cyanobacterial biofertilizers – their applications; Bacterial biopesticides and their applications.

IV. Text Books:

1. Bhattacharjee, R.N., (2017) Introduction to Microbiology and Microbial Diversity, Kalyani publishers, New Delhi.
2. Dubey, R.C. & D. K. Maheswari (2013) A Text Book of Microbiology, S. Chand & Company Ltd., New Delhi
3. Toshiwal, R.L. (2007) Agricultural Microbiology, Agrobios (India), Jodhpur

V. Reference Books:

1. Pelczar Jr., M.J., E.C.N. Chan & N. R. Krieg (2001) Microbiology, Tata McGraw-Hill Co, New Delhi
2. Prescott, L. Harley, J. and Klein, D. (2005) Microbiology, Tata McGraw-Hill Co. New Delhi.
3. Gyaneshwar, A.D., G.J. Parekh, and V.S. Reddy (2004) Agricultural Microbiology: Plant-Soil Interactions, Research Signpost, Kerala, India
4. Zaki A. Shuler and Zainul Abid (2014) Agricultural Microbiology: Principles and Applications, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods: Unit-1: Activity: Collecting scientific literature on historical developments in microbiology. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the report based on a rubric. **Unit-2: Activity:** Group discussion on various groups of special bacteria. **Evaluation method:** Assessment of active participation, soft skills, communication skills, collaborative skills, time management etc., of a group or a student based on a rubric.

Unit-3: Activity: Presentation or poster summarizing the classification of Eu-bacteria based on nutrition. **Evaluation method:** Assessment based on accuracy and understanding.

Unit-4: Activity: Microscopic observation of bacterial samples from soil/ phylloplane in their native place/ college campus. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the report on characteristics and classification of eubacteria.

Unit-5: Activity: Visit to Agriculture/Horticulture universities to learn about biofertilizers and biopesticides. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the report submitted by the student based a rubric.

7. Kevin Kavanagh (2005) *Fungi; Biology and Applications* John Wiley& Sons, Ltd., West Sussex, England.
8. John Webster & R. W. S. Weber (2007) *Introduction to Fungi*, Cambridge University Press, New York.

VI. Suggested activities and Evaluation methods: Unit-1: Activity: Algae specimen collection from any water bodies in their locality, recording the characteristics, identification and classifying them according to Fritsch system. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the presentation or report summarizing findings.

Unit-2: Activity: Microscopic observations and recording distinguishing characters of any six algal forms excluding the genera in the syllabus. **Evaluation method:** Conducting a Quiz or an exam/ evaluating the chart or drawings or summarized data on similarities and differences.

Unit-3: Activity: Collection of economically valuable fungal products. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the collections made and awarding grade.

Unit-4: Activity: Group discussion/quiz/JAM on characteristics of various groups of algae. **Evaluation method:** Assessment of the performance of individual/group of students based on a rubric.

Unit-5: Activity: Microscopic observations and summarizing the salient features of the fungal genera and lichen forms in the syllabus. **Evaluation method:** Conducting a Quiz or an exam/ evaluating the chart or drawings or concise data on similarities and differences.

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

I SEMESTER Course-1

BOTANY

TIME: 2Hrs/week

BOTANY B- Ma2 1105

DIVERSITY OF THALLOPHYTES

Max.Marks:50

W.e.f. "25AM"

Practical Syllabus

Practical Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

I. Course Outcomes: On successful completion of this practical course, student shall be able to:

1. Identify some algal and fungal species based on the structure of thalli and reproductive organs.
2. Decipher the lichens based on morphological, anatomical and reproductive features.
3. Realize the value of algal, fungal and lichen products available in markets.

II. Laboratory/field exercises: Study/ microscopic observation of vegetative, sectional/anatomical and reproductive structures of the following using temporary or permanent slides/ specimens/ mounts:

1. **Algae:** *Spirogyra*, *Ectocarpus*, *Vaucheria* and *Polysiphonia*; a centric and a pennate diatom.
2. Demonstration of culture and cultivation of *Chlorella*
3. Identification of some algal products available in local market.
4. **Fungi:** *Rhizopus*, *Penicillium* and *Puccinia*
5. Tikka disease of Groundnut and Red rot of Sugarcane
6. Identification of some fungal products available in the local market.
7. **Lichens:** Crustose, foliose and fruticose
8. Identification of some lichen products available in the local market.

V. Reference Books:

1. Shaw, A.J. & B.Goffinet (2000) Bryophyte Biology. Cambridge University Press, New York
2. Smith, G.M. (1971) Cryptogamic Botany Vol. II., Tata McGraw Hill, New Delhi
3. Sharma, O.P. (2012) Pteridophyta. Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi
4. Sporne, K.R. (1971) The Morphology of Gymnosperms. Hutchinsons Co. Ltd., London
5. Coulter, J.M. & C.J. Chamberlain (1910) Morphology of Gymnosperms, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Illinois
6. Bhatnagar, S.P. & Alok Moitra (1996) Gymnosperms. New Age International, New Delhi

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods:

Unit-1: Activity: Collection and identification of Bryophytes from their locality. **Evaluation**

method: Assessing the collections made by the student and assigning a grade.

Unit-2: Activity: Making temporary slides/models/drawings of Pteridophytes in the syllabus.

Evaluation method: Assessment of the temporary slides/model/drawing.

Unit-3: Activity: Group discussion/Quiz/JAM on evolutionary trends in Pteridophytes. **Evaluation**

method: Assessing the abilities of a group/ an individual based on the performance.

Unit-4: Activity: Study of wood elements in locally available Gymnosperms and making

temporary slides. **Evaluation method:** Validation of prepared slides submitted by the learner.

Unit-5: Activity: Assignment/seminar on evolutionary trends in Gymnosperms-making

comparative account. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the quality of assignment written with apt examples/quality of presentation using a rubric.

V. Reference Books:

1. Esau, K. (1971) Anatomy of Seed Plants. John Wiley and Son, USA.
2. Fahn, A. (1990) Plant Anatomy, Pergamon Press, Oxford.
3. Cutler, D.F., T. Botha & D. Wm. Stevenson (2008) Plant Anatomy: An Applied Approach, Wiley, USA
4. Paula Rudall (1987) Anatomy of Flowering Plants: An Introduction to Structure and Development. Cambridge University Press, London
5. Bhojwani, S. S. and S. P. Bhatnagar (2000) The Embryology of Angiosperms (4th Ed.). Vikas Publishing House, Delhi.
6. Pandey, A. K. (2000) Introduction to Embryology of Angiosperms. CBS Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
7. Maheswari, P. (1971) An Introduction to Embryology of Angiosperms. McGraw Hill Book Co., London.
8. Johri, B.M. (2011) Embryology of Angiosperms. Springer-Verlag, Berlin

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods:

Unit-1: Activity: Microscopic observations on different tissues in plants and recording characteristics. **Evaluation method:** Judgement of the report/seminar on comparative and contrasting features of various tissues in plants.

Unit-2: Activity: Visits to timber depots and furniture shops and making a report on various woods. **Evaluation method:** Assessment of report submitted with data, photographs and summary.

Unit-3: Activity: Study of pollen structure, germination and viability in some local plant species. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the report/seminar presentation with collected data.

Unit-4: Activity: Group discussion/quiz on endosperm types and functions. **Evaluation method:** Assessment of the best performing group.

Unit-5: Activity: Drawings of embryogeny in some angiosperms and making comparative report. **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the best drawings and comparative report.

1. Acharya, B.C., (2019) Archchegoniates, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi
2. Bhattacharya, K., G. Hait & Ghosh, A. K., (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume II, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
3. Hait, G., K. Bhattacharya & A.K. Ghosh (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume-I, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
4. Pandey, B.P. (2013) College Botany, Volumes-I & II, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi

V. Reference Books:

1. Smith, G.M. (1971) Cryptogamic Botany Vol. II., Tata McGraw Hill, New Delhi
2. Sharma, O.P. (2012) Pteridophyta. Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi
3. Sporne, K.R. (1971) The Morphology of Gymnosperms. Hutchinsons Co. Ltd., London
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5. Bhatnagar, S.P. & Alok Moitra (1996) Gymnosperms. New Age International, New Delhi
6. Sambamurty, A.V.S.S. (2005) Taxonomy of Angiosperms I. K. International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
7. Singh, G. (2012). Plant Systematics: Theory and Practice. Oxford & IBH Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
8. Simpson, M.G. (2006). Plant Systematics. Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods:

Unit-1: Activity: Making temporary slides/models/drawings of Pteridophytes in the syllabus.

Evaluation method: Assessment of the temporary slides/model/drawing.

Unit-2: Activity: Study of wood elements in locally available Gymnosperms and making temporary slides.

Evaluation method: Validation of prepared slides submitted by the learner.

Unit-3: Activity: Botanical field trip and collecting plant specimens for herbarium.

Evaluation method: Attendance in field trip and submission of field note book and herbarium sheets with filled in labels.

Unit-4: Activity: Making good models or drawings or collection of photographs of some important plant species from the families included in the syllabus.

Evaluation method: Authorize the quality of the work and conferring reward.

Unit-5: Activity: Collection of scientific literature on solving taxonomic problems by taking evidences from other branches of Botany.

Evaluation method: Validation of the collection submitted along with summary.

IV. Text Books:

1. Pandey, B.P. (2013) College Botany, Volumes-II & III, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi
2. Bhattacharya, K., G. Hait & Ghosh, A. K., (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume-II, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

V. Reference Books:

1. Esau, K. (1971) Anatomy of Seed Plants. John Wiley and Son, USA.
2. Fahn, A. (1990) Plant Anatomy, Pergamon Press, Oxford.
3. Cutler, D.F., T. Botha & D. Wm. Stevenson (2008) Plant Anatomy: An Applied Approach, Wiley, USA
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6. Pandey, A. K. (2000) Introduction to Embryology of Angiosperms. CBS Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
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8. Johri, B.M. (2011) Embryology of Angiosperms. Springer-Verlag, Berlin

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 - **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the report/seminar presentation with collected data.
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 - **Evaluation method:** Assessment of the best performing group.
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 - **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the best drawings and comparative report.

UNIT 5: Phytogeography (7 Hrs.)

1. Principles of phytogeography; distribution – wide, endemic, and discontinuous species.
2. Endemism – Types and causes.
3. Phytogeographic regions of the world.
4. Phytogeographic regions of India.
5. Vegetation types in Andhra Pradesh.

IV. TEXT BOOKS

1. Pandey B.P. (2013). *College Botany*, Volumes II & III. S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi.
2. Bhattacharya K., Hait G., Ghosh A.K. (2011). *Textbook of Botany*, Volume II. New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata.
3. Subrahmanyam N.S., Sambamurty A.V.S.S. (2008). *Ecology*. Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.
4. Sharma P.D. (2012). *Ecology and Environment*. Rastogi Publications, Meerut, India.
5. Kumar U. (2007). *Biodiversity: Principles and Conservation*. Agrobios (India), Jodhpur.
6. Mani M.S. (1974). *Ecology and Biogeography of India*. Dr. W. Junk Publishers, The Hague.

V. REFERENCE BOOKS

1. Kormondy E.J. (1996). *Concepts of Ecology*. Prentice-Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
2. Begon M., Harper J.L., Townsend C.R. (2003). *Ecology*. Blackwell Science Ltd., USA.
3. Odum E.P. (1996). *Fundamentals of Ecology*. Natraj Publishers, Dehradun.
4. Kumar H.D. (1992). *Modern Concepts of Ecology (7th Ed.)*. Vikas Publishing Co., New Delhi.
5. Newman E.I. (2000). *Applied Ecology*. Blackwell Scientific Publisher, UK.
6. Chapman J.L., Reiss M.J. (1992). *Ecology: Principles and Applications*. Cambridge University Press, UK.
7. Kumar H.D. (2000). *Biodiversity and Sustainable Conservation*. Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. Ltd., New Delhi.
8. Cain S.A. (1944). *Foundations of Plant Geography*. Harper & Brothers, New York.
9. Good R. (1997). *The Geography of Flowering Plants (2nd Ed.)*. Longmans, Green & Co., London & Allied Science Publishers, New Delhi.

VI. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND EVALUATION METHODS

Unit 1:

Activity: Field visit to local ecosystems and preparation of a report on biotic and abiotic components and their interactions.

Evaluation Method: Assessment based on attendance, report submission, and conclusions.

Unit 2:

Activity: Case studies on population and community ecology; preparation of a comprehensive report.

Evaluation Method: Evaluation of report and grading.

Unit 3:

Activity: Case studies on global and local climate change and their impacts; preparation of a report.

Evaluation Method: Assessment and grading of report.

Unit 4:

Activity: Survey in the local area to identify endangered and threatened species.

Evaluation Method: Evaluation of survey report using a rubric.

Unit 5:

Activity: Collection of local flora data and preparation of a project report.

Evaluation Method: Assessment and grading of project report.

2. Ghosh, A.K., K. Bhattacharya & G. Hait (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume-III, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
3. A.V.S.S. Sambamurty (2007) Molecular Genetics, Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi
4. S. C. Rastogi (2008) Cell Biology, New Age International (P) Ltd. Publishers, New Delhi

V. Reference Books

1. P. K. Gupta (2002) Cell and Molecular biology, Rastogi Publications, New Delhi
2. B. D. Singh (2008) Genetics, Kalyani Publishers, Ludhiana
3. Cooper, G.M. & R.E. Hausman (2009) The Cell – A Molecular Approach, A.S.M. Press, Washington
4. Becker, W.M., L.J. Kleinsmith & J. Hardin (2007) The World of Cell, Pearson, Education, Inc., New York
5. De Robertis, E.D.P. & E.M.F. De Robertis Jr. (2002) Cell and Molecular Biology, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publ., Philadelphia
6. Robert H. Tamarin (2002) Principles of Genetics, Tata McGraw –Hill Publishing Company Limited, New Delhi.
7. Gardner, E.J., M. J. Simmons & D.P. Snustad (2004) Principles of Genetics, John Wiley & Sons Inc., New York
8. Micklos, D.A., G.A. Freyer & D.A. Cotty (2005) DNA Science: A First Course, I.K. International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods

- **Unit-1: Activity:** Group discussion on different types of cells and their components.
 - **Evaluation method:** Identifying the best group or performer and giving a reward.
- **Unit-2: Activity:** Observation of chromosomal aberrations in *Allium cepa* root cells exposed to industrial effluent/ heavy metals
 - **Evaluation method:** Validation of report and assigning a grade based on a rubric.
- **Unit-3: Activity:** Solving the problems on classical genetics.
 - **Evaluation method:** Assessing the accuracy in solving the problems and awarding a grade.
- **Unit-4: Activity:** Making models of nucleic acids.
 - **Evaluation method:** Selecting the best and assigning a grade.
- **Unit-5: Activity:** Making a comprehensive report on sex determination in plants by collecting scientific literature.
 - **Evaluation method:** Validation of report and assigning a grade based on a specified point scale.

IV. Text Books:

1. Pandey, B.P. (2013) College Botany, Volume-III, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi.
2. Ghosh, A. K., K. Bhattacharya & G. Hait (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume III, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata.

V. Reference Books:

1. Aravind Kumar & S.S. Purohit (1998) Plant Physiology – Fundamentals and Applications, Agro Botanica, Bikaner.
2. Datta, S.C. (2007) Plant Physiology, New Age International (P) Ltd., Publishers, New Delhi.
3. Hans Mohr & P. Schopfer (2006) Plant Physiology, Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
4. Hans-Walter Heldt (2005) Plant Biochemistry, Academic Press, U.S.A.
5. Hopkins, W.G. & N.P.A. Huner (2014) Introduction to Plant Physiology, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
6. Noggle Ray & J. Fritz (2013) Introductory Plant Physiology, Prentice Hall (India), New Delhi.
7. Pandey, S.M. & B.K. Sinha (2006) Plant Physiology, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi.
8. Salisbury, Frank B. & Cleon W. Ross (2007) Plant Physiology, Thomsen & Wadsworth, Australia & U.S.A.
9. Sinha, R.K. (2014) Modern Plant Physiology, Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.
10. Taiz, L. & E. Zeiger (2003) Plant Physiology, Panima Publishers, New Delhi.
11. Verma, V. (2007) Text Book of Plant Physiology, Ane Books India, New Delhi.

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation method:

- **Unit-1: Activity:** Observe and tabulate the water content of different plant parts and justify the importance of the water based on the morphological nature.
 - **Evaluation method:** Assess the report and assign the grade points based on a rubric.
- **Unit-2 Activity:** Survey report on various inorganic and organic fertilizers available in the local markets.
 - **Evaluation method:** Assess the record and award the grades on a specified point scale.
- **Unit-3 Activity:** Identify the C4 plants from their locality and make a report.
 - **Evaluation method:** Assessing the clarity, organization, and effectiveness of the report's presentation and communication based on a rubric.

I. Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course the learner has:

1. To know the beneficial aspects of organic farming against chemical farming.
2. To gain knowledge about soil fertility, organic pest and disease management strategies.
3. To understand the organic certification process, including the standards and regulations that govern organic farming practices.

II. Learning Outcomes:

Students at the successful completion of the course will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of conventional and organic farming.
2. Acquire skills on different composting methods.
3. Acquaint with cultural and crop protection practices related to organic farming.
4. Acquire knowledge on various management practices in organic farming.
5. Discuss about the certification and marketing of organic foods.
6. Explain the initiatives of government in promoting organic farming.

III. Syllabus of Theory:

UNIT-1: Basic concepts of organic farming (8 Hrs.)

1. Organic farming: Definition, ecological social and economic benefits.
2. Organic farming and its components; concepts and principles.
3. Biodynamic and natural farming approaches; permaculture and LEISA farming approaches.
4. Sustainable agriculture, key indicators of sustainable agriculture.
5. Living soil and healthy plant concepts.

UNIT-2: Organic inputs for soil (8 Hrs.)

1. Vermicompost production technology.
2. Organic manures: Farmyard Manure (FYM), enrichment of FYM.
3. Compost, methods of composting (Bangalore, Indore, Coimbatore, NADEP methods).
4. Green manuring, classification of green manures.
5. Classification of organic residues; recycling of organic residues.

UNIT-3: Organic crop management (10 Hrs.)

1. Introduction to organic crop management – land preparation, planting technic, nutrient management.
2. Factors considered for nutrient management; recommended nutrient quantity – blanket, major problems; balance sheet method.
3. Nutrient composition of some organic resources, right timing of nutrient application.
4. Right method of nutrient application, nutrient use efficiency.

UNIT-4: Cultural and crop protection practices (10 Hrs.)

1. Pre-sowing irrigation; crop rotation, intercropping and mixed cropping.
2. Use of tolerant and resistant varieties; manipulation in sowing dates, irrigation/flooding, destruction of volunteer plants.
3. Pest and disease management – preventive, physical and mechanical methods.
4. Organic crop management – rice, red gram, groundnut, and tomato.
5. Government interventions to promote organic farming: NPOF, NPMSHF, NHM, RKVY, KVK and APEDA.

UNIT-5: Certification and Marketing of Organics (9 Hrs.)

1. Organic certification process – definition, need, aim and scope, requirements to maintain certification.

2. Organic certification process – labelling of products, NPOP, organic quality control, standards, accreditation, inspection, and certification.
3. Operational structure of organic certification.
4. Marketing of organic products.

IV. Text Books:

1. Vandana Shiva, Poonam Pande and Jitendra Singh, (2004). Principles of Organic Farming - Renewing the Earth's Harvest, Navdanya, New Delhi.
2. Sujit Chakrabarty, Sumati Narayan, Farooq Ahmad Khan, (2019). Arts and Science of Organic Farming, Purna Organics.
3. Thapa, U., and P. Tripathi, (2016). Organic Farming in India, Agrotech Publications, Udaipur.
4. Peter, V. Fossel, (2007). Organic Farming (Everything You Need to Know), Voyageur Press, USA.

V. Reference Books:

1. Richard Wiswall (2009), The Organic Farmer's Business Handbook, Chelsea Green Publishing, White River Junction, VT, USA.
2. William Lockeretz (2007), Organic Farming: An International History, CABI Publishing, Wallingford, UK.
3. Ann Larkin Hansen (2010), The Organic Farmer's Manual: A Comprehensive Guide to Starting and Running a Certified Organic Farm, Storey Publishing, North Adams, MA, USA.
4. Masanobu Fukuoka (1978), The One-Straw Revolution: An Introduction to Natural Farming, Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA, USA.
5. Gary Zimmer (2000), The Biological Farmer: A Complete Guide to the Sustainable & Profitable Biological System of Farming, Acres U.S.A., Austin, TX, USA.
6. Albert Howard (1947), The Soil and Health: A Study of Organic Agriculture, University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, USA.
7. Terri Paajanen (2014), The Complete Guide to Organic Livestock Farming, Atlantic Publishing Group, Inc., Ocala, FL, USA.

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods:

- **Unit-1 Activity:** Group discussion on advantages and disadvantages of organic and inorganic farming methods.
 - **Evaluation method:** Analyzing the quality and depth of the content discussed, identifying key ideas, arguments, and supporting evidences.
- **Unit-2 Activity:** Internship on preparation of composts and other organic inputs.
 - **Evaluation method:** Performance evaluations, team feedback and competition results.
- **Unit-3 Activity:** Case study report on management practices in organic farming.
 - **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the clarity, coherence, and logical structure of the case study report.
- **Unit-4 Activity:** Critical written assignment on support from government agencies to promote organic farming.
 - **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the application of critical thinking skills, such as analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of information or ideas presented in the assignment.
- **Unit-5 Activity:** A survey report on marketing of organic food products.
 - **Evaluation method:** Evaluating the appropriateness and effectiveness of the survey design, including the clarity of questions, survey structure, and response options.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM
V SEMESTER
BOTANY B-Ma1 5153
W.e.f. "23AK"

BOTANY
Organic farming
Practical Syllabus

TIME: 2Hrs/week
Max.Marks:50

I. Course outcomes:

On successful completion of this practical course, students shall be able to:

1. Prepare different organic formulations for organic farming.
2. Design a vermicompost unit and prepare the compost.
3. Identify various manures for organic farming.

II. Laboratory/field exercises:

1. Preparation of Jeevamrutham (liquid and solid) and Beejamrutham.
2. Preparation of Neemastram and Brahmastram.
3. Preparation of Agniastam and Dashaparni Kashayam.
4. Study of intercropping method.
5. Study of water management in Organic Farming.
6. Study of livestock component in Organic Farming.
7. Hands on training on vermicompost preparation.
8. Study of different organic and green manures.

V. Reference Books

1. Alan Toogood (2003). *Plant Propagation*. DK Publishing, London, UK.
2. Hudson T. Hartmann, Dale E. Kester, Fred T. Davies Jr., and Robert L. Geneve (2010). *Plant Propagation: Principles and Practices*. Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, USA.
3. John Mason (2006). *Plant Propagation*. Landlinks Press, Collingwood, VIC, Australia.
4. Peter Thompson (2006) *The Basics of Plant Propagation*, Timber Press, Portland, OR, USA.

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation methods:

5. **Unit-1: Activity:** Preparation of a report on vegetative propagation organs in different plant species of economic importance.
Evaluation method: Assessing the correctness and quality of report prepared using a determined rubric.
6. **Unit-2: Activity:** Critical written assignment on polyembryony in various plant species.
Evaluation method: Assessing the depth of analysis and the originality of ideas presented in the assignment.
7. **Unit-3: Activity:** Field trip to a horticulture research station to learn propagation of plants by cuttings.
Evaluation method: Participation, observing the student's active involvement, curiosity, and interaction with the experts in the field.
8. **Unit-4: Activity:** A case study report on propagation of plants using layering technique.
Evaluation method: Assessing the integration of relevant principles and concepts from the course into the case study analysis.
9. **Unit-5: Activity:** Group discussion on grafting techniques in plants.
Evaluation method: Assessing individual participation and contributions during the discussion.

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V SEMESTER	BOTANY	TIME: 2Hrs/week
BOTANY B-Ma1 5153	Plant Propagation techniques	Max.Marks:50
W.e.f. "23AK"	Practical Syllabus	

I. Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of this practical course, student will be able to:

1. Make use of different plant propagation structures for plant multiplication.
2. Explore the specialized organs or asexual propagules in some plants for their proliferation.
3. Demonstrate skills on micropropagation of plants through vegetative propagation techniques.
4. Evaluate and use a suitable propagation technique for a given plant species.

II. Laboratory/field exercise:

1. Preparation of nursery beds – flat, raised and sunken beds.
2. Propagation through apomictic.
3. Propagation by separation and division technique.
4. Propagation by cuttings.
5. Propagation by layering
6. Propagation by grafting.
7. Propagation by budding.
8. Preparation of potting mixture, potting and repotting.