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Science (Botany)*

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List of Semester wise Titles of Papers in Botany

Year	Semester	Course Code	Name of Course	Type of course	Total Credits	Marks (scaled)
<b>BACHELOR (RESEARCH) OF SCIENCE</b>						
<b>B.Sc. IV YEAR / M. Sc. I YEAR</b>	<b>VII / Ist Sem</b>	BOT/I/CC/01	Microbiology	CC	4	100
		BOT/I/CC/02	Phycology	CC	4	100
		BOT/I/CC/03	Mycology	CC	4	100
		BOT/I/CC/04	Bryophytes and Pteridophytes	CC	4	100
		BOT/I/CC/05	Lab/Practical based on CC/01 to CC/04	LC	4	200
		BOT/I/EC/01	Industrial training/Survey/ Research project	EC	4	100
	<b>VIII / IInd Sem</b>	BOT/II/CC/06	Gymnosperms and Paleobotany	CC	4	100
		BOT/II/CC/07	Plant Diversity and Taxonomy of Angiosperms	CC	4	100
		BOT/II/CC/08	Plant Development and Reproductive Biology	CC	4	100
		BOT/II/CC/09	Cytogenetics and Molecular Biology	CC	4	100
		BOT/II/CC/10	Lab/Practical based on CC/05 to CC/08	LC	4	200
		BOT/II/EC/02	Industrial training/Survey/ Research project	EC	4	100

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Year	Semester	Course Code	Name of Course	Type of course	Total Credits	Marks (scaled)
<b>MASTER OF SCIENCE (BOTANY)</b>						
<b>M. Sc. II YEAR</b>	<b>IX / IIIrd Sem</b>	BOT/III/CC/11	Plant Ecology and Remote Sensing	CC	4	100
		BOT/III/CC/12	Plant Resource Utilization and Conservation	CC	4	100
		BOT/III/CC/13	Biotechnology	CC	4	100
		BOT/III/CC/14	Plant Physiology & Biochemistry	CC	4	100
		BOT/III/CC/15	Lab/ practical based on CC/09 to CC/12	LC	4	200
		BOT/III/EC/03	Industrial training/Survey/ Research project	EC	4	100
	<b>X / IVth Sem</b>	BOT/IV/CC/16	Plant breeding & Biostatistics	CC	4	100
		BOT/IV/CC/17	Cell Biology	CC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18 (i)*	Forest Ecology	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18(ii)*	Plant Pathology	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18(iii)*	Taxonomy of Angiosperms	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18(iv)*	Ethnobotany, Indigenous knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18(v)*	Bryology	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/18(vi)*	Lichenology	EC	4	100
		BOT/IV/EC/19	Lab based on Final Semester CC and EC courses	LC	4	200
		BOT/IV/EC/04	Industrial training/Survey/ Research project	EC	4	100

CC= Core course; EC= Elective course; \*Two elective courses are to be opted.

**Minor Elective Courses in Botany\***

Year	Semester	Course Code	Name of Course	Type of course	Total Credits	Marks Scaled
B.Sc IV YEAR M.Sc I YEAR	VII/VIII Ist Sem / IInd Sem	BOT/4/ME/01	Plant Cell Structure and Functions	ME	4	100
		BOT/4/ME/02	Applied Microbiology	ME	4	100
		BOT/4/ME/03	Global Climate Change	ME	4	100
		BOT/4/ME/04	Medicinal Plants of Uttarakhand	ME	4	100

- One minor elective course to be opted in semester I or II (VII/VIII)

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## ***Bachelor (Research) of Science (Botany) /Master of Science (Botany)***

### **Programme Outcomes (POs):**

The Bachelor (Research) of Science (Botany) /Master of Science (Botany) programme is designed to equip students with essential knowledge and technical skills of plants in a holistic manner. Students would be trained in all areas of plant biology using a unique combination of core and elective papers with significant inter-disciplinary components. Students would be exposed to progressive technologies that are currently used in the study of plant life forms, their evolution and interactions with other organisms within the ecosystem. Students would also become aware of the social and environmental significance of plants and their relevance to the national economy.

### **Programme specific outcomes (PSO's)**

**PSO1.** Students completing the course will be able to understand different aspects of Botany such as Microbiology, Phycology, Mycology, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes.

**PSO2.** The student completing the course will understand the diversity and phylogeny of the Gymnosperms, Taxonomy of Angiosperms, Cell and Molecular Biology and concepts and processes in Plant Anatomy, Developmental Biology.

**PSO3.** The students completing the course will be able to identify various life forms of plants, design and execute experiments related to basic studies on ecology, physiology, biochemistry, plant biotechnology, recombinant DNA technology, proteomics and transgenic technology, use of plants as industrial resources or as human livelihood support system.

**PSO4.** The students completing the course will be capable of executing short research projects incorporating various tools and techniques in any of the basic specializations of Plant Sciences under supervision.

## ***Detailed syllabus Bachelor (Research) of Science (Botany) / Master of Science (Botany)***

### **SEMESTER VII/ Ist Sem**

#### **BOT/I/CC/01: Paper I: Microbiology:**

**(Credits: 4) Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

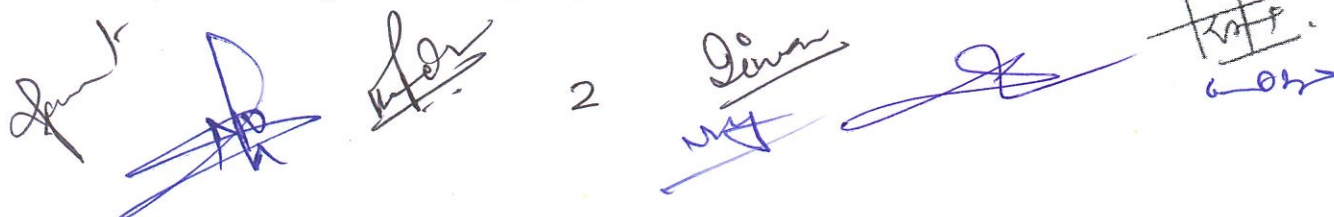
1. Understand the occurrence, general characters, types, reproduction and life cycles of the major microbial groups and their role in food, clinical and industrial microbiology.
2. Apply practical skills in basic microbiological techniques.
3. Evaluate the classificatory approaches and advances in bacterial, viral and lichen taxonomies.



Unit	Topic	Total No. of Lecturers /hrs (48)
1	General account of Microorganisms: History of microbiology, Golden Era of Microbiology, characteristic features of bacteria, General account of actinomycetes, classification of microorganism-five kingdom classification, Microbial growth- measurement of microbial growth, Batch, Fed-batch and continuous culture, endophytic microorganisms.	12
2	Morphology and structure of Bacterial cells: Morphology of bacterial cells based on size, shape and arrangement, fine structure of bacterial cells (of both gram negative and gram positive bacteria) capsule cell wall, cell appendages (flagella, fimbriae, pilli), structure of plasma membrane, cytoplasmic inclusions-mesosomes, chlorosome. Ribosome- Site of protein synthesis, microbial genetics- transformation, conjugation and transduction.	12
3	Morphology and structure of viruses: History, morphology, fine structure, shape and classification of viruses. Mycophases and Prions, Tobacco mosaic virus (TMV), T4 Bacteriophage and HIV- their fine structure, genome organization and multiplication, bacteriophage therapy, Corona virus.	12
4	General account of lichens: Occurrence and distribution, trends in classification, morphological diversity, type forms and ecological groups, anatomy (homeomerous and heteromerous), reproduction, economic importance of lichens.	12

#### Suggested readings

- Alexander, M. (1991). Microbial Ecology. John Wiley and Sons. New York.
- Doelle, H.W. and C.G, Heden (1986). Applied Microbiology, Kulwer Academic Press, London.
- Kathleen Park, Talaro and Barry Chess. (2017). Foundations in Microbiology. Mc Graw Hill New York, 10th edition.
- Kaushik, P. (1996). Introductory Microbiology. Emkay Publ, Delhi.
- Madigan, Bender, Buckley, Sattley, Stahl. (2019). Brock Biology of Microorganisms. Pearson. 15th edition.
- Marjorie, Kelly. and Cowan, Heidi Smith. (2017). Microbiology: A Systems Approach. McGraw Hil INew York, 5th edition.
- Miller, B.M. and W. Litsky (1976). Industrial Microbiology. Mc Graw Hill New York.
- Norris, J.R. and Ribbons D.W. (1970). Methods in Microbiology. Academic Press, London.
- Pelczar, M.J., Chan, ECS and Kreig, N.R. (1993). Microbiology. McGraw Hill, New York. Fifth Edition.
- Power, C.B. and Dagainawala H.F. (1996). General Microbiology. Vol 2. Himalaya Pub. House,



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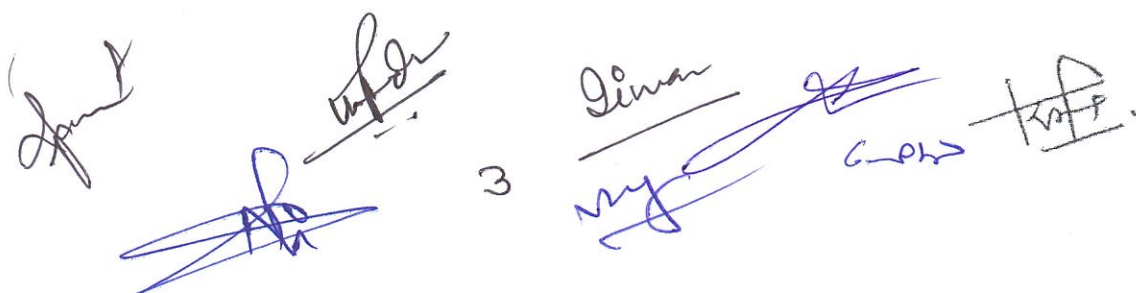
**BOT/I/CC/02: Paper II: Phycology**

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the contributions of famous Indian phycologists and centers of Algal Research in India.
2. Understand the classificatory approaches and advances in algal taxonomy.
3. Understand the general features of algae and its different groups and their representative genera.
4. Study their ecological and economic importance.

Unit	Topics	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	History and Classification of Algae: Criteria of classification, Recent Trends in classification of algae, position of the Algae in the plant kingdom, Characteristics of Divisions and classes of Algae; Economic importance of algae.	12
2	The Pigments of Algae: Pigments and chloroplasts, principal kinds of Algal pigments, properties of chlorophylls, carotenoids, phycobilins, Ecology of Algae: Diversified habitats of Algae, Eutrophication, water blooms and phytoplanktons.	12
3	A detailed study of following orders with given genera Cyanophyta: Chroococcales ( <i>Chroococcus</i> , <i>Microcystis</i> ), Oscillatoriales ( <i>Oscillatoria</i> and <i>Lyngbya</i> ), Nostocales ( <i>Anabaena</i> , <i>Spirulina</i> ), Rivulariales ( <i>Rivularia</i> ); Chlorophyta: Chlamydomonadales ( <i>Haematococcus</i> ), Volvocales ( <i>Pandorina</i> , <i>Eudorina</i> ), Chlorococcales ( <i>Chlorella</i> , <i>Hydrodictyon</i> ), Cladophorales ( <i>Cladophora</i> ), Chaetophorales ( <i>Coleochaete</i> , <i>Fritschiella</i> ), Zygnemetales ( <i>Zygnema</i> ), Charophyta: Charales ( <i>Chara</i> )	12



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4	<p>A detailed study of following orders with given genera</p> <p>Xanthophyta: Heterosiphonales (<i>Botrydium</i>, <i>Vaucheria</i>)</p> <p>Bacillariophyta: Pennales and Centrales (Pinnate diatoms and centric diatoms).</p> <p>Phaeophyta: Ectocarpales (<i>Ectocarpus</i>), Laminariales (<i>Laminaria</i>), Fucales (<i>Sargassum</i>, <i>Fucus</i>)</p> <p>Rhodophyta: Gigartinales (<i>Gracillaria</i>), Gelidiales (<i>Gelidium</i>), Ceramiales (<i>Polysiphonia</i>), Nemalionales (<i>Batrachospermum</i>).</p>	12
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#### Suggested readings

- Barsanti, Laura (2014). Algae: Anatomy, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology. CRC Press, U.K. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.
- Bellinger, E. G. and Sigee, D. C. (2015). Freshwater Algae: Identification, Enumeration and Use as Bioindicators. Wiley-Blackwell. 2nd edition.
- Desikachary, T.V. (1984). Cyanophyta. ICAR, New Delhi.
- Fritsch, F.E. (1979). The structure and reproduction of Algae. Vol.1 and 2. Bishan Singh Mahendra Pal Singh. Dehradun.
- Kara Rogers. (2011). Fungi, Algae, and Protists. Rosen Educational Services.
- Kumar, H.D. (1999). Introductory Phycology. Affiliated East-West Press Ltd. N. Delhi.
- Lee R.W. (2008). Phycology. Colorado State University.
- Morris, I. (1986). An Introduction of Algae. Cambridge University Press, U.K.
- Prescott, G.W. (1984). Algae: A review, Bishan Singh Mahendra Pal Singh, Dehradun.
- Robert Edward Lee.(2018). Phycology. Cambridge University Press, U.K. 5th edition.
- Round, F.E. (1984). Ecology of Algae. Academic Press, London.
- Sharma, O. P. (2011). Algae. Tata McGraw Hill Education Private Limited, U.K. 1st edition.
- Smith G.M. (1951). Manual of Phycology, Waltham, Mass, U.S.A, Chronica Botanica Company.
- Tilden, J.F. (1968). The algae and their life relations. Hafner Publishing Co. New York.
- Trainer, F.R. (1978). Introductory Phycology. John Wiley and Sons. Inc.

#### BOT/I/CC/03: Paper III: Mycology

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the general characters, structure, nutrition, reproduction and the principles on classifications of Fungi.
2. Study fungal associations and fungal physiology.
3. Understand the economic and pathological importance of fungi.
4. Understand the occurrence, general characters, types, reproduction and life cycles of the major fungal groups.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/hrs (48)
1	General characteristics (Somatic structures, cell wall composition and nutrition in fungi), Reproduction in Fungi (vegetative, asexual and sexual), Heterothallism and Heterokaryosis, Parasexual cycle, Mycorrhiza, .	12
2	Recent trends in classification of fungi, phylogeny of Fungi, Importance of Fungi.	12
3	General account of the following classes of fungi with emphasis on the given genera: Myxomycotina: <i>Stemonitis</i> , <i>Physarum</i> Mastigomycotina: <i>Allomyces</i> , <i>Monoblepharis</i> . Oomycotina: <i>Saprolegnia</i> , <i>Pythium</i> , <i>Phytophthora</i> , <i>Sclerospora</i> . Zygomycotina: <i>Mucor</i> , <i>Pilobolus</i> , <i>Entomophthora</i> .	12
4	Ascomycotina: <i>Saccharomyces</i> , <i>Aspergillus</i> , <i>Talaromyces</i> ( <i>Penicillium</i> ), <i>Taphrina</i> , <i>Phyllactinia</i> , <i>Peziza</i> . Basidiomycotina: <i>Puccinia</i> , <i>Ustilago</i> , <i>Geastrum</i> , <i>Fomes</i> , <i>Uromyces</i> . Deuteromycotina: <i>Alternaria</i> <i>Fusarium</i> , <i>Cercospora</i> , <i>Pyricularia</i> , <i>Colletotrichum</i> , <i>Trichoderma</i> , <i>Helminthosporium</i>	12

#### Suggested readings

- Ainsworth, G.C. (1976). Introduction to the history of Mycology. Academic Press. New York.
- Alexopoulos, C.J. and Mims C.W. (1995). Introductory Mycology. John Wiley and Sons. New York. Fourth Edition.
- Bryce Kendrick. (2017). The Fifth Kingdom: An Introduction to Mycology. Hackett Publishing. 4th Edition.
- John Webster and Roland Weber. (2007). Introduction to Fungi. Cambridge University Press. 3rd Edition.
- Kavanagh, Kevin. (2018). Fungi: Biology and Applications. Wiley-Blackwell. 3rd edition.
- Mehrotra, R.S. and K.R. Aneja. (1999). An Introduction to Mycology. New Age International Publisher.
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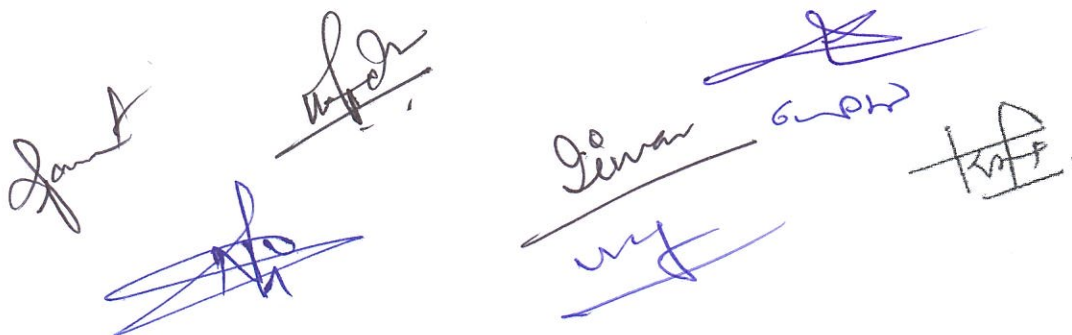
#### **BOT/II/CC/04: Paper IV: Bryophytes and Pteridophytes** (Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the origin, diversity and evolution of Bryophytes and Pteridophytes.
2. Understand the different classificatory systems of Bryophytes and Pteridophytes.
3. Understand the general characters and the structure of the plant body of the types of Bryophytes and Pteridophytes mentioned in the syllabus.
4. Study the ecological and economic Importance of bryophytes and pteridophytes that will help to understand their role in ecosystem functioning.

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Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Evolutionary Trends in Bryophytes; Bryology in India; General idea about morphology and Reproduction in Bryophytes; Ecological and Economic Importance of bryophytes, Modern Systems of Classification of Bryophytes.	12
2	Salient features of the following genera: <i>Sphaerocarpos</i> <i>Marchantia</i> , <i>Plagiochasma</i> , <i>Asterella</i> , <i>Targionia</i> , <i>Cyathodium</i> <i>Frullania</i> , <i>Porella</i> , <i>Pellia</i> , <i>Metzgeria</i> , <i>Riccardia</i> <i>Anthoceros</i> , <i>Notothylas</i> <i>Sphagnum</i> , <i>Andreales- Andreaea</i> <i>Takakia</i> , <i>Polytrichum</i>	12
3	A brief account of origin of pteridophytes, Recent trends in classification of Pteridophytes, Heterospory and seed habit, telome theory and stelar system, apogamy, apospory apomixis. Salient features of early land plants- <i>Rhynia</i> and <i>Horneophyton</i>	12
4	Salient features of the following genera: <i>Lepidodendron</i> , <i>Lepidocarpon</i> , <i>Psilotum</i> <i>Lycopodium</i> <i>Isoetes</i> <i>Selaginella</i> <i>Sphenophyllum</i> <i>Calamites</i> <i>Equisetum</i> <i>Ophioglossum</i> <i>Osmunda</i> <i>Azolla</i> , <i>Marsilea</i> <i>Adiantum</i>	12



## Suggested readings

- Alain Vanderpoorten, Bernard Goffinet. (2009). Introduction to Bryophytes. McGraw Hill Education India.
- Pandey, B.P. (1979). College Botany Vol II Including Pteridophyta, Gymnosperms and Paleobotany. . S. Chand and Company Ltd. Ramnagar, New Delhi.
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- Udar, R. (1986). Fifty years of Bryology in India. Golden Jubilee Series. IBS, New Delhi.

**Practical/ Lab course (BOT/I/CC/05: Based on the CC/01 to CC/04 papers)**



## SEMESTER VIII/ IInd Sem

### **BOT/II/CC/06: Paper V: Gymnosperms and Paleobotany** (Credits 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

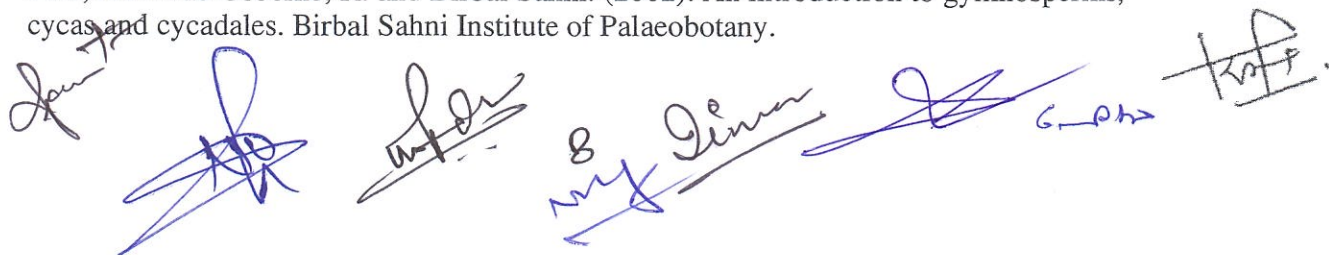
**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the general characters, distribution and significance of Gymnosperms.
2. Understand the morphology, anatomy and reproduction of common Gymnosperms.
3. Remember the evolutionary eras and periods.
4. Understand the techniques and process of fossilization.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/hrs (48)
1	Introduction: History, classification, distribution and evolution of Gymnosperms, economic importance of Gymnosperms. Brief account of the families of Pteridospermales (Lyginopteridaceae, Medullosaceae, Caytoniaceae and Glossopteridaceae).	12
2	General account of Cycadeoideales, Cordaitales, Pentoxylales Morphology, anatomy and reproduction in Cycadales	12
3	Morphology, anatomy and reproduction in Ginkgoales, Coniferales. General account of Ephedrales, Welwitschiales, Gnetales	16
4	Preservation of fossil plants, Types of fossils and modes of formation of different kinds of fossils; Gondwana flora.	8

#### **Suggested reading**

- Bhatnagar, S.P. and Moitra, A. (1996). Gymnosperms New Age International, Pvt Ltd (P) New Delhi.
- Biswas, Chhaya, Johri, B. M. (2014). The Gymnosperms. Springer Berlin.
- Chamberlain, C.J. (1980) Gymnosperms Structure and Evolution. CBS Publishers and Distributors.
- Pandey, B.P. (1979). College Botany Vol II Including Pteridophyta, Gymnosperms and Paleobotany. S. Chand and Company Ltd. Ramnagar, New Delhi.
- Pant, D.D. and Osborne, R. and Birbal Sahni. (2002). An introduction to gymnosperms, cycas and cycadales. Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany.



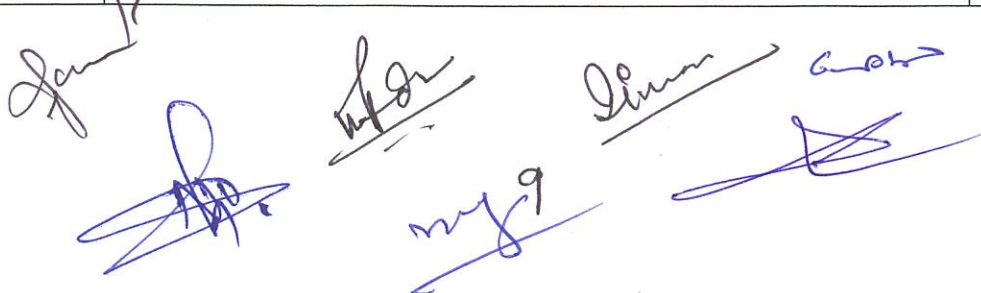
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**BOT/II/CC/07: Paper VI: Plant Diversity and Taxonomy of Angiosperms**  
(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand about the diversity and classification of plants.
2. Understands description, identification, nomenclature and classification of plants.
3. Study the types of inflorescence and their origin.
4. Understand the concepts of phytogeography, endemism, plant migration, invasions and introduction.
5. Study the characteristic features and economic importance of some important families.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/hrs (48)
1	Important system of classification Bentham & Hooker, J.Hutchinson and A. Takhtajan, Brief account of Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG IV) classification and their merits and demerits, Salient Features of International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICN) Elementary idea of molecular taxonomy. The species concept: Taxonomic Hierarchy, species, genus, family and other categories. Principles used in assessing relationships, delimitation of taxa and attribution of rank.	12
2	Origin of intrapopulation variation. Population and the environment, ecads, ecotypes, evolution and differentiation of species. Plant exploration in India with special reference to Uttarakhand. Origin and evolution of angiosperms, fossils.	12
3	Taxonomic tools; histological, cytological, phytochemical, serological, biochemical, and molecular techniques. General account of Herbarium and Flora, Concepts of phytogeography, endemism, plant migration, invasions and introduction.	12
4	Distinguishing features of the following families and their economic importance: Ranunculaceae, Violaceae, Rutaceae, Fabaceae, Rosaceae, Apiaceae, Rubiaceae, Asteraceae, Apocynaceae, Solanaceae, Lamiaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Orchidaceae, Liliaceae, Poaceae.	12



### Suggested readings

#### **BOT/II/CC/08: Paper VII: Plant Development and Reproductive Biology**

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the morphological characteristics of flower.
2. Study the fundamental concepts of shoot, leaf and root development.
3. Understand various stages of development of plants.
4. Understand the developmental biology of male and female gametophyte, pollen-pistil interaction.
5. Study the basic idea of embryogenesis and seed development process, apomixis and polyembryony.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Morphology: Morphology of flower, Stamen and Carpel, Floral characteristics, structure of the pistil, pollen stigma interactions, Plant adaptation–physiological and their Morphological nature (xerophyte, hydrophyte and halophyte).	12
2	Shoot development: Organization of the shoot apical meristem (SAM): control of cell division and tissue differentiation, especially xylem and phloem: secretory ducts and Laticifers. Leaf growth and differentiation, structural development and classification of stomata and trichomes. Root Development: Organization of root apical meristem (RAM), vascular tissues differentiation, lateral root, root hairs, ABC model of flower, Florigen pathway.	12
3	Male gametophyte: Structure of anthers, microsporogenesis, role of tapetum, pollen development, pollen germination, pollen tube growth and guidance, pollen allergy. Female gametophyte: Ovule development, megasporogenesis, development and organization of the embryo sac, structure of the embryo sac cells.	12
4	Pollination, pollen-pistil interaction and fertilization: pollination mechanism and vectors, sporophyte and gemetophytic self-incompatibility, double fertilization. Seed development and fruit growth: Endosperm development, embryogenesis, polyembryony and apomixis. Latent life- dormancy: Importance and types of dormancy, seed dormancy, bud dormancy.	12

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### **BOT/II/CC/09: Paper VIII: Cytogenetics and Molecular Biology**

**(Credits 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Apply the concepts of Mendelian genetics to solve problems on linkage, crossing over and genemapping.
2. Apply the principles of population genetics to work out problems on genotype frequency and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. Understand the Chromosomal aberrations and their role in genome evolution with special reference to crop plants.
3. Understand the process of cell cycle its regulation and the mechanism of apoptosis.
4. To understand the basic framework of DNA and RNA, their replication and regulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs(48)
1	Mendelian principles and its extension (codominance, incomplete dominance, gene interactions); linkage and crossing over, sex linked inheritance. Genetic recombination and gene mapping: Recombination, gene mapping methods (linkage maps, tetrad analysis, mapping with molecular markers). Population genetics - Gene pool, Gene frequency, Hardy-Weinberg law.	12

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2	Structural and numerical alteration in chromosome: Duplication, Deficiency, Inversion and Translocation; Effect of aneuploidy on phenotypes in plants; transmission of monosomics and trisomics and their use. Chromosome structure: packing of DNA, molecular organization of centromere and telomere, nucleolus and ribosomal RNA genes; euchromatin and heterochromatin; Nuclear DNA content, C- value paradox; cot-curves and their significance.	12
3	Mutation: spontaneous and induced mutation; physical and chemical mutagens; molecular basis of mutation; DNA damage and repair mechanisms; transposable elements, cell cycle and apoptosis.	12
4	Gene structure and expression: genetic fine structure; cis-trans test; introns and exons; Transcription, RNA splicing multiple alleles, pseudoallele, Genetic code, Translation and regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.	12

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Practical/ Lab course BOT/II/CC/10: Based on the CC/06 to CC/09

**papers**Minor Elective Courses in Botany

**BOT/4/ME4 /01: Paper I: Plant Cell Structure and Functions**  
(Credits 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the plant cell structure and its function.
2. Understand the various cell components and the general principles in cell communication and interaction.
3. Study the structure and genome organization of chloroplast and mitochondria.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Principles of microscopy, structural organization of the plant cell and its chemical foundation, Cell wall structure and function	12
2	Plasma membrane, Cytoskeleton, organization and role of microtubules and microfilaments	12
3	Structure and functions of endoplasmic reticulum, golgi apparatus, ribosomes and protein synthesis	12
4	Structure and genome organization of chloroplast and mitochondria.	12

**BOT/4/ME/02: Paper II: Applied microbiology**

(Credits 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the major fields, scope and importance of applied microbiology.
2. Study the medical, aquatic, food, soil, industrial and geochemical microbiology.
3. Understand the mushroom cultivation and single cell production.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Microbiology and its scope: microorganisms in the living World: Group of microorganisms. Occurrence and distribution of microorganisms in Nature. Major fields of applied microbiology.	12
2	Medical microbiology. Aquatic microbiology: Water purification microbiological examination; biological degradation of waste; ecology. Aero microbiology.	12
3	Food microbiology. Soil Microbiology	12
4	Industrial microbiology. Geochemical microbiology. Mushroom cultivation and Production of single cell protein.	12

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### BOT/4/ME/03: Global Climate Change

(Credits 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the global climate changes and global warming.
2. Learn about the measures being taken for the mitigation of climate changes.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	General concept of Global climate change; Greenhouse effect; Greenhouse gasses; Carbon foot print, Carbon sequestration.	12
2	Impact of global warming and climate change, weather extremes, ecosystem disruption, human health, sea level rise and impact on forests	12
3	International initiative for mitigating global changes; Inter governmental panel on climate change (IPCC); United Nation Frame work convention on Climate change	12
4	Kyoto protocol; Montreal protocol; Paris Pact; India's initiatives for mitigating climate change.	12

### Suggested readings

- Singh, J.S. Singh S.P. and Gupta, S.R. (2014). Ecology, Environment and Resource Conservation. S. Chand and Compony Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
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**BOT/4/ME/04: Medicinal Plants of Uttarakhand**  
(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the diversity and distribution of medicinal plants in Uttarakhand
2. Study the techniques/methods for the sustainable utilization of the medicinal plants.
3. Understand the economic importance of medicinal plants.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers / hrs (48)
1	Retrospect and prospects of medicinal plants	12
2	Brief history, properties, action and uses of some important medicinal plants Diversity, distribution and indigenous uses of threatened medicinal plants	12
3	Policies for threatened med conservation and management of marketing of medicinal plants	12
4	Economics and exploitation of resources and people conflict	12

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## SEMESTER IX/ IIIrd Sem

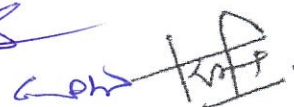
### BOT/III/CC/11: Paper IX: Plant Ecology and Remote Sensing

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Understand the scope and concepts of ecology and discuss the biosphere, biomes and biogeography.
- Analyze the process of ecological succession.
- To distinguish between species, populations, communities, ecosystem and biomes.
- To understand the concept of remote sensing and its applications.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Concept of ecology, its scope and historical development, Climate, soil and vegetation patterns of the world: Major terrestrial biomes; Aquatic ecosystems; Fresh and Marine ecosystems; Vegetation Types and environmental factors. Vegetation organization: Concepts of community and continuum; Community structure and attributes; Edges and ecotones; Keystone species and control of community structure. Species interactions, Types of biotic interactions	12
2	Population Ecology: Characteristics of population; population growth curves; population regulation, life history strategies (r and k selection); population genetics. Concept of habitat and niche.	12
3	Ecological succession: Causes, mechanism and types, changes involved in succession; Examples of succession; concept of climax. Ecosystem: Structure and functions; primary production (methods of measurement), energy dynamics (Tropical organization, energy flow pathways, ecological efficiencies); Global biogeochemical cycles of C, N, P and S ; Global hydrological cycle, Restoration ecology.	12
4	Environmental pollution: kinds; sources; quality parameters; effects on plants and ecosystems and their remedies. Climate change and conservation: Greenhouse gases; ozone layer and ozone hole; Consequences of climate change. Remote Sensing: Concept and stages in the acquisition of remote sensing data, spectral signature, Plant sensors and space platforms, basic principles of photogrammetry and photo interpretation, Application of remote sensing.	12



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### **BOT/III/CC/12: Paper X: PLANT RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION**

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessments)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Describe economically important plants with binomial names, family and uses.
2. Understand the various uses of plants; biodiversity status, loss and management strategies
3. Understand the biogeography and initiatives for biodiversity conservation.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	World centers of primary diversity of domesticated plants: The Indo-Burmese center plant introduction and secondary centers. An idea of (i) Food, forage and fodder crops. (ii) Fiber crops. (iii) Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and (iv) Vegetable oil-yielding crops (v) fruits and their uses.	12
2	Important fire-wood and timber-yielding and non-timber forest products (NTFPs) Wild edible plants of Uttarakhand: Green revolution: Benefits and adverse consequences, Sustainable development: Basic concepts. Plants used as avenue trees: for shade, pollution control and aesthetics. Principles of conservation: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).	12
3	Biodiversity concept; Levels of Biodiversity: genetic, species, community and ecosystem diversity; Uses of biodiversity; Biodiversity, Ecosystem services and functions. Distribution of biodiversity; Gradients of biodiversity; Hotspots; Threats to biodiversity. Extinction of species: Biodiversity assessment and inventory; Conservation of biodiversity; Indices; biodiversity and its conservation; International efforts for conserving biodiversity	12

4	<p>Strategies for conservation:          In-situ conservation: International efforts and Indian initiatives; protected areas in India sanctuaries, National Parks, biosphere reserves, wetlands, mangroves and coral reefs. Ex-situ conservation: Principles and practices; Botanical gardens, gene banks, seedbanks, in vitro repositories, Cryobanks, general account of the activities of BSI, NBPGR, ICAR, CSIR and DBT for conservation efforts.</p>	12
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**BOT/III/CC/13: Paper XI: Biotechnology**  
(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand the process and techniques of bio- technology and plant tissue culture.
2. Analyze the tools and techniques used in genetic engineering
3. Evaluate the methods and applications of recombinant DNA technology.
4. Understand the blotting techniques, DNA sequencing, and genetic engineering of plants.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Biotechnology: Principle and scope, bio-safety guidelines. Plant cell and tissue culture: Concept of cellular totipotency, principle of root and shoot generation in vitro, clonal Propagation, applications of cell and tissue culture.	12
2	Gene libraries (a general account): Genomic DNA libraries, cDNA libraries. Recombinant DNA technology: Tools of genetic engineering, enzymes, cloning vectors, plasmids, cosmids, lamda phage, shuttle vectors, BACs, and YACs. Cloning strategies, Screening and selection of transformants.	12
3	Genetic Engineering of plants: Aims, tools, strategies for development of transgenic plant with suitable examples. Callus culture, organ culture, cell suspension culture, cryopreservation, protoplast culture, organogenesis, somatic embryogenesis, artificial seed, somatic hybridization, hybrids and cybrids, and somaclonal variation.	12
4	Hybridization- colony hybridization, Southern hybridization, Northern hybridization, Western hybridization, Genomics, DNA sequencing techniques: Concept of nucleic acid sequencing, Maxam and Gilbert sequencing, Sanger sequencing, Proteomics, Bio-ethics and IPR.	12

**Suggested readings**

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**BOT/III/CC/14: Paper XII: Plant Physiology and Biochemistry**

**(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

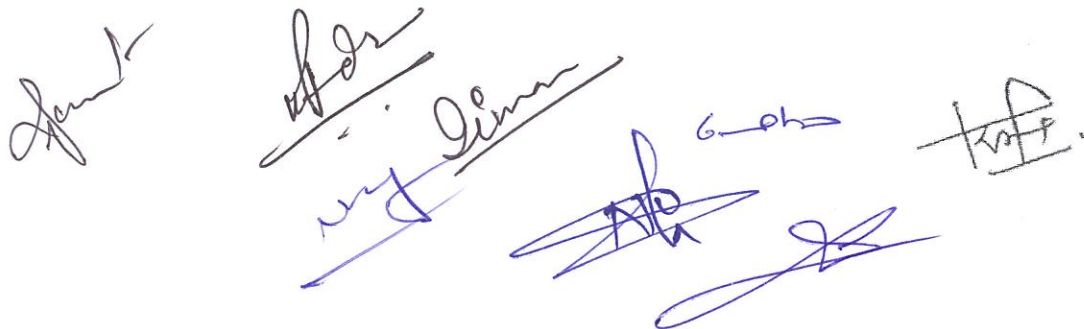
1. To understand the mechanism of transport and translocation of water and analyze the mechanisms of acclimation and adaptation of plants to stress conditions.
2. To understand the process of transpiration, photosynthesis and respiration and analyze these techniques in various groups of plants.
3. To know the nitrogen cycle and the role of microbes and plants in the nitrogen cycle.
4. To understand the role of plant growth regulators and photoreceptors in plant growth and development.
5. To understand the structure, classification and function of carbohydrate, lipids and proteins.
6. To know about catalytic mechanism of enzymes, its inhibitors and regulation.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
<b>1</b>	Membrane transport and translocation of water and solutes: Plant-water relations, mechanism of water transport through xylem, phloem loading and unloading, passive and active solute transport, membrane transport of proteins. Transpiration and Guttation.	<b>12</b>
<b>2</b>	Photosynthesis: General concepts and historical background, steps of photosynthesis, Emerson's effect, two pigment systems, Calvin cycle, photorespiration and its significance. C4 cycle, CAM pathway Respiration: Glycolysis. TCA cycle, electron transport chain and ATP synthesis, pentose- phosphate pathway, glyoxylate cycle. Nitrogen fixation and metabolism: Biological nitrogen fixation, mechanism of nitrate uptake and reduction.	<b>12</b>
<b>3</b>	Plant growth regulators: Physiological effects of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ethylene and abscisic acid. A brief Account of Photoperiodism and vernalization. Signal transduction and sensory photobiology: Receptors, phospholipids signaling, phytochromes and cryptochromes. Plant responses to biotic and abiotic stress.	<b>12</b>
<b>4</b>	Structure, classification & function of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins Enzymology - General aspects, allosteric mechanism, regulatory and active sites, isozymes, kinetics of enzymatic analysis, Michaelis - Menten equation and its significance, Allosteric enzymes, Enzyme inhibition (competitive and non - competitive).	<b>12</b>

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**Practical/ Lab Course (BOT/III/CC/15: Based on the CC/11 to CC/14 papers)**



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## SEMESTER X/ IVth Sem

### **BOT/IV/CC/16: Core Course Paper XIII: Plant breeding & Biostatistics (Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. To provide information on methods and role of plant breeding in crop improvement.
2. To understand the concept of hybrid vigour.
3. To impart knowledge of biostatistics in biological science.
4. Application of biostatistics.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	The role of plant breeding historical aspects and genetic basis: mode of reproduction in relation to breeding methods, breeding techniques; method of plant breeding in relation to self pollinated and cross pollinated plants. Hybridization Interspecific and inter generic: pure line; back cross hybridization; self incompatibility system. Heterosis: its genetic and physiological basis.	12
2	Breeding for resistance to diseases. Role of mutation in crop improvement and evolution. Plant breeding work done in India with special reference to paddy, wheat, mustard and sugarcane. Maintenance of collection, registration of varieties, seed production, testing, certification and distribution, Quarantine.	12
3	Biostatistics and its application in life sciences. Methods of representation of statistical data and measurements of central tendencies: Mean, Median, Mode, Variance, Standard deviation.	12
4	Correlation, regression. Probability and use of binomial trials. Test of significance Chi square test, t test and F test.	12

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- Rayner, AA. 1969. A first Course in Biometry for Agriculture Students. Peitermaritzburg University of Natal Press.
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**BOT/IV/CC/17: Core Course Paper XIV: Cell Biology**  
**(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal**

**assessment)Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand the various aspects of cell biology.
2. Study the structure and function of various cell organelles.
3. Understand the cell cycle, its regulation and apoptosis.
4. Study various techniques used in cell biology.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/hrs (48)
1	<b>Cell Wall:</b> Structure and Function <b>Plasma Membrane:</b> Structure, models and functions, Plasmodesmata and their role in movement of molecules and macromolecules	12
2	<b>Chloroplast:</b> Structure and genome organization and transcription <b>Mitochondria:</b> Structure, genome organization, biogenesis, RNA editing <b>Plant vacuoles:</b> Tonoplast membrane, ATPase, storage organelles <b>Nucleus:</b> Structure, DNA structure, A, B and Z forms, nuclear pores, nucleosome organization <b>Ribosomes:</b> Structure, protein synthesis, mechanism of translocation, Initiation and termination.	16
3	<b>Cell shape and mortality:</b> The cytoskeleton , organization and role of microtubules and microfilaments <b>Cell cycle and Apoptosis:</b> Role of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinase, cytokinesis and cell plate formation.	10
4	<b>Other cellular organelles:</b> structure and functions of microbodies, Golgi apparatus, lysosomes, endoplasmic reticulum <b>Techniques in Cell Biology:</b> Immunotechnology, FISH, GISH, Confocal microscopy <b>Immunology :</b> Basic techniques	10

**Suggested readings**

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- Rastogi, V. B. Cell Biology. Medtech Science Press: A Division of Scientific International.
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**BOT/IV/EC/18(i): Elective Course/Special Paper XV (i): Forest Ecology**

**(Credits: 4, Max Marks: 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the structure and function of forest ecosystem.
2. Understand methods for studying vegetation, community pattern and processes, ecosystemfunction, biodiversity, carbon stock and carbon sequestration.
3. Help the students to understand the linkage between men and forests.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/hrs (48)
1	General Aspects of Forests: Forest ecology and forest ecosystem, Importance of forests in environmental conservation, Wildlife biodiversity and climate change. Primary Productivity and Detritus Pool: Solar radiation and energy units; Concept of primary productivity. Formulations of Primary Productivity: Photosynthetic pathways and their significance; photosynthetic capacity; distribution of biomass; Allocation of net primary production and accumulation of biomass; Measurement of biomass and primary productivity in forest ecosystems of the world; Plant biomass and turnover; efficiency of energy Capture. Human Use of Productivity; Environmental factors and productivity.	12
2	Litter fall in Forest Ecosystems; determining litter fall, factors affecting it; Forest litter: type of litter; Coarse Woody debris; forest floor litter mass. Detritus Pathway of Energy Flow and Decomposition Processes: Decomposer organisms and their trophic interactions; decomposition processes; Measurements of Litter Decomposition; Decomposition rate.	12
3	Nutrient Cycling in Forest Ecosystems: The nutrient cycle models in forest ecosystem; Ecosystem Inputs of Nutrients: Atmosphere, Weathering of rock minerals, Hydrologic inputs, Biological inputs, biotic accumulation and storage of nutrients in plants; Nutrient outputs (Ecosystem losses), nutrient re- translocation. Stream water losses, losses to the atmosphere; Nutrient losses due to fire, nutrient losses in forest harvest; Intra-System Cycle: Availability of nutrients in soil solution; Nutrient supply and uptake , Role of mycorrhizae in nutrient cycling; Nutrient concentration and storage in vegetation; Nutrient re-absorption; Nutrient return from vegetation to soil; Decomposition and nutrient release, nutrient use efficiency, nutrient conserving adaptation in oligotrophic soil; Effects of Land P enrichment on biodiversity. Forest Hydrology: Impact of forest on precipitation apportionment, Water discharge from watersheds, Role of water in nutrients cycling.	12 

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4	<p>Succession: An idea of forest succession with focus on Himalayan forest ecosystem.</p> <p>Attributes of species of different successional stages; recovery measures of disturbed Sites and species selection for disturbed sites in Himalaya.</p> <p>Major forest types of forest India: Forest classification of India; Forest of Himalaya with particular reference to Sal, Pine and Oak forests.</p> <p>Global climate changes and forests.</p> <p>Man and forest: Commercial exploitation of forest, shifting Agriculture; settled agriculture; structure and functioning of Central Himalayan Agroecosystem. Regeneration status of major forest trees acute vs. chronic human disturbance; Shifting cultivation.</p>	12
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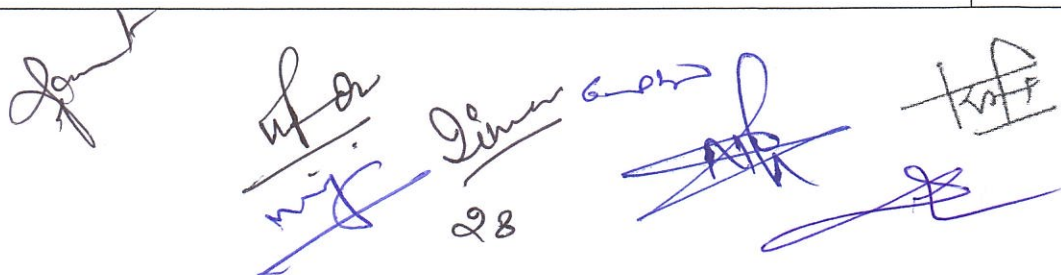
**BOT/IV/EC/18 (ii): Elective course/special paper (ii): Plant Pathology**

**(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. General characteristics of plant pathogenic organisms including fungi, bacteria, viruses and mycoplasma.
2. Study of interaction between plant and pathogen in relation to the environment and mechanism of disease development by pathogens.
3. Understand the genetics of host parasite interaction.
4. Understand the various enzymes and toxins involved in disease development.
5. Study of various important plant diseases, disease cycle and control measures.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	A brief history of plant pathology in India and losses caused by pathogens and pests; Types of pathogens, symptoms of different plant diseases. Inoculum: Inoculum types, theory of inoculums, survival and longevity of inoculums, inoculums production, potential and density. Plant microbe interaction: molecular basis of host recognition, pathogenesis: pre-penetration, penetration and post penetration events, factors affecting disease development (host factors, environmental factors, virulence susceptibility). Dissemination of pathogens: Means of dissemination (active and passive dissemination).	12
2	Genetics and host parasite interaction: Concept of compatibility and specificity, gene for gene relationship, genetics of resistance, source of resistance, inheritance of resistance in the host. Enzymes and toxins: Enzymes involved in disease development, toxins and their role in plant health.	12
3	Disease resistance: (i) Protection (structural, chemical, absence of nutrients and common antigens). Defense (histology defense, chemical- polyphenols, prohibitions, inhabiting, phytoalexins, lectins). Genetic resistance: resistant genes, biotechnological approaches for transfer of R- genes into susceptible plant. Seed pathology: Seed borne pathogens, mechanism of seed infections in field and during storage, transmission of pathogens through seeds, seed health testing methods, market disease of fruits and vegetables. Disease control: Cultural practices, chemical methods (insecticides, systemic and non-systemic chemical), biological control: Introduction, biological control of insects and pests, use of resistance varieties quarantine.	12



4	<p>Brief account, structure, importance, disease cycle and control of the following:  Damping off, (ii) Wilt, (iii) Root rot, stem rot and fruit rot (iv) Mildews (powdery and downy), (v) Rusts, smuts, (vi) Leaf spots and leaf blights.  General characteristics, importance, disease cycle and control of the following: (i) Bacterial disease, (ii) Viral disease, (iii) Mycoplasma disease.</p>	12
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**BOT/IV/EC/18 (iii): Elective course/Special paper (iii): Taxonomy of Angiosperms  
(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand the naming of the plant through plant nomenclature.
2. Learn the phylogeny and classification of angiosperms of system their use and utility.
3. Identify the various angiosperms families with specific key characters.
4. Learn various advanced tools to study plant taxonomy.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs(48)
1	History of different systems of classification (introduction only). Important systems- Bentham and Hooker, Hutchinson, A. Takhtajan, A. Cronquist, Robert Thorne, Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG IV) classification. A brief account of major contribution made by the following taxonomists: C. Linnaeus, J.D. Hooker, William Roxburgh and Duthie.	12
2	Taxonomic evidences- wood anatomy, embryology, palynology, cytotaxonomy, biosystematics, chemotaxonomy and numerical taxonomy. Relevance of taxonomy to conservation, Cladistics.	12
3	Some important families: Magnoliaceae, Myrtaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Verbenaceae, Loranthaceae, Cannabaceae, Moraceae, Fagaceae, Orchidaceae, Zingiberaceae, Cyperaceae, Poaceae.	12
4	Local plant diversity and general account of Garhwal flora. Wild and cultivated fruits of Garhwal region.	12

**Suggested readings**

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**BOT/IV/EC/18 (iv): Elective Course/Special Paper (iv): Ethnobotany,  
Traditional Knowledge And Intellectual Property Rights**

**(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand the concept, scope and importance of ethnobotany.
2. Study the ethnobotany of major tribal communities of Uttarakhand.
3. Understand the concepts and implications of Intellectual property rights.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	Ethnobotany: Its Concept, Scope and Relevance. Interdisciplinary approaches in Ethnobotany. Ethnobotany in India: Retrospect and prospects. Methods of research in Ethnobotany.	12
2	Indigenous systems of medicines in India. Traditional Agriculture Practices in Ancient India. Some aspects of Biodiversity and Indian Traditions. Traditional knowledge of Uttarakhand: With species reference to food and medicine. Ethnobotany of major tribal communities (Raji, Bhotia, Tharu and Boxa) of Uttarakhand. Changing values in traditional societies and ecological implications.	12
3	Role of ethnobotany in primary health care programmes and development of new drugs. Ethnobotany on development and conservation on bioresources. Plant exploration Crop and Germplasm collection of land races: Methods and strategies.	12
4	Basic concepts of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). The implications of the Intellectual Property Rights on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Intellectual Property Rights with particular reference to Traditional knowledge and Biowealth.	12

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**BOT/IV/EC/18 (v): Elective Course/Special Paper (v): BRYOLOGY**

**(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)**

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the general idea about morphology, cytology and reproduction in Bryophyta.
2. Study evolutionary trends and modern systems of classification of bryophytes.
3. Understand the ecological and economic Importance of bryophytes
4. Understand the ecology, physiology and chemistry of bryophytes.
5. Study the general characters and life cycle of some important bryophytes.

Unit	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)		
	<p>Distribution of bryophytes in India, the bryogeographical units: Vanishing bryophytes in Garhwal Himalaya, the red List monotypic, endemic liverwort taxa. Rare and endangered liverworts of Garhwal Himalaya.</p> <p>Taxonomic methodology in the identification of some common West Himalayan mosses, distinguishing features of the following genera:</p>	12		
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2	Bryophyte ecology: Habitats, growth forms, the role of bryophytes in succession, bryophytes as bio- indicators, and uptake of mineral elements, response to air pollution.	12		
3	Physiology of bryophytes: General idea of conduction and water reactions in bryophytes, external and internal conduction cells involved in conduction, ecto, exo and mesohydric groups, desiccation and hydration, desiccation tolerance.	12		
4	Culture of bryophytes: A general idea of culture techniques for bryophytes. Chemistry of bryophytes: A brief account of distribution of various organic compounds in bryophytes and their uses in medicines.	12		

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### **BOT/IV/EC/18(vi): Elective Course/Special Paper (vi): Lichenology**

(Credits: 4, Max Marks 100; 75 External Exam+ 25 internal assessment)

**Course outcomes:** After the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. Understand the general characters, structure, types, reproduction and various habitats of lichens.
2. Understand the physiology and biochemistry of plants.
3. Study the ecological and economic importance of lichens.
4. Study the major lichen families and their representative genera.

	Topic	Total No. of lecturers/ hrs (48)
1	History of Lichenology, Biogeographical distribution, habitat and growth form of lichens; Classification; Symbiosis in lichens-types of symbiotic association, Identification, morphological, anatomical and chemical methods (spot test, thin layer chromatography, microcrystallography and UV fluorescence analysis), biotechnological aspects of lichens.	12
2	Reproduction- asexual and sexual means lichenized and non lichenized diaspores, isidia, soredia, conidia, perithecia and apothecia. Chemistry- chemical composition of lichens primary and secondary metabolites, major pathway of secondary metabolite formation. Physiology- nutrients, elemental accumulation and mineral cycling, nitrogen metabolism and lichen sensitivity to air pollution.	12
3	Role of lichens in environmental monitoring- pollution succession, lichenometry, pedogenesis and biodeterioration. Importance of lichens- as food, medicine, dyes, perfumery etc An elementary idea of lichen tissue culture. Tools and techniques used in identification of some common Central Himalayan lichen.	12
4	Families and their representative genera: Parmeliaceae, Lecanoraceae, Teloschistaceae, Ramalinaceae, Physciaceae, Collemataceae, Candelariaceae, Pertusariaceae, Peltigeraceae. Lichen flora of Garhwal Himalaya general account.	12

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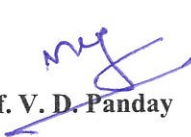



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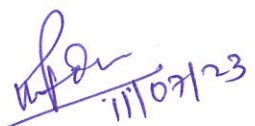
  
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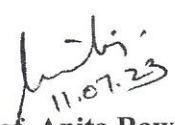
  
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