

Four Year B.Sc.
Domain subject: Biotechnology ✓
IV year B.Sc., - Semester-V
Course 6B Organic Farming

Course Code:

(Skill enhancement course (Elective), 05 credits)
Maximum Marks Theory: 100 + practical: 50

I. Learning outcomes

Students after successful completion of the course will be able to

1. Understand the soil profile and nutrients in soil
2. Appreciate the importance of organic manure and biofertilizers
3. Produce vermi compost, farmyard manure from biowaste
4. Acquire skill on isolation and maintenance of biofertilizers

II. Syllabus: (Total 90 hrs. (including Teaching, Lab, Field Training and unit test etc.))

UNIT -1-Soil:

(10h)

Definition, soil formation, composition and characteristics. Types of soils. Distribution of soil groups in India. Acidic, Alkaline and heavy metal contaminated soil. Methods of reclamation. Effects of chemical dependant farming on yield and soil health.

UNIT-2 -Plant Nutrition

(10h)

Macro and micro nutrients, functions of nutrients in plant growth and development. Nutrient uptake and utilization by plant. Types of fertilizers. Organic, inorganic and bio fertilizers. Chemical fertilizer. Advantages & disadvantages of their use. Importance of organic and bio fertilizers.

UNIT -3 -Organic Farming

(10h)

Definition, concept, benefits. Integrated farming system (combination of organic and inorganic). Mixed farming system. Concept of different cropping systems in relation to organic farming, Inter cropping, crop rotation. Organic farming process. Organic fertilizers, crop nutrients and effective microorganisms in Organic farming.

UNIT- 4 -Organiccompost

(10h)

Definition, types of compost, farm yard compost, green leaf compost, animal husbandry, animal housing, animal feeding, animal health, breeding goals.

Vermi compost: Introduction, vermi composting material, species of earthworms, small scale, large scale composting process. Vermi castings, harvesting, processing and drying. Nutrient content of vermi compost. Field application methods.

UNIT -5-Biofertilizers

(10h)

Introduction, status and scope. Structure and characteristic features of bacterial bio fertilizers- *Azospirillum*, *Azotobacter*, *Bacillus*, *Pseudomonas*, *Rhizobium* and *Frankia*. Cyanobacterial biofertilizers- *Anabaena*, *Nostoc*, *Hapalosiphon* and fungal biofertilizers- AM mycorrhiza and ectomycorrhiza. Mechanism of nitrogen fixation and phosphorus solubilization.

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Practical syllabus: Course 6B Organic farming

III. Skilloutcomes:

On successful completion of the practical course, student shall be able to

1. Estimate NPK levels in the soil
2. Demonstrate the collection and processing of raw material
3. Develop skill of vermi compost production
4. Learn the technique of establishing organic farms
5. Equip with the skill of preparation of microbial media

IV. Practical syllabus:

1. Collection of different soil samples
2. Qualitative estimation of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in soil samples
3. Collection of fruit, vegetable and other domestic waste
4. Preparation of compost beds and introducing earthworms
5. Collection of vermicastings
6. Sieving, drying and packing of vermicompost
7. Visit to animal shed and observing farm yard manure production
8. Preparation of media and isolation of biofertilizers

V. References:

1. Principles of Organic Farming:: by E Somasundaram, D Udhaya Nandhini, M Meyyappan; 2021
2. Organic farming in India:: by Arpita Mukherjee; 2017
3. Biofertilizer and biocontrol agents for agriculture;; by AM Pirttilä · 2021
4. Trends in Organic Farming in India;; by S. S. Purohit, 2006
5. Biofertilizers for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment;; by Bhoopander Giri Ram Prasad, Qiang-Sheng Wu, Ajit Varma; 2019

VI. Co-curricular activities:

a) **Mandatory:** (Training of students by teacher on field related skills; 15hrs)

1. **For teacher;** Training of students by teacher in laboratory and field for a total of 15hrs on soil sample collection, NPK analysis, collection of biodegradable waste, vermi composting, collection of castings, processing, drying & packing. In addition teacher should demonstrate the media preparation, sterilization, and isolation of microorganisms from soil.
2. **For students:** Visit to local organic farm, collection of earthworms, observing the crop growth raised in organic farms. Submission of field work report of 10 pages in the prescribed format.
3. Maximum marks for field work report: 05
4. Suggested format for field work report: Title page, student details, content page, introduction, work done, findings, conclusion and acknowledgements.
5. Unit test (IE)

b) **Suggested co-curricular activities:**

1. Comparing mineral content in different agricultural soil
2. Learning techniques of basic instruments handling related to fieldwork
3. Preparation of videos on compost preparation and application
4. Visit to local organic fields
5. Attending special lectures, group discussions and seminars on organic farming.

VII. Suggested Question Paper Pattern:

Max.Marks: 75

SECTION A

Time: 3hrs.

(Answer any five questions. Each answer carries 5 marks
(At least 1 question should be given from each Unit)

(Total: 5x5=25Marks)

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SECTION B (Total: 5x10 = 50 Marks)

(Answer any five questions. Each answer carries 10 marks
(At least 1 question should be given from each Unit)

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Suggested Question Paper Model for Practical Examination
Semester – V/ Biotechnology Course – 6B (Skill Enhancement Course)

Organic Farming

Max. Time: 3Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

- Estimate the pH of soil in given sample 'A' 8 M
- Estimate the nitrogen content in given soil sample 'B' 8 M
- Perform streak plate technique for isolation 'C' 12 M
- Scientific observation and data analysis 4 x 3 = 12 M
 - Identify different earth worm species/photograph
 - Sieving and processing of vermi compost -photograph
 - VAM identification
 - Farmyard manure
- Record + Viva-voce 6+4 = 10 M

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Semester-wise Revised Syllabus under CBCS, 2020-21

Four Year B.Sc.

Course Code:

Domain subject: Biotechnology

IV year B.Sc. -Semester-V

Course 7B: Bio fertilizers and Bio pesticides production

(Skill enhancement course (Elective), 05 credits)

Maximum Marks Theory: 100 + practical:50

I. Learning outcomes:

On successful completion of the practical course, student shall be able to

1. Understand the importance of bio fertilizers for sustainable agriculture.
2. Appreciate the role of VAM in P solubilisation
3. Define bio pesticide and its nature
4. Produce bio fertilizers and bio pesticides on large scale
5. Able to prepare inoculums for field application

II. Syllabus: (Total 90 hrs (including Teaching, Lab, Field Training and unit test etc.))

UNIT -1-Biofertilizers

(10h)

Introduction, history, concept, scope of bio fertilizers in India. Classification, microorganisms used as bio fertilizers. Bacterial, fungal and algal bio fertilizers. Symbiotic and a symbiotic microorganisms. Mechanism of nodulation and nitrogen fixation.

UNIT – 2- Mycorrhizal biofertilizers

(10h)

Importance, types, characteristic features of ecto and endomycorrhiza. Mechanism of phosphorus solubilisation. Uptake of phosphates by the roots. Consortium based inoculums and significance.

UNIT-3 -Bio pesticides

(10h)

Definition, concept, history, scope and importance of bio pesticides.

Classification - botanicals, bacterial, fungal and viral based bio pesticides. Mechanism of action of *Bacillus thuringiensis* and *Trichoderma viridae* as bio control agents.

UNIT -4 - Mass production techniques

(10h)

Media, types, preparation. Methods of isolation, streak plate, spread plate and pour plate techniques, purification and identification of microorganisms used as bio fertilizers and bio pesticides. Mass production and packing techniques.

UNIT- 5 - Field application methods

(10h)

Preparation of carrier based inoculum. Sphagnum, peat, vermiculite as inoculum carriers. Dosage standardisation. Seed treatment, foliar application, root dressing and soil application techniques. Storage and maintenance of inoculum.

Practical syllabus: Course 7B Bio fertilizers and Bio pesticides Production

III. Skill outcomes:

On successful completion of the practical course, student shall be able to

1. Prepare bacterial and fungal media
2. Isolate and identify symbiotic and free living nitrogen fixing bacteria
3. Isolate fungal bio control agents from soil samples.
4. Develop skill for large scale production of microorganisms

5. Learn field application techniques of biofertilizers and biopesticides

IV. Practical syllabus:

1. Preparation of Nutrient agar, YEMA, and PDA media
2. Isolation of *Rhizobium* from root nodules
3. Isolation of *Azotobacter* from soil samples
4. Isolation of *Trichoderma*
5. Gram staining of bacteria
6. VAM root staining
7. Raising of legume seedlings with *Rhizobium* treatment
8. Visit to commercial bio control units and Krishi Seva Kendra

V. References:

1. Biofertilizers: Commercial Production Technology and Quality Control, 2017 by Dr. P. Hyma
2. Biofertilizers Technology, 2010, by S. Kaniyan, K. Kumar and K. Govindarajan
3. Biofertilizers for Sustainable Agriculture, 2017; by Arun K Sharma
4. Advances In Plant Biopesticides 2021, by Dwijendra Singh, Springer India
5. A Textbook of Integrated Pest Management, 2013 by Ram Singh & Vikas Jindal G.S. Dhaliwal

VI. Co-curricular activities:

a) Mandatory: (Training of students by teacher on field related skills: 15 hrs)

1. **For teacher:** Training of students by teacher on preparation of different microbial media, isolation techniques – streak plate, spread plate, pour plate, Grams staining of bacteria, VAM and Trichoderma observation. Preparation of *Rhizobium* inoculum and application to legume seedlings.
2. **For students:** Raising of seedlings of Leguminaceae species, maintaining of the seedlings in nursery/green house. Comparing the growth of seedlings treated with biofertilizer and chemical fertilizer. Visit to Bio fertilizer and Bio pesticides commercial lab. Submission of field work report of 10 pages in the prescribed format.
3. Maximum marks for field work report: 05
4. Suggested format for field work book; Title page, student details, content page, introduction, work done, findings, conclusion and acknowledgements.
5. Unit test (IE).

b) Suggested co-curricular activities;

1. Training of students by the industrial experts
2. Identification and collection of botanical pesticides
3. Assignments/seminars/group discussion /quiz on bio fertilizers and biopesticides
4. Preparation of videos, charts on inoculum development and field application
5. Attending invited guest lectures on the concerned topics

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Suggested Question Paper Model for Practical Examination
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Bio fertilizers and Bio pesticides Production

Max. Time: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

1. Identify the given microbial sample based on morphological characteristics 'A' 8 M
2. Identify the given culture based on microscopic observation 'B' 8 M
3. Perform the section cutting of root nodule 'C' 12 M
4. Scientific observation and data analysis 4 x 3 = 12 M
 - A. Identify the given algal fertilizer/photograph
 - B. Identify the fungal biofertilizer -photograph

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- C. VAM identification
- D. Seed treatment

5. Record+Viva-voce

6+4 = 10M

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