

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

B.Sc. BOTANY PROGRAMME

Semester IV

Course-4

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ANATOMY AND REPRODUCTIVE BOTANY OF ANGIOSPERMS

(Theory: 54 hours; Practical: 36 hours) (Theory Credit 3, Practical Credit1)

Course Objectives

1. This course aims to impart an insight into the internal structure and reproduction of the most evolved group of plants, the Angiosperm.
2. Identifies role of anatomy in solving taxonomic and phylogenetic problems.
3. Understand the structural adaptations in plants growing in different environment.
4. Understand the life cycle pattern of Angiosperms.
5. Understand the morphology and development of reproductive parts.
6. Get an insight in to the fruit and seed development.

ANATOMY

(Theory: 36 hours. Practical: 27 hours,)

Module-1

2 hours

Scope and importance of Plant Anatomy

Interdisciplinary applications: - Histotaxonomy, Histochemistry, Pharmacognosy, Physiological Anatomy, Ecological Anatomy, Evolutionary trends in plant anatomy

Module -2_

6 hours

Study of Cell wall: Gross structure of primary and secondary cell walls, simple and bordered pits. Structure and function of plasmodesmata.

Submicroscopic structure of cell wall- Cellulose, micelle, micro fibril and macro fibril.

Different types of Cell wall thickening in tracheary elements

Extra cell wall thickening materials: - Lignin, cutin, suberin and callose.

Origin of cell wall; Growth of Cell wall- Apposition and intussusceptions – cavities & ducts, schizogenous & lysigenous developments

Non living inclusions in plant cell: - Reserve food materials -carbohydrate (starch), protein (Aleurone grain) and lipids (fats and oil);

Secretory products- pigments, enzymes and nectar.

Metabolic byproducts: - tannin, gums, resins, essential oils, mucilage, latex, mineral crystals and alkaloids

Module-3

7 hours

Tissues

Meristematic tissue- definition, structure, function and classification

Apical organization and theories; Shoot apex- Apical cell theory, Histogen theory and Tunica-Corpus theory.

Root apex - Histogen theory and Korper- Kappe theory.

Permanent Tissue: - Structure and function of simple and complex tissues.

Distribution and function of mechanical tissues in plants.

Plant fibres-economic importance.

Secretory tissues: - a). External secretory tissue- glands and nectaries, b). Internal secretory tissues- laticifers.

Module-4

7 hours

Tissue System- Structure and Function in root, stem and leaves.

- a) Epidermal Tissue System- Epidermis, Cuticle, Trichome, Stomata, Bulliform cells, Cork and Silica cells.
- b) Ground Tissue System- Cortex, Endodermis, Pericycle, Pith and Pith rays.
- c) Vascular Tissue System- Different types of vascular bundles and their arrangement in root and stem

Module-5.

3 hours

Vascular cambium: - Development, structure and function, Activity of cambium, role of cambium in budding, grafting and wound healing.

Module-6.

8 hours

Normal secondary growth in dicot stem and root.

Wood anatomy- basic structure, heart wood, sap wood, hard wood, soft wood, growth rings and dendrochronology, porous and non porous wood, ring porous and diffuse porous wood, tyloses, knots.

Wood rays: Structure and cell types, uniseriate and multiseriate rays; heterocellular and homocellular rays.

Reaction wood- Tension wood and compression wood.

Properties, defects and seasoning of wood.

Stem thickening in monocots.

Periderm: Structure and development- phellum, phellogen, phelloderm, bark, polyderm, rhytidome and lenticel.

Module-7.

3 hours.

Anomalous secondary structure: *Bougainvillea* stem, *Bignonia* stem and *Dracaena* stem.

Practicals 27 hours

1. Cell types and tissues.
2. Non living inclusions – starch grains, cystolith, raphides, aleurone grains.
3. Primary structure of stem root and leaf-Dicots and Monocots.
4. Stomatal types: - anomocytic, anisocytic, paracytic, diacytic and grass type.
5. Secondary structure of dicot stem and root.
6. Anomalous secondary structure of *Bougainvillea* stem, *Bignonia* stem and *Dracaena* stem.

Reproductive Botany (Theory-18 hrs. Practical -9 hrs,)

Module-1 2 hours

Introduction: - General account and interdisciplinary relevance of embryology , embryology in relation to taxonomy; experimental embryology.

Module-2 2 hours

Life cycle of Angiosperms.

Floral morphology- parts of flower; androecium-morphology and types of anthers; gynoecium- morphology and types of carpel and types of placentation.

Module-3 4 hours

Structure and development of anther, microsporogenesis, development of male gametophyte, dehiscence of anther, structure of pollen, pollen germination, pollen tube growth and pollen viability.

Module-4 3 hours

Structure and development of ovule, megasporogenesis, embryosacs-monosporic (polygonum type), bisporic (*Allium* type) and tetrasporic (*Peperomia* type). Structure of mature embryo sac.

Module-5 3 hours

Pollination mechanisms and agencies of pollination; pollen stigma interaction; compatibility and incompatibility; syngamy and fusion; apomixis.

Module-6 4 hours

Development of endosperm and embryo in Dicots and Monocots; Polyembryony; Development and general structure of fruits(dry and fleshy) and seed.

Practicals 9 hours

1. Identification of C.S. of anther, embryo sac and embryo.
2. Identification of various anther types-monothealous, dithealous
3. Identification of placentation types.
4. Observation of pollen and locating pollen pore
5. Pollen germination study

Suggested Additional Topics

Applied Anatomy: Wood anatomy and identification of wood;
Wood fibres and Economic uses, Food fibers
Internal Structure of fruits, seeds and vegetables.
Cellulose fibre source and use in paper industry- Pulp and paper manufacture.
Fruit and leaf abscission
Electron microscopic structure of plant parts and their application in different
branches of plant science

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