

mangroves and coral reefs for conservation of wild biodiversity.

Strategies for conservation – ex situ conservation : Principles and practices; botanical gardens, field gene banks, seed banks, in vitro repositories, cryobanks; general account of the activities of Botanical Survey of India (BSI), National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) for conservation, non-formal conservation efforts.

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENETIC ENGINEERING OF PLANTS AND MICROBES

Plant Biotechnology – Principles, scope and applications.

Plant cell and tissue culture : General introduction, scope, cellular differentiation, and totipotency.

Organogenesis and adventives embryogenesis : Morphogenesis; somatic embryogenesis.

Somatic hybridization : Protoplast isolation, fusion and culture.

Applications of plant tissue culture : Clonal propagation, artificial seed, production of hybrids and soma clones, production of secondary metabolites / natural products, cryopreservation and germplasm storage.

Recombinant DNA technology : Gene cloning principles and techniques, genomic / c DNA libraries, vectors, DNA synthesis and sequencing, polymerase chain reaction, DNA fingerprinting and DNA markers.

Genetic engineering of plants : Transgenic plants, Methods of gene transfer – *Agrobacterium* – mediated and microprojectile, chloroplast transformation, intellectual property rights, ecological risks and ethical concerns.

Microbial genetic manipulation : Bacterial transformation, selection of recombinants and transformants, genetic improvement of industrial microbes.

Genomics and proteomics : High throughput sequencing, genome projects, bioinformatics, functional genomics, microarrays.

10. ZOOLOGY

General Concepts :

1. Levels of structural organization : Unicellular, colonial and multicellular forms. Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells. Levels of organization of tissues, organs & systems.
2. Acoelomata, Pseudocoelomata, Coelomata, Proterostomia and Deuterostomia.
3. Concepts of species and hierarchical taxa, biological nomenclature, classical methods of taxonomy of animals.

Non-Chordata :

1. General characteristics and classification of invertebrates up to class level.
2. Protozoa: Locomotion, Nutrition and Reproduction in protozoa, Protozoan diseases of man.
3. Porifera: Canal system in porifera, skeleton in porifera, Reproduction in sponges.
4. Coelenterata : Polymorphism, Metagenesis, coral formation, Etenophora.
5. Hemlinths: Common Helminthic parasites of Man – *Taenia solium*, *Schistosoma sp.*, *Ascaris*, *Ancylostoma*, *Oxyuris*, *Loa*, *Trichinella*, *Strongyloides* – their life cycles. Parasitism and parasitic adaptations.
6. Annelida: Excretory system, Coelom formation, coelom and coelomoducts.
7. Arthropoda: Mouthparts of Insects, useful and harmful insects, Metamorphosis in insects. Apiculture and sericulture in India, crustacean larvae.
8. Mollusca: Respiration, Torsion and De-torsion, pearl formation and Pearl industry.
9. Echinodermata: Echinoderm larvae, Water vascular system.

CHORDATA :

1. General Characters and classification of chordates upto class, Origin of Chordates, phylogeny and affinities of Hemichordata, Retrogressive metamorphosis.
2. Vertebrate integument and derivatives, Comparative account of Digestive, Respiratory, Circulatory, Excretory and Reproductive systems of Vertebrates.
3. Pisciculture in India, Common edible fishes of Andhra Pradesh.
4. Origin and evolution of Amphibia, Paedogenesis, Neotony.
5. Important Snakes of India, Dinosaurs.
6. Flight adaptations and Migration in birds. Archeopteryx, Poultry in India.
7. Adaptive radiation and Dentition in Mammals.

CELL BIOLOGY :

1. Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cell, Plasma Membrane-Ultrastructure, Permeability, intercellular communication, Endocytosis, Exocytosis, Phagocytosis, Active transport, membrane pumps.
2. Structure & function of Intracellular organelles – Nucleus, Mitochondria, Golgi bodies, lysosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, peroxisomes, plastids, vacuoles, Cell wall, Cytoskeleton and its role in motility.
3. Organization of genes and chromosomes - Operon, unique and repetitive DNA, structure of chromatin and chromosomes, heterochromatin, euchromatin, transposons.
4. Cell division and cell cycle - Mitosis and meiosis, their regulation, steps in cell cycle, regulation and control of cell cycle.
5. DNA replication, repair and recombination - Unit of replication, replication origin and replication fork, Recombinant technology, Transgenic and cloned animals, DNA damage and repair mechanisms.
6. Protein synthesis - initiation, elongation and termination of Genetic code.
7. Regulation of gene expression - Lac operon, Lambda operon.

GENETICS :

1. Mendel's law of inheritance - Critical review and Linkage.
2. Gene mapping methods : Linkage-complete and Incomplete linkage; Linkage maps, Recombination, mapping with molecular markers, somatic cell hybrids.
3. Crossing over : Types (Somatic or mitotic crossing over and Germinal or meiotic crossing over), theories about the mechanism of crossing over, tetrad analysis, and cytological detection of crossing over.
4. Mutations : Types (Spontaneous and Induced), causes and detection, mutant types (lethal, conditional, biochemical, loss of function, gain of function, germinal versus somatic mutants), Molecular basis of mutations.
5. Chromosomal aberrations (deletion, duplication, inversion and translocation, ploidy and their genetic implications); Autosomal abnormalities (Down's syndrome, Trisomy 13, -18); Sex anomalies (Turner's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome, Hermaphroditism).
6. Human genetics : Human karyotyping, Genetic disorders due to mutant genes (Huntington's chorea), Inborn errors of metabolism-Pheynylketonuria, alkaptonuria, Sickle cell anemia.

SYSTEM AND CELL PHYSIOLOGY :

1. Blood and circulation - Blood corpuscles, haemopoiesis, plasma function, blood groups, haemoglobin, haemostasis.
2. Cardiovascular System : Neurogenic, myogenic hearts, cardiac cycle, heart as a pump, neural and chemical regulation of all above.
3. Respiratory system - Transport of gases, exchange of gases, waste elimination, neural and chemical regulation of respiration.
4. Nervous system - Neurons, action potential, Conduction of nerve impulse, synapse, Neurotransmitters.
5. Muscle : Ultraa structure and mechanism of muscle contraction.
6. Sense organs – Eye, Ear.

7. Excretory system - Comparative physiology of excretion, urine formation, micturition.
8. Osmoregulation – Osmoregulation in fishes, Hormonal control of osmoregulation.
9. Digestive system - Digestion, absorption, assimilation and egestion.
10. Endocrinology and reproduction - Endocrine glands, basic mechanism of hormone action, hormones and diseases, reproduction in mammals.
11. Chemical bonds (Covalent, Hydrogen and Ionic bonds, Van der waals interactions).
12. Outline classification of organic compounds (carbohydrates, proteins and lipids).
13. Order of protein structure, primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary; Ramachandran plot.
14. Glycolysis, TCA cycle and their Biomedical importance. Pentose phosphate pathway, Gluconeogenesis. Redox Potentials, Mitochondrial electron transport system, Oxidative phosphorylation.

EVOLUTION :

1. Origin of life - Modern concepts, theories of Evolution.
2. Isolation, Speciation, Natural Selection.
3. Hardy weinberg' Law.
4. Population Genetics (Gene pool, Gene frequency), Genetic drift and convergent evolution, Adaptive radiation.
5. Evolution of Man.
6. Zoogeographical realms of the world.

DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY :

1. Speamatogenesis, oogenesis.
2. Fertilization, cleavage, gastrulation formation of germ layers, parthenogenesis.
3. Embryogenesis in vertebrates.
4. Formation and function of foetal membranes.
5. Types of Placenta.
6. Regualtion, genetic control of development.
7. Development of Frog and chick.

HISTOLOGY :

1. Histology of Mammalian tissues and organs - Epithelial, connective, blood, bone, cartilage, skin, stomach, intestine, liver, pancreas, kidney, Testis and Ovary.

ECOLOGY :

1. Concept of Ecosystem.
2. Biogeochemical cycles (Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorous).
3. Influence of environmental factors on animals, energy flow in Ecosystem, food chains, food web and trophic levels.
4. Community and population ecology. Ecological succession.
5. Environmental pollution-Air, water, land, noise, radioactive, thermal and visual, effects of pollution on ecosystem, prevention of pollution.
6. Wildlife in India-conservation, Chipko movement.
7. Biodiversity-Economic significance, conservation, hot spots of India.

IMMUNOLOGY :

1. Cells of the immune system : Lymphoid cells, Mononuclear cells, granulocytic cells, Mast cells.
2. Organs of the immune system - primary and secondary lymphoid organs, lymphatic system.
3. Antigens: Antigenic determinants or epitopes, immunogenicity, Haptens.
4. Innate (Non-specific immunity): Anatomical barriers, phagocytosis, NK cells, interferon.
5. Humoral immunity: Immunoglobulins (fine structure of immunoglobulins and immunoglobulin classes); the complement system, Classical and alternate pathway, inflammation.
6. Cell mediated immunity : Mechanism of cell mediated immunity; Brief account on Antigen presentation, Major histocompatibility complex.
7. Antigen-Antibody interactions : Affinity, Avidity, Cross-reactivity, precipitation reactions, and Agglutination reactions and ELISA.
8. Brief account on immunological Hypersensitivity disorders :
 - a) Tolerance and Autoimmunity
 - b) Transplantation.
 - c) Immunodeficiency diseases - HIV.
 - d) Immunization (Active and passive immunity).