

A.P. State Council of Higher Education
Semester-wise Revised Syllabus under CBCS, 2020-21

Course Code:

Four-year B.Sc. (Hons)
Domain Subject: **BOTANY**
IV Year B. Sc. (Hons) – Semester – V

Max Marks: 100

Course-6A: Plant Propagation

(Skill Enhancement Course (Elective), Credits: 05)

I. Learning Outcomes:

Students at the successful completion of the course will be able to:

1. Explain various plant propagation structures and their utilization.
2. Understand advantages and disadvantages of vegetative, asexual and sexual plant propagation methods.
3. Assess the benefits of asexual propagation of certain economically valuable plants using apomictics and adventive polyembryony.
4. Demonstrate skills related to vegetative plant propagation techniques such as cuttings, layering, grafting and budding.
5. Apply a specific macro-propagation technique for a given plant species.

II. Syllabus: (Hours: Teaching: 50, Lab: 30, Field training: 05, others incl. unit tests: 05)
(*Syllabi of theory, practical and lab (skills) training together shall be completed in 80 hours*)

Unit – 1: Basic concepts of propagation (10h)

1. Propagation: Definition, need and potentialities for plant multiplication; asexual and sexual methods of propagation - advantages and disadvantages.
2. Propagation facilities: Mist chamber, humidifiers, greenhouses, glasshouses, cold frames, hot beds, poly-houses, phytotrons nursery - tools and implements.
3. Identification and propagation by division and separation: Bulbs, pseudobulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes; runners, stolons, suckers and offsets.

Unit – 2: Apomictics in plant propagation (10h)

1. Apomixis: Definition, facultative and obligate; types – recurrent, non-recurrent, adventitious and vegetative; advantages and disadvantages.
2. Polyembryony: Definition, classification, horticultural significance; chimera and bud sport.
3. Propagation of mango, *Citrus* and *Allium* using apomictic embryos.

Unit – 3: Propagation by cuttings (10h)

1. Cuttings: Definition, different methods of cuttings; root and leaf cuttings.

2. Stem cuttings: Definition of stem tip and section cuttings; plant propagation by herbaceous, soft wood, semi hard wood, hard wood and coniferous stem cuttings.
3. Physiological and bio chemical basis of rooting; factors influencing rooting of cuttings; Use of plant growth regulators in rooting of cuttings.

Unit – 4: Propagation by layering (10h)

1. Layering: Definition, principle and factors influencing layering.
2. Plant propagation by layering: Ground layering – tip layering, simple layering, trench layering, mound (stool) layering and compound (serpentine layering).
3. Air layering technique – application in woody trees.

Unit – 5: Propagation by grafting and budding (10h)

1. Grafting: Definition, principle, types, graft incompatibility, collection of scion wood stick, scion-stock relationship, and their influences, bud wood certification; micrografting.
2. Propagation by veneer, whip, cleft, side and bark grafting techniques.
3. Budding: Definition; techniques of ‘T’, inverted ‘T’, patch and chip budding.

III. References:

1. Sharma RR and Manish Srivastav.2004. Plant Propagation and Nursery Management International Book Distributing Co. Lucknow.
2. Hartman, HT and Kester, D.E.1976. Plant Propagation: Principles and Practices, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. Bombay.
3. Sadhu, M.K. 1996. Plant Propagation. New Age International Publishers, New Delhi.
4. Web resources suggested by the teacher concerned and college librarian including reading material.

Course -6A: Plant Propagation - Practical syllabus

IV. Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this practical course, student will be able to:

1. Make use of different plant propagation structures for plant multiplication.
2. Explore the specialized organs or asexual propagules in some plants for their proliferation.
3. Demonstrate skills on micropropagation of plants through vegetative propagation techniques.
4. Evaluate and use a suitable propagation technique for a given plant species.

V. Practical (Laboratory) syllabus: (30hrs): The following experiments/practices shall be conducted by students in the lab.

1. Preparation of nursery beds – flat, raised and sunken beds.
2. Propagation through apomictic.
3. Propagation by separation and division technique.

4. Propagation by cuttings.
5. Propagation by layering
6. Propagation by grafting.
7. Propagation by budding.
8. Preparation of potting mixture, potting and repotting.

VI. Lab References:

1. Prasad, V. M. and Balaji Vikram, 2018. Practical Manual on Fundamentals of Horticulture and Plant Propagation, Write & Print Publications, New Delhi
2. Upadhyay S. K. (Ed.) 2013. Practical Manual Basic Horticulture-I, Akashdeep Printers, New Delhi
3. Web sources suggested by the teacher concerned.

VII. Co-Curricular Activities:

a) Mandatory: (*Lab/field training of students by teacher: (Lab: 10 + field: 05 hours):*)

1. **For Teacher:** Training of students by the teacher in the laboratory/field for a total of not less than 15 hours on the field techniques/skills of different plant propagation structures, containers, preparation of soil, plant propagation through separation and division, apomictics, cuttings, layering, grafting and budding.
2. **For Student:** Students shall (individually) visit horticulture nurseries in a University/, research institute /private nursery and observe propagation structures, propagation techniques etc., write their observations and submit a hand-written Fieldwork/Project work/Project work Report not exceeding 10 pages in the given format to the teacher.
3. Max marks for Fieldwork/Project work Report: 05.
4. Suggested Format for Fieldwork/Project work Report: Title page, student details, index page, details of place visited, observations, findings and acknowledgements.
5. Unit tests (IE).

b) Suggested Co-Curricular Activities:

1. Training of students by experts in plant vegetative propagation methods.
2. Assignments (including technical assignments like identifying propagation structures and their operational techniques for a specific plant species.
3. Seminars, Group discussions, Quiz, Debates etc. (suggested topics):
4. Preparation of videos on plant propagation techniques in relation to different economically useful plants.
5. Collection of material/figures/photos related to plant propagation methods, writing and organizing them in a systematic way in a file.
6. Visits to Horticulture/Agriculture/Forest nurseries, research organizations, universities etc.
7. Invited lectures and presentations on related topics by experts in the specified area.

Model Question Paper pattern for Practical Examination

Semester – V/ Botany Skill Enhancement Course

Course -6A: Plant Propagation

Max. Time: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

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| 1. Demonstration plant propagation using separation and division /apomictics ‘A’ | 10 |
| 2. Demonstration plant propagation using cuttings/layering technique ‘B’ | 10 |
| 3. Demonstration of plant propagation using grafting/budding technique ‘C’ | 10 |
| 4. Scientific observation and data analysis | 4 x 3 = 12 |
| D. Plant propagation structure model/photograph | |
| E. Plant Growth Regulator | |
| F. Nursery bed model /photograph | |
| G. Asexual propagule/container/pot mixture for propagation | |
| 5. Record + Viva-voce | 5+3 = 8 |