B.Sc. BOTANY

III Year: Semester-V

Paper-1B: Tissue Culture and Biotechnology

DSE-1B Credits-4

Theory Syllabus

(60 hours)

UNIT - I:

(15 hours)

- 1. Tissue culture: Introduction, sterilization procedures, explants, culture media composition and preparation; Nutrient and hormone requirements, Micropropagation.
- Organ culture: Totipotency, Vegetative Organs-Root, Shoot, Leaf culture Reproductive Organs-Anther, Ovule, Embryo culture
- 3. Callus culture and isolation and fusion of protoplast culture
- 4. Organogenesis, Embryogenesis (somatic and zygotic).

UNIT- II: (15 hours)

- Applications of tissue culture: Production of pathogen free plants and stress resistant plants, somaclonal variants and synthetic seeds.
- 6. Induction of hairy roots and its applications in production of secondary metabolites.
- 7. Haploidy and triploids, Cryopreservation and Germplasm Conservation.
- 8. Somatic hybrids and Cybrids.

UNIT- III: (15 hours)

- 9. Biotechnology: Introduction, history, scope and applications.
- rDNA technology: Basic aspect of gene cloning, Enzymes used in gene cloning-Restriction enzymes, Ligases, Polymerases.
- 11. Gene cloning: Recombinant DNA, Bacterial Transformation and selection of recombinant clones, vectors- cloning vehicles (Plasmid, Cosmids, Bacteriophages, & Phasmids; Eukaryotic Vectors (YAC) Gene Construct; Applications of rDNA technology.

UNIT - IV: (15 hours)

- Gene Libraries: construction of genomic and cDNA libraries, colony hybridization; Probesoligonucleotide, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and its applications.
- 13. Methods of gene transfer- Agrobacterium-mediated, Direct gene transfer by Electroporation, Microinjection, Microprojectile bombardment; Selection of transgenics-selectable marker and reporter genes.
- 14. Application of transgenics in improvement of crop productivity and quality traits. Pest resistant transgenic crops (Bt-cotton & Bt-brinjal); herbicide resistant plants (Roundup Ready soybean); crops with quality traits (Flavr Savr tomato, Golden rice).

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