

Department of Botany and Microbiology

M.Sc. Botany **Two-year PG Program** **As per NEP 2020**

Course Contents & Syllabus **(w.e.f. Academic Session 2026-27)**



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P.G. (First Year) - First semester

Entry requirement	3-year bachelor's degree (120 credits), and candidates who have met the entrance requirements, including specified levels of attainment, in the programme admission regulations.				
Semester	Course Category	Course title	Credits		Total Credit
			T	P	
I	Core	DSC-01 Cryptogamic Botany	3	2	5
		DSC-02 Study of Phanerogams	3	2	5
		DSC-03 Reproductive Biology, Morphogenesis and Tissue Culture	3	2	5
	SEC/Vocational	SEC 1: Biomonitoring in Plant Science	3	1	4
	DSE 1 (Any 1 out of Minimum 2 electives)	DSE-01A: Plant Breeding and Biostatistics	3	1	4
		DSE-01B: Plant Health Management			
		OR			
	Multidisciplinary Elective (MDE)	MDE -1	3	1	4
	AEC/VAC (Non CGPA course)	AEC-Indian knowledge system	1		1
Total			16	08	24

P.G. (First Year) - Second semester

Entry requirement	3-year bachelor's degree (120 credits), and candidates who have met the entrance requirements, including specified levels of attainment, in the programme admission regulations.				
Semester	Course Category	Course title	Credits		Total Credit
			T	P	
II	Core	DSC 04 Plant Ecology and Environmental Concerns	3	2	5
		DSC 05 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants	3	2	5
		DSC 06 Study of Plant Physiology	3	2	5
	SEC/Vocational	SEC 2: Introduction to Research Methodology and Scientific Writing	3	1	4
	DSE 2 (Any 1 out of Minimum 2 electives)	DSE-02A Natural Resource Management in Himalaya	3	1	4
		DSE-02B Recombinant DNA Technology			
		OR			
	Multidisciplinary Elective (MDE)	MDE -2	3	1	4
	AEC/VAC (Non CGPA course)	VAC- Constitutional, Ethical, and Moral Values	1		1
Total			16	08	24

***Note:** In lieu of Elective Lab II, the students may opt for Field work to get the practical experience and develop skills in applying theoretical knowledge. The student may plan for data collection, interviews or surveys with proper discussion with the concerned faculty member. Such students will submit their field reports at the end of the 2nd Semester.

P.G. (First Year) - First semester

Core-I: DSC-01 Cryptogamic Botany [Credits: 3]

Unit 1 Algae

- i. Algal Classification
- ii. Importance of Flagellation, Pigmentation, and storage products in classification,
- iii. General characteristics of Major algal classes
- iv. Evolutionary tendencies
- v. Comparative account of reproduction and life history types of algal classes: Chlorophyceae, Phaeophyceae, Rhodophyceae and Cyanophyceae

Unit 2 Fungi

- i. Fungal classification
- ii. General characteristics of Major classes of Fungi
- iii. Comparative account of structure, reproduction and life cycle types of major fungal classes.
- iv. Parasexuality in Fungi, Fungal Hormone and Economic importance of Fungi
- v. Symbiotic associations: Biology and Significance of Lichens and Mycorrhiza

Unit 3

Bryophytes

- i. General Characteristics and Classification of Bryophyta
- ii. Life histories of bryophytes with reference to *Cyathodium*, *Notothylus*, *Sphagnum* and *Polytrichum*
- iii. Evolutionary significance of sporophytes in Bryophyta
- iv. Significance of anhydrobiosis in bryophytes,
- v. Ethnomedicinal values of bryophytes

Unit 4

Pteridophytes

- i. General Characteristics and Classification of Pteridophyta
- ii. Life history of *Psilotum*, *Lycopodium*, *Isoetes*, *Adiantum* and *Marsilea*
- iii. General account on stelar evolution in Pteridophyta
- iv. Telome theory and evolutionary significance of heterospory
- v. Palaeobotany: types of fossils and the importance of Palaeobotany

Suggested Readings:

1. Van Den Hoek C, Mann, DG, Jahns HM. 1995. Algae: An Introduction to Phycology
2. Smith, G.M. 1955. Cryptogamic Botany. Vol. I and II. Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi.
3. Webster, J. 1985. Introduction to Fungi. Cambridge University Press.
4. Dubey HC (2009) An Introduction to Fungi, 3rd edition, Vikash Publication House Pvt Ltd, Noida.
5. Kashyap, S.R. 1968. Liverworts of the Western Himalayas and Punjab Plains. The Chronica Botanic Co. Delhi.
6. Ram Udar. Fifty years of Bryology in India. Golden Jubilee Series. IBS, New Delhi
7. Parihar, N.S. (1991). An Introduction to Embryophyta. Vol. I. Bryophyta. Central Book Depot, Allahabad
8. Vashishta, P.C., Sinha, A.K., Kumar, A. (2010). Pteridophyta, S. Chand. Delhi, India

1. Morphological study of representative members of Cyanophyceae, Chlorophyceae, Charophyceae, Phaeophyceae, Rhodophyceae, Xanthophyceae and Chrysophyceae.
2. Study of representative genera of Zygomycotina, Ascomycotina, Basidiomycotina and Deuteromycotina.
3. Study of Cyathodium, Notothylus, Sphagnum and Polytrichum.

Core-II: DSC-02 Study of Phanerogams [Credits: 3]

Unit 1 Gymnosperms

- i. General account of morphology and reproduction of the following: *Zamia*, *Ginkgo*, *Taxus* and *Gnetum*
- ii. General account of *Williamsonia* and *Pentoxylon*
- iii. Phylogenetic trends in Gymnosperms
- iv. Distribution of living Gymnosperms in India

Unit 2 Angiosperms

- i. Classification of Angiosperms (Hutchinson) and general account of numerical taxonomy and chemotaxonomy
- ii. Distinguishing characters of the following families and their economic importance: *Meliaceae*, *Combretaceae*, *Rubiaceae*, *Convolvulaceae*, *Scrophulariaceae*, *Verbenaceae*, *Polygonaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Zingiberaceae*, *Arecaceae*, *Cyperaceae*
- iii. Embryology: General account of polyembryony, apomixis and experimental embryology with reference to anther and embryo culture

Recommended Books:

1. Angiosperm Phylogeny Group 2003. An update of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group classification for the orders and families of flowering plants: APG II. *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* 141: 399-436.
2. Cole, A.J. 1969. *Numerical Taxonomy*, Academic Press, London.
3. Crawford, D.J. 2003. *Plant Molecular Systematics*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.
4. Cronquist, A. 1981. *An integrated system of classification of flowering plants*. Columbia University Press, New York.
5. Davis, P.H. and Heywood, V.H. 1973. *Principles of angiosperms Taxonomy*. Robert E. Kreiger Pub. Co., New York.
6. Heywood, V.H. and Moore, D.M. 1984. *Current Concepts in Plant Taxonomy*. Academic Press, London.

Core Lab-II: DSCL-02

[Credits: 2]

1. Study of *Psilotum*, *Isoetes*, *Adiantum*, *Marsilea* and important fossil types.
2. Identification and description of locally available plants belonging to families included in the syllabus from fresh specimens, herbaria or preserved materials.
3. Study of *Zamia*, *Ginkgo*, *Taxus* and *Gnetum* with suitable preparations.

Core-III: DSC-03 Reproductive Biology, Morphogenesis and Tissue Culture [3Credits]

Unit 1

Microsporogenesis; Cytoplasmic reorganisation during microsporogenesis, Pollen wall and Pollen morphogenesis, Development of male gametophyte, ultrastructure, abnormal male gametophyte, Pollen germination

Megasporogenesis: Development of the embryo sac, subcellular details of constituent cells and their function, major types

Unit 2

Pollen-pistil interaction: Role of pollen wall proteins and stigma surface proteins, pollen tube growth in pistil, fertilization and apomixes; Endosperms functions; Dicot and Monocot embryo, Polyembryony; Embryology in relation to Taxonomy

Unit 3

Morphogenetic phenomenon: Symmetry and polarity, concepts of cell differentiation and totipotency; Plant cell and tissue culture: General introduction, history and scope; Tissue culture techniques and culture media; Experimental embryology, anther, ovary and endosperm culture; somatic embryogenesis and androgenesis

Unit 4

Somatic hybridization: Protoplast isolation, culture and regeneration, Somatic hybridization and hybrid selection; Possibilities, achievements and limitations of protoplast research; Applications of plant tissue culture: clonal propagation, artificial seed, production of hybrids and soma clones, production of secondary metabolites/ natural products; Cryopreservation and germplasm storage

Suggested readings:

1. Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P. (1985), Embryology of Angiosperms, Vikash Publishing House, New Delhi
2. Johri, B.M (1984) Embryology of Angiosperms. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg.
3. Maheshwari, P. (1950) An Introduction to the Embryology of Angiosperms. Tata McGraw Hill.
4. Pandey, B.P., Angiosperms-Taxonomy, Embryology and Anatomy, S. Chand and Co., New Delhi
5. Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P., Embryology of Angiosperms, Vikash Publishing House, New Delhi
6. Butenko RG (2000) Plant Cell Culture, University Press of Pacific.
7. Davies PJ (2004) Plant Hormones, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Netherlands.
8. Halford N (2006) Plant Biotechnology - Current and future applications of genetically modified crops, John Wiley and Sons, Engla

1. Study of microsporogenesis and megasporogenesis
2. Study of pollen germination and pollen-pistil interaction
3. Plant tissue culture media preparation and callus culture

SEC/Vocational SEC 1: Biomonitoring in Plant Science [3 Credits]

Unit I: Introduction to Biomonitoring

Definition and concept of biomonitoring, Environmental pollution and its sources, Bioindicators, biomonitors and biosensors, Importance and applications of biomonitoring, Types of biomonitoring: Active and Passive

Unit II: Plant-Based Biomonitoring

Plants as environmental indicators, Characteristics of an ideal biomonitoring, Role of lichens, mosses, algae and higher plants, Plant responses to environmental stress.

Unit III: Biomonitoring Techniques

Sampling methods and site selection, Collection and preservation of plant samples, Laboratory analysis of pollutants, Use of chlorophyll estimation, leaf injury index and biochemical markers, Data interpretation and environmental assessment.

Unit IV: Practical Applications and Case Studies

- Biomonitoring of urban and industrial pollution, Monitoring agricultural pollution, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), National and international biomonitoring programmes, Case studies on lichen, moss and tree biomonitoring.

SEC/Vocational SECL 1: Biomonitoring in Plant Science [1 Credit]

1. Collection and identification of biomonitor plants from polluted and non-polluted sites.
2. Observation of leaf injury symptoms.
3. Heavy metal analysis (demonstration).
4. Preparation of field reports and data interpretation.

DSE-01A: Plant Breeding and Biostatistics [Credits: 3]

Plant Breeding

- i. Biological foundation of plant breeding
- ii. Reproductive systems and breeding plans
- iii. Breeding methods for self-pollinated crop species
- iv. Breeding methods for cross-pollinated crop species
- v. Phenomenon of Heterosis and Inbreeding depression
- vi. Breeding clonally propagated plants
- vii. Ploidy breeding and Mutation breeding

Biostatistics

- i. Bio-statistics: Definition and Scope
- ii. Methods of representation of statistical data and measurements of central tendencies
- iii. Correlation, regression, curve fitting and ratio of variation
- iv. Probability and use of binomial trials
- v. Test of significance, X^2 , 't' and 'f' tests
- vi. Statistical software

Suggested Readings:

1. Sharma, J.R. 1994. Principles and Practice of Plant Breeding. Tata McGraw-Hill Publ. Co. Ltd., New Delhi
2. Singh, B.D. 2002. Plant Breeding Principles and Methods. Kalyani Publ. New Delhi
3. Allard R.W. 2010. Principles of Plant Breeding. Wiley Indian Edition
4. Bliss, C.I. 1967. Statistics in Biology. 2 Vols. Mc Graw Hill, New York
5. Singh, R.K. 1994. Biometrical Techniques in Breeding and Genetics. Bishen Singh Mahendra Pal Singh. Dehradun

Elective Lab-II: DSEL-01A Plant Breeding and Biostatistics [Credits: 1]

1. Study of the Floral biology and breeding objectives of the following crop species: Wheat, Rice, Chilly, Mustard, Radish, Potato
2. Practical experience of Emasculation, bagging, and hand pollination techniques
3. Plant breeding research institutes of India
4. Correlation and regression analysis with field-collected data

DSE-01B: Plant Health Management [Credits: 3]

1. Modes of infection
2. Host-pathogen interaction: toxins and enzymes
3. Defence mechanisms in plants
4. Physiology of parasitism
5. Environmental variables regulating disease development, transmission and spread of plant diseases.
6. Principles of plant disease control: cultural control, chemical control, biological control and integrated disease management.
7. Molecular aspects of host-pathogen interactions - PR proteins, degradation of phytoalexins, systemic resistance mechanism
8. Transgenic approach for crop protection, engineering chemicals that elicit a defence response in plants

Suggested Readings

1. Butler, E.J. 1973. Fungi and Disease in Plants, Intern, Book Distributors. Dehradun
2. Singh, R.S. 1983. Plant Diseases. Oxford and IBH Publ. Co. New Delhi
3. Singh, R.S. Principles of Plant Pathology. Oxford and IBH Publ. Co. New Delhi
4. Agrios GN (2005) Plant Pathology, 5th edition, Academic Press, Landon
5. John A Lucas, 1998. Plant Pathology and Plant Pathogens, Wiley-Blackwell, CRC Press

Elective Lab-II: DSEL-01B Plant Health Management [Credits: 1]

1. Study of fungal pathogens:
Sclerospora graminicola, *Peronospora parasitica*, *Erysiphe polygoni*, *Uromyces pisi* v. *Melampsora lini*, *Ustilago tritici*, *Sphacelotheca sorghi*/U. *hordeii*, *Tolyposporium penicillariae*, *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici*
2. Isolation of fungal pathogens
3. Description of bacterial and viral diseases and symptoms

P.G. (First Year) - Second semester

Core-IV: DSC-04 Plant Ecology and Environmental Concerns [Credits: 3]

1. Biotic and abiotic components of the environment, primary productivity, trophic levels, ecological niche, ecological pyramids and ecological energetics.
2. Biogeochemical cycles: Carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous cycles. Population ecology: Definition, population characteristics, growth curves, carrying capacity and population fluctuation. Community ecology: Structure and community characteristics, quantitative, qualitative and synthetic features, life forms, biological spectrum and ecological succession.
3. Basic concepts environment and issues, global environmental problems - Ozone depletion, UV-B, greenhouse effect and acid rain due to anthropogenic activities, their impact and biotechnological approaches for management.
4. Environmental pollution - types of pollution, sources of pollution, measurement of pollution, methods of measurement of pollution, fate of pollutants in the environment, bioconcentration, bio/geo magnification.

Recommended Books:

1. Barbour, M.G., Burk, J.H. and Pitts, W.D. 1987. Terrestrial Plant Ecology. Benjamin/Cummings Publication Company, California
2. Begon, M., Harpor, J.L. and Townsend, C.R. 1996. Ecology. Blackwell Science, Cambridge, U.S.A.
3. Chapman, J.L. and Reiss, M.J. 1988. Ecology: Principles and Applications. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K.
4. Heywood, V.H. and Watson, R.T. 1995. Global Biodiversity Assessment. Cambridge University Press.
5. Kershaw, K.A. Quantitative and Dynamic Ecology. Oxford and IBH. Kormondy, E.J. 1996. Concepts of Ecology. Prentice-Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
6. Odum, E.P. 1983. Basic Ecology. Saunders, Philadelphia
7. Smith, R.L. 1996. Ecology and Field Biology. Harper Collins, New York

Core Lab-I: DSCL-04

[Credits: 2]

1. To determine the minimum size of the quadrat by species area curve method and minimum number of quadrats to be laid down in the field under study.
2. To determine the frequency, density and abundance of each species present in community.
3. To calculate relative frequency and relative density of each species in a given area.

Core-V: DSC-05 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants [Credits: 3]

1. Basics of biochemistry, Structure and properties of water; pH and buffers.
Carbohydrates: Nomenclature and classification; Monosaccharides, Disaccharides, Oligosaccharides polysaccharides.
Lipids: Definition and major classes of storage and structural lipids; Fatty acids structure and functions; Essential fatty acids; Triacyl glycerols structure, functions and properties; Phosphoglycerides.
2. **Proteins:** Structure of amino acids; Levels of protein structure-primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary; Protein denaturation and biological roles of proteins.
Nucleic acids: Structure of nitrogenous bases; Structure and function of nucleotides; Types of nucleic acids; Structure of DNA; Types of RNA; Structure of tRNA. Enzyme structure and classification, mechanism of action, Michaelis-Menten equation, and factors affecting enzyme activity.
3. Nucleic acids: Carriers of genetic information, Types of DNA, Types of genetic material, The Nucleosome Chromatin structure- Euchromatin, Heterochromatin- Constitutive and Facultative heterochromatin. Mechanism of Transcription: Translation, transcription factors, heat shock proteins, steroids and peptide hormones; Gene silencing
4. Gene expression, Regulation of gene expression: Lac operon and Tryptophan operon. The replication of DNA, semi-conservative and semi-discontinuous replication, Enzymes involved in DNA replication. Ribozymes; RNA editing and mRNA transport.

Recommended Books

1. Campbell, MK (2012) Biochemistry, 7th ed., Published by Cengage Learning.
2. Campbell, PN and Smith AD (2011) Biochemistry Illustrated, 4th ed., Published by Churchill, Livingstone.
3. Tymoczko JL, Berg JM and Stryer L (2012) Biochemistry: A short course, 2nd ed., W.H. Freeman.
4. Berg JM, Tymoczko JL and Stryer L (2011) Biochemistry, W.H. Freeman and Company
5. Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J. (2010). Principles of Genetics. John Wiley and Sons Inc., U.S.A. 5th edition.
6. Russell, P. J. (2010). i-Genetics- A Molecular Approach. Benjamin Cummings, U.S.A. 3rd edition.

Core Lab-I: DSCL-05

[Credits: 2]

1. Qualitative tests for carbohydrates, reducing sugars, non-reducing sugars, lipids and proteins.
2. Study of plant cell structure with the help of epidermal peel mount of Onion/Rhoeo/Crinum.
3. Measurement of cell size by the technique of micrometry.
4. Study of DNA replication mechanisms through photographs.
5. Study of structures of prokaryotic RNA polymerase and eukaryotic RNA polymerase II
6. Study of absorption and action spectra of photosynthetic pigments

Core-VI: DSC-06 Study of Plant Physiology [Credits: 3]

1. Membrane transport and translocation of water and solutes: Water Potential, Plant-water relations, mechanism of water transport through xylem and transport in cells. Absorption and transpiration of water. Mechanism of uptake and assimilation of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sulfur.
2. Photosynthesis: General concepts and historical background, evolution of photosynthetic apparatus, photosynthetic pigments and light harvesting complexes, photo oxidation of water, light reaction, Z scheme and photophosphorylation, mechanism of electron transport, carbon assimilation – the Calvin cycle, photorespiration and its significance, the C4 cycle, the CAM pathway, factors of photosynthesis.
3. Respiration and lipid metabolism: Overview of plant respiration, glycolysis, the TCA cycle, electron transport and ATP synthesis, pentose phosphate pathway, glyoxylate cycle, alternative oxidation system, photorespiration.
4. Phytohormones and Sensory photobiology: History of discovery of phytochromes and cryptochromes, and their photochemical and biochemical properties, photophysiology of light-induced responses, molecular mechanism of action of photomorphogenic receptors, signaling and gene expression.

Recommended Books:

1. Buchanan, B.B., Gruissem, W. and Jones, R.L. 2000. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants. American Society of Plant Physiologists, Maryland, USA.
2. Dennis, D.T., Turpin, D.H., Lefebvre, D.D. and Layzell, D.B. (eds) 1997. Plant Metabolism (second edition). Longman, Essex, England.
3. Hopkins, W.G. 1995. Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, USA.
4. Salisbury, F.B. and Ross, C.W. 1992. Plant Physiology (4th edition). Wadsworth Publishing Co., California, USA.
5. Taiz, L. and Zeiger, E. 1998. Plant Physiology (2nd edition). Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers, Massachusetts, USA.

Core Lab-I: DSCL-06

[Credits: 2]

1. Extraction of biomolecules
2. Osmotic potential and membrane permeability
3. Superoxide activity in seedlings
4. Quantitative estimation of activity of glutathione reductase.

SEC/Vocational SEC 2: Introduction to Research Methodology and Scientific Writing [3 Credits]

1. Introduction of Scientific writing

2. Basics of Research

Concept of Research, Characteristics of Research and, Types of Research. Meaning and purpose of scientific writing, Characteristics of scientific writing, Types of scientific documents Structure of a scientific paper, Principles of academic writing.

3. Research Problem

Identification and formulation of a research problem, Literature Review, Variables, Hypotheses, Operational Definition.

4. Research Design

Design in Qualitative Study, Design in Quantitative Study, Ideal Research Design

5. Sampling

Basics of Sampling, Sampling Techniques, Probability sampling, Cluster sampling.

6. Data Collection Methods and Analysis

Different Collection Methods, Ethics in Data Collection and Data Analysis, Observation Interviews Questionnaires Surveys.

7. Research Proposal

Study Plan, Introduction, Problem Statement, Literature Review, Research Objectives & Research Questions, Framework, Hypotheses.

8. Final report Submission

Structure of a research report, Title page, Abstract, Introduction, Literature review, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusion and recommendations, References, Appendices, Report formatting and presentation.

Recommended Books:

1. Pandey, P., Pandey, M.M. 2015. Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques: Tools and Techniques (ISBN 978-606-93502-7-0)
2. Jansirani, S., Taibangnganbi, N., Rajesh Kanna, R. 2023. Research Methodology (ISBN 978 -93 - 5747 -070-4).
3. Kothari, C.R. 2004. Research Methodology (Methods and Techniques), New Age International (P) Ltd., Publishers (ISBN (13): 978-81-224-2488-1)

SEC/Vocational SECL 2: Scientific writing [1 Credit]

1. Abstract Writing: Write a concise summary of a research study.
2. Literature Review: Summarize and critically evaluate published studies.
3. Research Paper Structure, Figure and Table Legends and write informative captions.
4. Referencing Practice: Use citation styles correctly.

DSE-02A: Natural Resource Management in Himalaya [Credits: 3]

1. Natural resources: Definition and types. Sustainable utilization: Concept, approaches (economic, ecological and sociocultural). Land: Utilization (agricultural, horticultural, silvicultural); Soil degradation and management. Water: Fresh water (rivers, lakes, groundwater, water harvesting technology, rain water storage and utilization).
2. Biological Resources: Biodiversity-definition and types; Significance; Threats; Management strategies; Bioprospecting; IPR; CBD; National Biodiversity Action Plan). Forests: Definition, Cover and its significance (with special reference to India); Major and minor forest products; Depletion; Management.
3. Energy: Renewable and non-renewable sources of energy-solar, wind, tidal, geothermal and bioenergy resources. Contemporary practices in resource management: EIA, GIS, Participatory Resource Appraisal, Ecological Footprint with emphasis on carbon footprint.
4. Resource Accounting; Waste management. National and international efforts in resource management and conservation.

Recommended Books:

1. B. W. Pandey. 2005. Natural Resource Management. Mittal Publication, New Delhi
2. Vasudevan, N. (2006). Essentials of Environmental Science. Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.
3. Singh, J. S., Singh, S.P. and Gupta, S. (2006). Ecology, Environment and Resource Conservation. Anamaya Publications, New Delhi.
4. Rogers, P.P., Jalal, K.F. and Boyd, J.A. (2008). An Introduction to Sustainable Development. Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi.

Elective Lab-II: DSEL-02A [Credits: 1]

1. Estimation of solid waste generated by a domestic system (biodegradable and non-biodegradable) and its impact on land degradation.
2. Collections of data on the forest cover of a specific area.
3. Measurement of dominance of woody species by the DBH (diameter at breast height) method.
4. Calculation and analysis of ecological footprint.

DSE-02B: Recombinant DNA Technology [Credits: 3]

1. Introduction, history and importance of gene cloning and polymerase chain reaction. Scope of rDNA technology in various sectors, Vehicles: Plasmid and Bacteriophage; Purification of DNA: Total DNA purification from plant tissues and Agrobacterium. Plasmid DNA isolation (Alkaline lysis method). Enzymes used in the manipulation of purified DNA (Restriction endonuclease, Ligase, Polynucleotide kinase, DNA polymerase, reverse transcriptase, alkaline phosphatase and Terminal nucleotidyl transferase).
2. Cloning vectors like plasmids, M13 bacteriophage and λ bacteriophage. Rationale for the design of vectors for the over expression of recombinant proteins in plants and cell lines. Selection of suitable promoter sequences, ribosome binding sites, transcription terminator sequences, fusion protein tags, purification tags, protease cleavage sites and introducing restriction enzyme sites (for easy cloning and confirmation), sequences confirming high plasmid copy number and inducible expression system (IPTG). Expression vectors for recombinant protein production in plants, yeast cells, bacteria and cell lines.
3. Basic idea of gene cloning: methods and procedure involved in the isolation of full-length coding sequence of target genes. Cloning of PCR products, cDNA fragments, Promoters and adapter sequences in plasmids.
4. Introduction of recombinant DNA into various types of host cells. DNA sequencing methods: Sanger-Coulson method & Maxam-Gilbert method. Automated sequencing (Illumina sequencing and Nanopore sequencing). PCR & its application. DNA finger printing (RFLP & RAPD and REP-PCR). Bioinformatics – BLAST, nucleotide and protein sequence analysis.

Recommended Books:

1. Old. R. W., Primrose, S.B., & Twyman, R.M., (2001), Principles of Gene manipulation: An introduction to Genetic Engineering, Oxford and Blackwell scientific Publication.
2. Green. M. R., and Sambrook. J, 2012, Molecular cloning – A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbore Laboratory Press.
3. Nicholl, Desmond S T, 2023, An Introduction to Genetic Engineering, 4th revised edition, Cambridge University Press.
4. Brown. T. A, 2023, Genomes, 5th Edition, CRC Press.
5. Bernard R Glick, Jack J. Pasternak and Cheryl L. Patten, 2003, Molecular Biotechnology, Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA.
6. Recombinant DNA by J. D. Watson, 2003, W.H. Freeman Publishers, New York. Robertson D, Scott S, Miller D, 1997, Manipulation and expression of recombinant DNA: Lab Manual, Academic Press

Elective Lab-II: DsEL-02B Recombinant DNA Technology [Credits: 1]

1. Demonstration of Plasmid DNA from Bacteria via Alkaline lysis method.
2. Demonstration of Agarose gel Electrophoresis
3. Demonstration of Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and molecular weight analysis of various protein bands.
4. Demonstration of Restriction digestion of plant genomic DNA/Plasmid DNA and analysis of molecular weights of various DNA fragments.