IV Semester / Botany Core Course –5

Cell Biology, Genetics and Plant Breeding

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

Theory:

Learning outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Distinguish prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and design the model of a cell.
- Explain the organization of a eukaryotic chromosome and the structure of geneticmaterial.
- Demonstrate techniques to observe the cell and its components under amicroscope.
- Discuss the basics of Mendelian genetics, its variations and interpret inheritance of traits in living beings.
- Elucidate the role of extra-chromosomal genetic material for inheritance of characters.
- Evaluate the structure, function and regulation of genetic material.
- Understand the application of principles and modern techniques inplant breeding.
- Explain the procedures of selection and hybridization for improvement of crops.

Unit – 1: The Cell **12 Hrs.**

1. Cell theory; prokaryotic vs eukaryotic cell; animal vs plant cell; a brief account onultra-structure of a plant cell.
2. Ultra-structure of cell wall.
3. Ultra-structure of plasma membrane and various theories on its organization.
4. Polymorphic cell organelles (Plastids); ultra structure of chloroplast. Plastid DNA.

Unit – 2: Chromosomes **12 Hrs.**

1. Prokaryotic vs eukaryotic chromosome. Morphology of a eukayotic chromosome.
2. Euchromatin and Heterochromatin; Karyotype and ideogram.
3. Brief account of chromosomal aberrations - structural and numerical changes
4. Organization of DNA in a chromosome (solenoid and nucleosome models).

Unit – 3: Mendelian and Non-Mendelian genetics **14Hrs.**

1. Mendel's laws of inheritance. Incomplete dominance and co-dominance; Multiple allelism.
2. Complementary, supplementary and duplicate gene interactions (plant based examples are to be dealt).
3. A brief account of linkage and crossing over; Chromosomal mapping - 2 point and 3 point test cross.
4. Concept of maternal inheritance (Corren's experiment on *Mirabilis jalapa*); Mitochondrial DNA.

Unit – 4:Structure and functions of DNA **12 Hrs.**

1. Watson and Crick model of DNA. Brief account on DNA Replication (Semi-conservative method).
2. Brief account on Transcription, types and functions of RNA. Gene concept and genetic code and Translation.
3. Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes - Lac Operon.

Unit – 5:Plant Breeding **12 Hrs.**

1. Plant Breeding and its scope; Genetic basis for plant breeding. Plant Introduction and acclimatization.
2. Definition, procedure; applications and uses; advantages and limitations of :(a) Mass selection, (b) Pure line selection and (c) Clonal selection.
3. Hybridization – schemes, and technique; Heterosis(hybrid vigour).
4. A brief account on Molecular breeding – DNA markers in plant breeding. RAPD, RFLP.

Text books :

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Books for Reference:

- S. C. Rastogi (2008)*Cell Biology*,New Age International (P) Ltd. Publishers, New Delhi
- P. K. Gupta (2002)*Cell and Molecular biology*,Rastogi Publications, New Delhi
- B. D. Singh (2008) *Genetics*,Kalyani Publishers, Ludhiana
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- Robert H. Tamarin (2002)*Principles of Genetics*,Tata McGraw –Hill Publishing Company Limited, New Delhi.
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- Sharma, J.R. (1994)*Principles and Practice of Plant Breeding*, Tata McGraw- Hill Publishers, New Delhi
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