

BOT 503**BIOPROSPECTING AND PLANT RESOURCE UTILIZATION**

Unit I: Bioprospecting: Definition, Introduction, Current practices in Bioprospecting for conservation of Biodiversity and Genetic resources.

Bioprospecting Act: Introduction, Phases of Bioprospecting, Exemption to Act. Fields of Bioprospecting.

Unit II: Medicinal Plants Bioprospecting/ Pharmaceutical Bioprospecting: for new drugs, assays in Bioprospecting. Antioxidant assay—NO free radical scavenging assay, Antigenotoxicity assay—MTT assay, Antiviral activities of plants—SRB assay.

Unit III: Marine Bioprospecting: Sources of marine planktons and their Bioprospecting, Isolation and cultivation of Marine bioresources, Isolation of Marine Yeast and its industrial applications, Bioactive chemicals from Seaweeds and their applications.

Unit IV: Microbial Bioprospecting: Isolation of Microbial metabolites and their bio-activity. Endophytic microbial products as Antibiotics.

Unit V: Origin, evolution, botany, cultivation and uses of Food, Fodder, Fibers, Oil yielding crops, wood and timber, Non-wood forest products (NWFPS): Bamboos, Gums, Dyes, Resins, Fruits etc.

Unit VI: Botany, Chemistry, Properties and uses of Medicinal and Aromatic plants.

Unit VII: Separation of secondary metabolites, Pharmacognostic procedures,

Laboratory exercise:

1. Food Crops: Morphology, anatomy, micro-chemical test for stored material: Wheat, rice, maize, chickpea, potato, sweet potato, sugarcane,
2. Study of any five important crops used for fodder / forage purpose: Jowar, Bajra, lucerne, Maize etc.
3. Plant fibers: Cotton, jute, sun hemp, coir, silk cotton: Morphology microscopic study anatomy of whole fibers, using appropriate staining methods.
4. Medicinal and aromatic plants: At least 5 medicinal and 5 aromatic plants and their morphology, anatomy, phyto-chemistry.
5. Oil yielding crops: Mustard, groundnut, soybean, coconut, sunflower, castor: Morphology, microscopy of oil yielding tissue, test for oil, acid, Iodine numbers.
6. Gum, resin, tannin, dye yielding plants.
7. Fire wood and timber yielding plants.
8. Antioxidant assay—NO free radical scavenging assay.

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SEM.	Course	Course No.	Title	Credits	No. of Hrs./ Semester	Exam Hours	Theory Marks Internal External	Practical Marks	Total
I	Core Course	BOT 401	Cell Biology	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 402	Molecular Biology	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 403	Biology and diversity of algae, fungi and Microbes	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 404	Taxonomy of Angiosperms	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
	Compulsory Course	BOT 405	Indian Constitution	2T	30	3T --	20	80	---
TOTAL				18T + 8P = 26	270+ 240 = 510	15T 20P	100	400	200
II	Core Course	BOT 406	Cytology and Genetics	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 407	Plant development and reproduction	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 408	Biotechnology	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
		BOT 409	Plant Physiology and Metabolism	4T + 2P	60+ 60	3T 5P	20	80	50
	Research Component	BOT 410	Research Methodology - I	3T	45	3T --	20	80	---
TOTAL				19T + 8P = 27	285+ 240 = 525	15T 20P	100	400	200
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