

Dr. YSR Government Degree College, Vedurukuppam

SYLLABUS

Semester-III

Botany Core Course - 3

PAPER: 3: Anatomy and Embryology of Angiosperms, Plant Ecology and Biodiversity

(Total hours of teaching – 60 @ 04 Hrs./Week)

Unit – 1: Anatomy of Angiosperms 12 Hrs.

1. Organization of apical meristems: Tunica-carpus theory and Histogen theory.
2. Tissue systems–Epidermal, ground and vascular.
3. Anomalous secondary growth in *Boerhaavia* and *Dracaena*.
4. Study of timbers of economic importance - Teak, Red sanders and Rosewood.

Unit – 2: Embryology of Angiosperms 12 Hrs.

1. Structure of anther, anther wall, types of tapetum. Microsporogenesis and development of male gametophyte.
2. Structure of ovule, megasporogenesis; monosporic (*Polygonum*), bisporic (*Allium*) and tetrasporic (*Peperomia*) types of embryo sacs.
3. Outlines of pollination, pollen – pistil interaction and fertilization.
4. Endosperm - Types and biological importance - Free nuclear, cellular, helobial and ruminant.
5. Development of Dicot (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*) embryo.

Unit – 3: Basics of Ecology 12 Hrs.

1. Ecology: definition, branches and significance of ecology.
2. Ecosystem: Concept and components, energy flow, food chain, food web, Ecological pyramids.
4. Plants and environment: Climatic (light and temperature), edaphic and biotic factors.
5. Ecological succession:Hydrosere and Xerosere.

Unit – 4:Population, Community and Production Ecology 12 Hrs.

1. Population ecology: Natalty, mortality, growth curves, ecotypes, ecads
2. Community ecology: Frequency, density, cover, life forms, biological spectrum
3. Concepts of productivity: GPP, NPP and Community Respiration
4. Secondary production, P/R ratio and Ecosystems.

Unit – 5:Basics of Biodiversity 12 Hrs.

1. Biodiversity: Basic concepts, Convention on Biodiversity - Earth Summit.
2. Value of Biodiversity; types and levels of biodiversity and Threats to biodiversity
3. Biodiversity Hot spots in India. Biodiversity in North Eastern Himalayas and Western Ghats.
4. Principles of conservation: IUCN threat-categories, RED data book
5. Role of NBPGR and NBA in the conservation of Biodiversity.

Practical Syllabus

1. Tissue organization in root and shoot apices using permanent slides.
2. Anomalous secondary growth in stems of *Boerhavia* and *Dracaena*.
3. Study of anther and ovule using permanent slides/photographs.
4. Study of pollen germination and pollen viability.
5. Dissection and observation of Embryo sac haustoria in *Santalum* or *Argemone*.

6. Structure of endosperm (nuclear and cellular) using permanent slides / Photographs.
7. Dissection and observation of Endosperm haustoria in *Crotalaria* or *Coccinia*.
8. Developmental stages of dicot and monocot embryos using permanent slides / photographs.
9. Study of instruments used to measure microclimatic variables; soil thermometer, maximum and minimum thermometer, anemometer, rain gauge, and lux meter. (visit to the nearest/local meteorology station where the data is being collected regularly and record the field visit summary for the submission in the practical).
10. Study of morphological and anatomical adaptations of hydrophytes and xerophytes (02 each).
11. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus for frequency, density and abundance.
12. Identification of vegetation/various plants in college campus and comparison with Raunkiaer's frequency distribution law.
13. Find out the alpha-diversity of plants in the area
14. Mapping of biodiversity hotspots of the world and India.