



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
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M.Sc. Botany Syllabus
Based on National Education Policy 2020 (NEP)
(To be implemented from Academic Year 2023-24)

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1. Title of the Course: M.Sc. Botany
2. Faculty: Science and Technology
3. Implementation period: For M.Sc. Part-I: August 2023 onwards
For M.Sc., Part-II: August 2024 onwards
4. Preamble:

Plants have been significant throughout the history of human evolution. Botany, a branch of science, helps us understand the plant kingdom. The human population has been projected to reach 9 billion in the year 2045. The study of plants has therefore become paramount with reference to their utilization as food and medicine. 'Botany with a twist' would be the new *mantra*. Climate change and urbanization has influenced fisheries, animal husbandry, agriculture, and forest produce. Water shortages, pollution, and irregular monsoons added, make the future implications appear bleak. Currently, only 12 plants under cultivation account for 75% of all the human calories. However, there are about 5,500 different varieties of edible plants. Botanists need to study these plants and use them to their utmost potential by gaining theoretical and applied knowledge. Integrating classical and modern botany to solve problems faced by the real world is a new challenge.

The M.Sc. (Botany) syllabi has been redesigned under the aegis of the National Education Policy (2020). Major emphasis has been laid on skill development through hands-on training. Industry and entrepreneurship-oriented skills have been emphasized. The teaching-learning process has been enhanced in a wholesome manner and novel examination and evaluation parameters have been included. On-Job-Training (OJT) has been made mandatory. This will allow students to be aware of on-ground realities and requisites from their first semester of the master's program. For example, during this training, students can directly interact with businessmen/technocrats. It is also envisaged that through these meaningful interactions, many students will develop interest to pursue their Ph.D. degrees.

The curriculum has a judicious mix of 'core' courses essential to understand the 'essence' of botany and a number of 'elective' courses. The 'core' courses involve taxonomy of lower and higher forms, plant biochemistry and physiology, plant genetics, plant development, plant ecology, plant cell and molecular biology and a number of 'electives' spanning across botany and its interfaces with various disciplines as outlined in the structure to cover skill-based and applied aspects of botany.

This structure would help students align to the latest trends in research and technology at the interphase of agriculture, environmental sciences, pharmaceutical sciences and genetic engineering. This would attract students towards pure science disciplines and further help enhance their employability skills. The NEP structure envisages that a student can select 'elective' courses across any discipline and we feel that this would help break the silos and invigorate 'botany' as a whole, fostering many inter-disciplinary collaborations. It will also give an impetus to study the vast biodiversity in India.

We believe that such a course design would make the study of botany, a joyful and vibrant experience.

COURSE STRUCTURE FOR M. Sc. BOTANY PART I (SEMESTER I AND II)

Course Code	Course Name	Credits (44)
Credit Framework for Semester-I		
Major Core [10 (T) + 4 (P)]		
BOT 501 MJ	Taxonomy-I (Algae and Fungi)	2
BOT 502 MJ	Taxonomy-II (Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms)	3
BOT 503 MJ	Plant Biochemistry and Physiology	3
BOT 504 MJ	Plant Genetics	2
BOT 505 MJP	Practicals based on BOT MJ501/502	2
BOT 506 MJP	Practicals based on BOT MJ503/504	2
	Total Major Core Credits	14
Major Elective (any one)		
BOT 510 MJ	Algal Bioprospecting	2
BOT 511 MJ	Plant Pathology	
BOT 512 MJ	Medicinal Mushroom Cultivation	
BOT 513 MJ	Post-harvest Technology	
BOT 514 MJ	Plant Breeding	
BOT 515 MJ	Industrial Botany	
BOT 516 MJ	Cultivation and Utilization of Medicinal Plants	
BOT 517 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 510 MJ	2
BOT 518 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 511 MJ	
BOT 519 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 512 MJ	
BOT 520 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 513 MJ	
BOT 521 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 514 MJ	

BOT 522 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 515 MJ	
BOT 523 MJP	Practical Based on BOT 516 MJ	
Total Major Elective Credits		4
BOT 541 MN	Research Methodology	2
BOT 542 MNP	Practicals Based on BOT 541 MN	2
Total Research Methodology Credits		4
Total Credits Semester-I		22
Credit Framework for Semester-II		
Major Core [10 (T) + 4 (P)]		
BOT 551 MJ	Taxonomy-III (Angiosperms)	2
BOT 552 MJ	Plant Development-I	2
BOT 553 MJ	Plant Ecology	2
BOT 554 MJ	Cell Biology	2
BOT 555 MJ	Molecular Biology-I	2
BOT 556 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 551, 552 and 553 MJ	2
BOT 557 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 554 and 555 MJ	2
Total Major Core Credits		14
BOT 560 MJ	Plant Tissue Culture	2
BOT 561 MJ	Plant Organism Interaction	
BOT 562 MJ	Plant Immunity	
BOT 563 MJ	Organic Farming	
BOT 564 MJ	Carbon Credit and Environment Impact Assessment	
BOT 565 MJ	Millet-based Nutraceuticals	
BOT 566 MJ	Aromatic Plants	
BOT 567 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 560 MJ	2
BOT 568 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 561 MJ	
BOT 569 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 562 MJ	
BOT 570 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 563 MJ	

BOT 571 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 564 MJ	
BOT 572 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 565 MJ	
BOT 573 MJP	Practicals based on BOT 566 MJ	
	Total Major Elective Credits	4
BOT 581 OJT/FP	On Job Training (OJT)/Field Project (FP)	4
	Total OJT/FP Credits	4
	Total Credits Semester-II	22

SEMESTER I: CORE COURSES (Mandatory)**BOT 501 MJ Taxonomy-I (Algae and Fungi) (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Sr. No.	Topics Covered	Number of Lectures/ Practicals
Credit 1: Algae		15L
1.	Botanical nomenclature: International code of nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (ICN), classification system in algae	2L
2.	Cyanophyta: Introduction, thallus organization, cell ultrastructure, heterocyst development and function	2L
3.	Endosymbiosis and origin of eukaryotic algae	1L
4.	Chlorophyta: Structure and evolution of thallus, reproduction and life cycle with reference to orders of green algae	3L
5.	Charophyta: Thallus structure, reproduction and life cycle	1L
6.	Ochrophyta (Phaeophyceae): Thallus structure, reproduction and life cycle	2L
7.	Rhodophyta: Thallus structure, reproduction and life cycle	2L
8.	Bacillariophyta: Thallus structure, reproduction and life cycle	1L
9.	Euglenophyta: Thallus structure, reproduction and life cycle	1L
Credit 2: Fungi		15L
1.	Characters of fungi used for classification, system of classification by Ainsworth	2L
2.	Myxomycotina: Structure, Life cycle patterns of major classes	2L
3.	Mastigomycotina: Structure, Life cycle patterns of major classes	2L
4.	Zygomycotina: Structure, Thallus organization, and Evolution of sexual reproductive structures	2L
5.	Ascomycotina: Thallus organization, Centrum development, and Different types of ascocarps	2L
6.	Basidiomycotina: Tissue differentiation, Development of basidia and basidiospore	2L
7.	Deuteromycotina: Types of conidial ontogeny and fruiting body organization	1L
8.	Heterothallism, Heterokaryosis and parasexual cycle	1L
9.	Recent concept of origin and molecular phylogeny in fungi	1L

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Fungi:

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<p>BOT 502 MJ Taxonomy-II (Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms) (3 Credits: 45 Lectures)</p>		
Credit 1: Bryophytes		15L
1	Introduction, general characteristics, distribution, diversity and economic importance of bryophytes	3L
2	Classification of bryophytes	1L
3	Distribution, morphology, anatomy and reproductive studies, inter-relationships and evolutionary trends in the following groups- (a) Hepaticae: Sphaerocarpaceae, Calobryales, Takakiales, Marchantiales, Jungermanniales (b) Anthocerotae: Anthocerotales (c) Musci: Sphagnales, Andraeales, Polytrichales, Buxbaumiales, Funariales	4L 1L 5L
4	Fossil bryophytes, recent additions of bryophytes in the Indian flora	1L
Credit 2: Pteridophytes		15L
1	Introduction, diversity, affinities with gymnosperms and importance	2L
2	Systems of classification	1L
3	Evolution: telome, steles, sori, gametophytes	2L
4	Origin and evolution	2L
5	Distribution, morphology, anatomy, reproduction and interrelationship of following orders- Psilotales, Lycopodiales, Isoetales, Equisetales, Ophioglossales, Marattiales, Osmundales, Filicales, Marsileales, Salviniaceae	7L
6	Alternation of generations, apogamy, apospory and heterospory	1L
Credit 3: Gymnosperms		15L
1	Characters, diversity, classification systems and affinities with other groups	2L
2	Distinguishing features of Progymnosperms, Pteridospermales, Cycadeoidales, Cycadales, Caytoniales, Glossopteridales, Pentoxylales, Cordiales and Voltziales	2L
3	Morphology, anatomy, sporogenesis, gametogenesis, embryology, interrelationship between Cycadales and Ginkgoales	2L
4	Morphology, anatomy, reproduction and interrelationship of Pinales/Coniferales, Taxales, Gnetales, Ephedrales and Welwitschiales	6L
5	Seed development in Gymnosperms	2L
6	Economic importance and taxonomic updates	1L

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**BOT 503 MJ Plant Biochemistry and Physiology
(3 Credits: 45 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Enzymology, biomolecules and mineral nutrition		15L
1	Structure and properties of water, ionization of water, pH, buffers	1L
2	Bioenergetics: Free energy, changes in free energy during chemical reactions, entropy and enthalpy, high energy compounds	1L
3	Enzymology: Classification and properties of enzymes, Isoenzymes, coenzymes and cofactors, coupled reactions. Enzyme kinetics–substrate concentration and rate, competitive and non-competitive inhibitors. Covalent and allosteric regulation	3L
4	Biosynthesis and metabolism of amino acids, carbohydrates, fatty acids and lipids	3L
5	Mineral nutrition of plants: Cation-anion exchange capacity of soil, types of ion transporters, role of membrane potential in ion transport, passive and active transport, high and low affinity transporters	3L
6	Nitrogen: Uptake, assimilation and remobilization in plants, biological nitrogen fixation	2L
7	Phloem structure and function: Source and sink relationship, translocation of photoassimilates, phloem loading and unloading, composition of phloem sap	2L
Credit 2: Water uptake, photosynthesis and respiration		15L
1	Water uptake, transport and transpiration, stomatal physiology	2L
2	Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic pigments, organization of photosynthetic electron transport system, fluorescence and photochemistry, oxygen evolution, NADP Reduction, photophosphorylation	4L
3	Reduction of carbon dioxide: RuBPCase and Calvin cycle, photorespiration. CO ₂ concentrating mechanisms in C ₄ and CAM plants	4L

4	Respiration: Glycolysis, citric acid cycle, pentose phosphate pathway, organization of mitochondrial electron transport system, ATP synthesis, respiratory control, anaerobic respiration	5L
Credit 3: Plant hormones and secondary metabolites		15L
1	Plant growth hormones: Structure, biosynthesis and metabolism of auxins, cytokinins, gibberellins, abscisic acid and ethylene, physiological role of hormones	8L
2	Photoperiodism and vernalization	3L
3	Secondary metabolite biosynthetic pathways: Terpenoids, phenolics, alkaloids	4L
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BOT 504 MJ Plant Genetics (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Qualitative and quantitative genetics		15L
1	Mendelian principles and extensions: Co-dominance, incomplete dominance, pleiotropy, genomic imprinting, penetrance, expressivity and phenocopy, sex- linkage, sex-limited and sex-influenced characters	3L
2	Inheritance of complex traits: Polygenic inheritance, heritability and its measurement	3L
3	Karyotype analysis, evolution and applications	2L
4	Structural alterations of chromosomes, complex translocation heterozygotes, Robertsonian translocations and their genetic implications	3L
5	Population genetics: Allele frequencies and genotype frequencies, random mating and Hardy-Weinberg principle and its implications, rate of change in gene frequency through natural selection, mutation, migration and random genetic drift	4L
Credit 2: Microbial genetics and linkage mapping		15L
1	Mutant phenotypes, methods of genetic transfers in bacteria: transformation, conjugation and transduction, mapping of bacterial genome by interrupted mating	3L

2	Phage genetics: Phage mutants, Lytic and lysogenic cycles in phages, genetic recombination in phages, mapping bacteriophage genome, fine structure analysis of <i>rII</i> gene in T4 bacteriophage	4L
3	Linkage and mapping in eukaryotes: Linkage and crossing over, recombination, Linkage maps, LOD score for linkage testing, mapping by 3-point test cross, tetrad analysis in yeast and <i>Neurospora</i>	8L

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BOT 505 MJP Practicals Based on: BOT MJ 501 and BOT MJ 502 (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)

Practicals based on Algae		3P
1	Morphology and classification of Cyanophyta	1P
2	Morphology and classification of Chlorophyta	1P
3	Morphology and classification of Ochrophyta (Phaeophyceae) and Rhodophyta	1P
Practicals based on Fungi		3P
1	Comparative morphological and anatomical characters in Myxomycota, Zygomycotina and Mastigomycotina	1P
2	Comparative morphological and anatomical characters in Ascomycotina, Basidiomycotina and Deuteromycotina	1P
3	Construction of Phylogenetic tree using MEGA software	1P
Practicals based on Bryophytes		3P
1	Taxonomic studies in Marchantiales: <i>Asterella</i> , <i>Plagiochasma</i> , <i>Targionia</i> and <i>Cyathodium</i> (any two)	1P
2	Taxonomic studies in Musci: <i>Sphagnum</i> , <i>Polytrichum</i> , <i>Pogonatum</i> , <i>Bryum</i> (any two)	1P
3	<i>In vivo/ in vitro</i> culture of Bryophytes	1P
Practicals based on Pteridophytes		3P

1	Taxonomic studies in Psilotales: <i>Psilotum</i> , <i>Tmesipteris</i> and Lycopodiales: <i>Lycopodium</i> (any two)	1P
2	Taxonomic studies in Filicales: <i>Anemia</i> , <i>Lygodium</i> , <i>Gleichenia</i> , <i>Ceratium</i> , <i>Goniopteris</i> , <i>Phymotodes</i> , <i>Pteris</i> , <i>Acrostichum</i> , <i>Blechnum</i> , <i>Platyserum</i> , <i>Pteridium</i> , <i>Pleopeltis</i> , <i>Cheilanthes</i> , <i>Ceratopteris</i> , <i>Athyrium</i> , <i>Adiantum</i> (any two)	1P
3	Demonstration of <i>Azolla</i> cultivation	1P
Practicals based on Gymnosperms		3P
1	Taxonomic studies in Cycadales and Ginkgoales	1P
2	Taxonomic studies in Coniferales	1P
3	Taxonomic studies in Gnetales and Ephedrales	1P
BOT 506 MJP Practical based on BOT MJ 503 and BOT MJ 504 (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
Practicals based on BOT MJ 503 Plant Biochemistry and Plant Physiology		
1	Estimation of soluble proteins in germinating and non-germinating seeds by Lowry/Bradford method	1P
2	Estimation of total amino acids in seeds	1P
3	Estimation of ascorbic acid in ripe and unripe fruits	1P
4	Estimation of cytokinins using test system of greening of cotyledons	2P
5	Transduction of alpha-amylase activity by GA ₃ in cereal grains	2P
6	Assay of nitrate reductase activity in plant tissues	2P
7	Effect of substrate concentration on K _m and V _{max} of invertase	2P
8	Effect of pH on enzyme activity	1P
9	Estimation of reducing sugars in developing fruits	2P
10	Estimation of starch in storage tissue	2P
11	Estimation of alpha-amylase activity in germinating seeds	2P
12	Estimation of invertase activity in plant tissues	2P
Practicals based on BOT 504 MJ Plant Genetics		
1	Preparation of somatic C- metaphase chromosomes and karyotype analysis in <i>Allium cepa</i> / <i>Aloe</i> sp.	2P
2	Study of meiotic configurations in <i>Zea mays</i> / <i>Allium cepa</i> , <i>Rhoeo</i> sp./ <i>Aloe</i> sp., <i>Tradescantia</i> ssp. (prophase I, chiasma analysis)	2P

3	Study of chromosomal aberrations in irradiated plant material	1P
4	Study of polygenic inheritance	1P
5	Problems based on Mendelian inheritance and population genetics and linkage, estimation of gene and allele frequencies	2P
6	Tetrad analysis in <i>Neurospora crassa</i>	1P
7	Handling of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> for study of monohybrid, dihybrid, and sex-linked inheritance	1P
8	Study of monohybrid and dihybrid crosses and genetic interactions	1P
9	Linear differentiation of chromosomes through banding techniques: C-Banding/G-Banding/Q-Banding	2P
10	PTC testing ability/tongue rollers-non rollers in humans	1P

SEMESTER I: ELECTIVE COURSES		
Sr. No.	Topics Covered	Number of Lectures/ Practicals
BOT 510 MJ Algal Bioprospecting (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Cultivation of Micro-and Macroalgae		15L
1	Isolation methods, purification and maintenance of microalgae	2L
2	Growth curve studies, measurement of algal growth	2L
3	Continuous culture system, scaling-up at laboratory and open pond system	3L
4	Photobioreactors and biomass production in closed system	1L
5	Harvesting and drying of algal biomass	2L
6	Economics of microalgal production	1L
7	Cultivation of commercially important algae: <i>Spirulina</i> , <i>Chlorella</i> , <i>Porphyra</i> , <i>Kappaphycus</i> , <i>Gracilaria</i> , <i>Laminaria</i>	4L
Credit 2: Bioprospecting of Micro-and-Macroalgae		15L
1	Algae as food and nutritional supplements (SCP, PUFA, etc.), animal feed	2L
2	Blue green algal biofertilizer, seaweed liquid fertilizer (SLF) and their applications in agriculture	2L

3	Algal pigments of commercial value	1L
4	Sources of phlorotannins and their commercial applications	1L
5	Biofuel (biodiesel, hydrogen and bioethanol) production from algae	2L
6	Algal polysaccharides: Agar, alginates, carrageenan and their commercial applications	3L
7	Diatomite and its commercial applications	1L
8	Carbon sequestration by algae	1L
9	Algae in waste water treatment (Phycoremediation)	1L
10	Intellectual property rights associated with algal bioprospecting	1L

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**BOT 517 MJP Practicals based on BOT 510 MJ
(2 Credits: 15 Practicals)**

1.	Culturing of microalgae: Isolation, purification and maintenance of algal strains	4P
2.	Qualitative and quantitative analysis of algal lipids	2P
3.	Estimation of carotenoids from commercially important algae	1P
4.	Extraction and purification of phycocyanin/phycoerythrin from algae	3P
5.	Extraction of UV protective scytonemin from cyanobacteria	2P
6.	Extraction of phlorotannins from algal sample	2P
7.	Enrichment of algal cultures for mass production	2P
8.	Immobilization of algae for bioprospecting	2P
9.	Method for production of Single Cell Protein (SCP)	2P
10.	Preparation of Seaweed Liquid Fertilizer (SLF)	2P
11.	Survey of commercially available algal products	1P
12.	Algal growth measurements and growth curve studies	2P
13.	Lyophilization of algal samples and testing for viability	2P
14.	Preparation of BGA biofertilizer	2P
15.	Extraction and purification of agar-agar and alginates	3P

16.	Biphasic culturing of algae from soil samples	2P
17.	Isolation and identification of algae from oil-spills	2P
18.	Visit to algal cultivation pond/institute/industry	2P
BOT 511 MJ Plant Pathology (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Plant diseases and pathogens		15L
1.	Concept of disease, classification	1L
2.	Rusts, smuts, mildews, wilt, blight, rot-causing fungi, symptoms, life cycles	5L
3.	Leaf spot, blight, wilt scabs, cankers, soft rot caused by bacteria, mosaic and ring spot causing viruses and yellowing, stunting and wilt causing nematodes	3L
4.	Plant disease epidemiology: Elements of an epidemic, patterns and comparison of epidemic development and forecasting plant disease epidemics	2L
5.	Pathogenesis: Infection, reproduction and dissemination	2L
6.	Pathogen effects on plant processes and growth	1L
7.	Emerging pathogens and effect on sustainable agriculture	1L
Credit 2: Host resistance, disease management and control of diseases		15L
1	Plant defenses: Non-host and host resistance	1L
2	Pre-existing and induced defenses: Structural and chemical	1L
3	Defense signaling network: Immunity, Effectors, MAPK cascade and PRPs	3L
4	Pathogenicity genes: effector molecules, role of enzymes and toxins in pathogenicity	3L
5	Diagnostic methods for detecting pathogens	1L
6	Control of disease using fungicides and other chemicals	2L
7	Biocontrol agents for controlling disease	2L
8	Disease control using biological and chemical activators of resistance	2L
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3. Fundamentals of Plant Pathology, R S Mehrotra, Ashok Aggarwal		

BOT 518 MJP Practicals based on BOT 511 MJ (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Study of different types of diseases in commercially important crops	4P
2	Isolation and culture of fungal pathogen from diseased plants	2P
3	Counting fungal spores using haemocytometer and artificial inoculation method	2P
4	Study of symptoms and disease scoring for any two fungal pathogens	2P
5	Observation of colonization pattern using fluorescent tagged vascular pathogen	2P
6	Isolation of DNA from infected plant tissue and assessment of pathogen load	3P
7	Molecular diagnostics of plant pathogen using PCR	3P
8	Control of pathogens using biological agents (<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp./PGPRs/ <i>Trichoderma</i> sp./ <i>Serendipita indica</i>) and plant-based formulations	4P
BOT 512 MJ Medicinal mushroom cultivation (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Introduction to medicinal mushrooms		15L
1	Medicinal mushrooms: Introduction, importance and health benefits Global scenario of trade and demand of medicinal mushrooms	5L
2	Overview of active principles in medicinal mushrooms	3L
3	Bioactive metabolites from <i>Cordyceps</i> , solid and liquid state fermentation and quality control of <i>Cordyceps militaris</i>	3L
4	Isolation, identification and utilization of mushroom metabolites	4L
Credit 2: Cultivation of medicinal mushrooms		
1	Cultivation of Shiitake mushroom (<i>Lentinusedodes</i>), Lion's mane (<i>Hericiumerinaceus</i>)	2L
2	Cultivation, nutritional value and bioactive compounds in <i>Morchella</i> and Truffles	3L
3	Cultivation of <i>Ganoderma lucidum</i> on different substrates and its commercial products	5L
4	Turkey Tail (<i>Trametes versicolor</i>) farming	2L
5	Development of a mushroom cultivation unit, cost-benefit analysis, institutions involved in research and development of medicinal mushrooms	3L

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BOT 519 MJP Practicals based on BOT 512 MJ (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Identification of commercial medicinal mushrooms	1P
2	Isolation and <i>invitro</i> culture of medicinal mushrooms	1P
3	Cultivation practice for medicinal mushrooms (<i>Cordycep militaris</i> , <i>Morchella</i> /Truffles/ <i>Trametesversicolor</i>)	5P
4	Cultivation of <i>Ganoderma lucidum</i> / <i>Lentinus edodes</i> / <i>Hericium erinaceus</i>	5P
5	Study of various by-products of medicinal mushrooms available in the market	3P
6	Analysis of nutritional compounds in medicinal mushrooms	3P
7	Extraction and estimation of polysaccharides and terpenoids from medicinal mushrooms	2P
8	Antioxidant activity (DPPH assay) of crude metabolites from mushroom extracts	2P
9	Study visit to a mushroom industry/fungal research laboratory	2P
BOT 513 MJ Post Harvest Technology (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		

Credit 1: Post-harvest management of crops, fruits and vegetables		15L
1	Importance and scope of post-harvest management of commercially important crop plants	3L
2	Maturity indices and harvesting techniques for commercially important crop plants, ornamentals, fruits and vegetables	3L
3	Pre-harvest practices, importance and their influence on post-harvest losses	2L
4	Post-harvest biology: ripening, fruit softening, flavor, fragrance and senescence	2L
5	Post-harvest treatments to prevent losses during storage, increasing shelf-life: high and low temperature, chemicals, irradiation etc.	3L
6	Packaging methods and transportation	1L
7	Storage facilities and techniques	1L
Credit 2: Value addition to crop, fruits and vegetables		15L
1	Post-harvest Processing and preservation: Cleaning, sorting, and grading of produce, drying, dehydration of plant-based food	3L
2	Nutritive value of fresh and processed fruits	2L
3	Value addition in cereals, pulses, vegetables and fruits	3L
4	Post-harvest practices for spices and condiments	2L
5	Quality and safety standards of processed food products	3L
6	Marketing and trade	2L
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**BOT 520 MJP Practicals based on BOT 513 MJ
(2 Credits: 15 Practicals)**

1	Effect of packaging containers on shelf life of fruits, vegetables and flowers	2P
2	Effect of low and high temperature on biochemical parameters determining shelf life and quality of fruits, vegetables and flowers	4P
3	Preparation of jam/jelly/ketchup	2P
4	Preparation of dried and dehydrated products	2P
5	Value added vegetables products	2P
6	Determination of pH, degree brix, nutritional parameters, TSS in fruit juice	4P
7	Visit to a food processing industry/institute	2P

BOT 514 MJ Plant Breeding (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Principles of plant breeding		15L
1	Pre-and post-Mendelian concepts, plant breeding in India - major achievements and limitations, past, progress and future needs, green revolution, evergreen revolution	2L
2	Breeding objectives, genetic diversity in plants, centers of origin of crop plants, distribution and areas of diversity. Primary, secondary and tertiary gene pools. Importance of genetic diversity in crop improvement and its erosion	3L
3	Hybridization technique: Objectives, types, procedure, raising F1 generation, selfing, difficulties in hybridization	4L
4	Genetic basis of breeding cross pollinated crops: Genetic basis of self- incompatibility and male sterility and their use in hybrid seed production, genetic basis of inbreeding depression	3L
5	Crop varieties: Identification, release and notification of crop varieties, institutions involved in release of varieties	3L
Credit 2: Breeding Methods		
1	Breeding methods for self-pollinated crops: Mass selection, pure-line selection, pedigree selection, bulk method, backcross method	5L
2	Breeding methods for cross pollinated crops: Mass selection, progeny selection, recurrent selection	5L
3	Breeding methods for clonally propagated crops: Clonal selection, hybridization breeding for heterosis	2L
4	Mutations and polyploidy breeding: Mutagens: Physical and chemical mutagens, Mutant types, mutation breeding, mutant variety data (MVD)-IAEA, distant hybridization and polyploid breeding	3L
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BOT 521 MJP Practicals based on BOT 514 MJ Plant Breeding (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Self and cross hybridization in selected crop species (rice, maize, mustard, etc.)	5P
2	Floral biology in self and cross-pollinated species, pollen viability detection	2P
3	Study of quality traits in rice/cotton/wheat/soybean/mustard (any three)	3P
4	Use of colchicine for transduction of polyploidy in appropriate plant material	3P
5	Demonstration of hybrid variety, heterosis, and inbreeding depression	2P
6	Transduction of mutations by physical/chemical mutagens and characterization of mutants	4P
7	Visits to plant breeding institutes within/nearby Pune	2P
BOT 515 MJ Industrial Botany (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Plant-based industries		15L
1	Introduction, various plant resources, demand and supply	2L
2	Paper industry: Plant resources, pulp, paper manufacturing	1L
3	Plant fiber industry: Sources, commercial fibers, floss, cultivation, processing and utilization	2L
4	Rubber industry: Plant sources, cultivation, processing and utilization	1L
5	Natural dyes: Sources, cultivation, processing and utilization	1L
6	Gums and resins: Sources, cultivation, processing and utilization	1L
7	Timber industry: Commercial sources, silvicultural techniques, utilization	1L
8	Wood-based industry: Sources for musical instruments, toys, pencils, sports goods, etc., manufacturing methods and utilization	2L
9	Bamboo industry: Diversity, cultivation, harvesting, utilization and value addition	2L
10	Rattan: Sources, manufacturing of different products and uses	1L
11	Tannin industry: Commercial sources, manufacturing and utilization	1L
Credit 2: Commercial botany		15L
1	Edible oils: Sources, cultivation, processing and utilization	2L

2	Tree-borne oil-seeds (TBOs): Wild sources, Good Field Collection Practices (GFCPs), processing, value addition and uses	2L
3	Aromatic oils: Sources, commercially important oils, cultivation, processing and utilization	2L
4	Nutraceuticals and food supplements: Wild fruits and vegetables, tubers, millets: sources and commercial utilization	2L
5	Herbal medicine: Commercially important herbs, utilization and processing, industrial applications	2L
6	Botanical pesticides: Sources, processing and value addition	1L
7	Landscape gardening: Plant resources, availability, propagation and cultivation	1L
8	Exotic fruits: Sources, cultivation, processing and utilization	1L
9	Spices and condiments: Bioprospecting and cultivation	1L
10	Plant-based tourism: Agro, Eco, Health, Forest, etc.	1L

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**BOT 522 MJP Practicals based on BOT 515 MJ Industrial Botany
(2 Credits: 15 Practicals)**

1	Identification and characterization of industrially important medicinal plants	2P
2	Pulp preparation technique for paper industry	1P
3	Identification of fibre-yielding plants and extraction of fibres	2P

4	Identification of dye-yielding plants and their extraction methods	2P
5	Types of gums and resins, extraction and storage methods	1P
6	Bamboo propagation and cultivation	2P
7	Pharmacognostic studies of locally available medicinal plants in trade	2P
8	Distillation of essential oils from commercial aromatic plants	2P
9	Primary processing, packaging techniques and marketing of medicinal plants	2P
10	Identification of spices and condiments, their processing and storage techniques	2P
11	Establishment of concept garden by landscape technique	4P
12	Identification of plant sources as food supplements and nutraceuticals	1P
13	Methods for extraction of tannins	1P
14	Identification of woods and manufacturing of wood articles	2P
15	Preparation method for plant-based pesticide and testing	2P
16	Project proposal writing for financial assistance to establish plant-based unit for submission to bank/various organizations/NGOs, etc.	2P
17	Demonstration of accounting and marketing of plant-based products	2P
18	Industrial visit for demonstration of equipment, instruments and infrastructure required for plant-based industry	2P
BOT 516 MJ Cultivation and Utilization of Medicinal Plants (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Cultivation and conservation		15L
1	Medicinal plants: aspects and prospects	1L
2	Medicinal plants used in various systems of traditional medicines, medicinal plants in demand, supply and sources	3L
3	Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) of selected commercially important medicinal plants	6L
4	Good Field and Collection Practices (GFCP), primary processing	2L
5	Conservation and utilization of medicinal plant resources	2L
6	Markets in India, major traders, processors/pharma associations	1L
Credit 2: Start-up requirements		15L
1	Value addition: processing and product development (oils, powder, granules, herbal tea, nutraceuticals, cosmeceuticals, cosmetics, medicated water, tablets, health drinks, <i>Chyavanprash</i> , candy, etc.), innovative products	4L

2	Requirement for start-ups: infrastructure, machinery, manpower, testing laboratory, legal permissions	2L
3	Rules and regulations: GOI Ministries, FDA, FSSAI, Pollution Control Board, etc.	2L
4	Government Schemes and organizations involved in promotion of medicinal plants, Skill India Program, campaigns on medicinal plants, Ayush and MSME ministry	2L
5	Organic certification: Procedure and documentation	2L
6	Quality control: Various norms and tests	2L
7	Intellectual property right (IPR) issues	2L

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BOT 523 MJP Practicals based on BOT 516 MJ Cultivation and Utilization of Medicinal Plants

1	Identification of major medicinal plants	2P
2	Identification of fresh and dried raw materials of medicinal plants in trade	3P
3	Nursery techniques for production of QPMs of medicinal plants, seed production	2P
4	GAPs for medicinal plants: Ashwagandha, Senna, Pippali	3P
5	Preparation of value-added products from amla, giloy, adulsa	3P
6	Post-harvest techniques for medicinal plants, processing and packaging: drying, grading, sorting and storage	3P
7	Extraction and identification of phytochemicals by Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC)	2P

**BOT 541 MN Research Methodology
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Foundation of research and execution		15L
1	Types of research, characteristics of scientific methods, understanding the language of research - concept, construct, definition, variables	3L
2	Importance of literature survey, sources of information, assessment of quality of journals and articles, effective literature studies approaches	3L

3	Formulation of research questions and hypothesis, hypothesis testing design of experiments	3L
4	Data analysis and application of statistical methods: sampling, data collection and documentation; analysis of qualitative and quantitative data- univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analysis. Outliers in the data. Statistical software	5L
Credit 2: Research ethics, safety measures, writing, and presentation skills		15L
1	Acts and biodiversity laws, permissions for plant collection, authentication of plant specimens, ethical issues, ethical and biosafety committees. Safety levels and permissions, plagiarism and self-plagiarism Intellectual property rights- patent, designs, trade and copyright, and patent law	4L
2	Lab safety measures: handling of chemicals, radioactive materials, instruments, disposals of chemicals and biological waste	2L
3	Dissertation: Different steps in the preparation - Layout, structure and language of typical reports. Illustrations and tables, bibliography, footnotes, and acknowledgement. Preparation of effective presentation	6L
4	Software for paper formatting, grammar checking, referencing, and plagiarism detection	3L
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BOT 542 MNP Practicals based on BOT 541 MN Research Methodology (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Formulation of hypothesis and its testing	2P

2	Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data sets	3P
3	Handling Systat/PAST3 for statistical analysis	3P
4	Making tables and graphs using Microsoft Excel	3P
5	Handling of Mendeley for referencing	2P
6	Manuscript formatting using Microsoft word	2P
7	Review writing, various databases	3P
8	Handling of Microsoft power point for scientific presentation	2P

SEMESTER II: CORE COURSES (Mandatory)		
BOT 551 MJ Taxonomy-III (Angiosperms) (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Fundamentals of taxonomy		15L
1	Origin of angiosperms, cradle of angiosperms, abominable mystery, fossil angiosperms	2L
2	Morphological features used in identification of angiosperms	3L
3	Taxonomy: definition, aims, principles and importance. Taxonomic tools and literature: Flora, monograph, revisions, herbarium, botanic gardens, journals, websites. Organizations involved in angiosperm taxonomy	2L
4	Floristics: need and significance, history, methods, botanical explorations in India	1L
5	Global Taxonomy Initiatives: systematics agenda- 2000, systematics knowledge and value of biodiversity, biodiversity strategy and systematics agenda for 2020	3L
6	Systems of classification: brief history, artificial systems: Carl Linnaeus, Natural system: Bentham & Hooker Phylogenetic systems: Engler & Prantl, Cronquist, Takhtajan,	4L
Credit 2: Advances in taxonomy		
1	Overview of APG system of classification	2L
2	Families of angiosperms: Characteristic features, interrelationships and economic importance of following clades: ANA Grade: Nymphaeaceae Magnoliids: Magnoliaceae Monocots: Acorales-Poales Eudicots: Ranunculaceae and Core Eudicots: Amaranthaceae Superrosids: Crassulaceae Rosids-I: Fabaceae (Leguminosae) Rosids-II: Malvaceae and Superasterids: Santalaceae Euasterids-I: Lamiaceae and Euasterids-II: Asteraceae	1L 1L 3L 1L 1L 1L 1L
3	Endemism, hotspots, IUCN categories	3L
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**BOT 552 MJ Plant Development-I
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Basic Concepts in Plant Development

15L

1	Basic processes in plant development a. Competence, determination, commitment, specification, induction, differentiation, dedifferentiation and redifferentiation b. Morphogenetic gradients, cell fate and cell lineages c. Polarity and symmetry d. Juvenility and transition to adult phase	4L
2	Development of epidermal structures: trichomes and stomata	2L
3	Development of vascular elements: differentiation of xylem and phloem	2L
4	Secondary growth: cambium, gross structure of wood	2L
5	Development of secretory tissues: nectaries, laticifers and resin ducts	2L
6	Transition from vegetative to reproductive phase: induction, morphological and biochemical changes in shoot apex and floral meristems	3L

Credit 2: Vegetative Development

15L

1	Meristem types and activities of meristems. Organization of shoot and root apical meristems. Regulation of meristem size, lateral organ initiation from root and shoot meristems	3L
2	Leaf development, plastochron and phyllotaxy	2L
3	Molecular genetics of root development Molecular genetics of shoot development Molecular genetics of leaf development	3L 4L 3L

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BOT 553 MJ Plant Ecology
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)

Credit 1: Population Ecology		15L
1	Concept and scope of Ecology	1L
2	Autecology, Synecology and Macroecology	1L
3	Ecological Models: Concepts, classification, model building and tools	1L
4	Molecular Ecology: Concept, tools, applications	2L
5	Population Ecology: Characteristics of population	1L
6	Ecological limits and size of the population	2L
7	Life history strategies and evolution, CSR triangle	2L
8	Metapopulation: Concept, types and dynamics, theory of island biogeography	3L
9	Extinction events, population viability analysis	2L
Credit 2: Community Ecology		15L
1	Concept, niche, ecotone and edge effect, evolution and coevolution	3L
2	Plant-plant interactions: types, epiphytic, parasitism and allelopathy	3L
3	Intra- and inter-specific interactions: competition, predation, herbivory	2L
4	Community structure, genetic and species diversity	2L
5	Qualitative and quantitative analysis of community	2L
6	Physiognomy and phenology of community	1L

7	Plant community in changing environment:disturbance, climate change and invasion	2L
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<p>BOT 554 MJ Cell Biology (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)</p>		
Credit 1: Cell organelles, cell cycle and senescence		15L
1	Cell wall: Biogenesis, ultra-structure, primary and secondary wall, cell expansion and elongation, functions	2L
2	Cell membranes:molecular organization, transport of ions across membranes, membrane transport proteins, structure and role of plasmodesmata	2L

3	Cell organelles: structure and function of vacuole, ER, mitochondria, chloroplast, Golgi complex, nucleus	4L
4	Cell cycle: phases of cell cycle, functional importance, check points, molecular events and regulation of cell cycle	3L
5	Senescence, programmed cell death, apoptosis, receptors and other proteins involved in selective autophagy, intracellular homeostasis	4L
Credit 2: Signal transduction		
1	Signal transduction: Types of receptors, G-proteins and G-protein coupled receptors	4L
2	Phospholipid signaling, Ca ²⁺ calmodulin cascade, diversity in protein kinases and phosphatases, secondary messengers, regulation of signaling pathways	6L
3	Specific signaling mechanisms: biotic and abiotic stress, ABA induced stomatal closure	3L
4	Nuclear: organelle signaling during plastid development	2L
BOT 555 MJ Molecular Biology-1 (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: DNA and RNA		15L
1	DNA structure: types of base pairing, unusual structures, topology	2L
2	Melting and reassociation of DNA, Cot curves and kinetic complexity of DNA. Organization of genomes, repetitive and unique sequences, C value paradox, number of genes, rot curves and gene expression, gene duplication and divergence	3L
3	Packaging of genomes in nuclei, structure of chromatin, nucleosome positioning, histone modifications, chromosome organization, centromeres, telomeres	3L
4	Initiation, elongation and termination of DNA replication, molecular machinery of DNA replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes	3L
5	RNA structure: modified bases, pairing, secondary structure	1L
6	Transcription units, RNA polymerases, initiation, elongation and termination of transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes	3L
Credit 2: Protein synthesis and translocation		15L
1	Protein synthesis: tRNA charging, ribosomal organization. Initiation, elongation and termination of protein synthesis in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, proof reading	5L
2	Post-translational processing of proteins, protein modifications. Chaperones and protein folding	3L
3	Proteases, ubiquitination and degradation of proteins by proteasomes	2L
4	Protein targeting in cell organelles and secretory proteins	3L

Practicals based on BOT MJ 553 Plant Ecology		
1	Determination of minimum size of sampling unit for studying specific plant community	2P
2	Determining frequency, density, abundance and Importance Value Index (IVI) of the species in a plant community	3P
3	Calculating species richness, similarity, diversity indices, cluster analysis and coordination in different plant communities	2P
4	Analyses and interpretation of plant population data	1P
5	Effect of leaf leachates on seed germination/saplings	2P
6	Isolation and observation of root-associated microbes	2P
7	Study of stratification and physiognomy of a plant community	1P
8	Determination of similarity and association index	1P
BOT MJP 557 Practical based on BOT 554 and 555 MJ		
Practicals based on BOT MJ 604 Cell Biology		
1	Isolation of chloroplast fraction for: a. Studying Hill reaction b. Measuring size and number of broken and intact chloroplast	2P
2	Cytochemical studies of special cell types: guard cells, senescent cells, bundle sheath cells, meristematic cells, laticiferous cells, glandular cells	3P
3	To induce and study senescence in leaf samples	2P
4	To induce plasmolysis and observe plasmodesmatal connections in plant cells	1P
Practicals based on BOT MJ 605 Molecular Biology		
1	Isolation and quantification of plasmid DNA	2P
2	Electrophoretic separation of plasmid isoforms	1P
3	Isolation and quantification of plant genomic DNA	2P
4	Effect of temperature and alkali on absorbance of DNA	1P
5	Isolation of seed-storage proteins from leguminous seeds and quantitation of each fraction	2P
6	SDS-PAGE-based separation of globulins and relative molecular weight determination	3P

SEMESTER II: ELECTIVE COURSES		
BOT 560 MJ Plant Tissue Culture (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Fundamentals of plant tissue culture (PTC)		15L
1	History and concepts underlying PTC	2L
2	Laboratory set up: Sterility, Growth media, Nutrients and Plant Growth Regulators	2L
3	Micropropagation: selection of explants, media, growth regulators, stages and case studies	5L
4	Callus and cell suspension cultures: selection of explants, media, growth regulators, growth kinetics, bioreactors and case studies	6L
Credit 2: Applied aspects of PTC		15L
1	Somaclonal variation, androgenesis, germplasm conservation and cryopreservation	5L
2	Somatic embryogenesis and synthetic seed production	2L
3	Protoplast isolation and culture, somatic hybridization	2L
4	Plant production: scaling up, cost and budget-related aspects	3L
5	Export potential of PTC-based products and quality control	3L
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**BOT 567 MJP Practicals Based on BOT 560 MJ Plant Tissue Culture
(2 Credits: 15 Practicals)**

1	Preparation of nutrient media, sterilization of glassware and media, maintenance of aseptic conditions	2P
2	Micropropagation of <i>Withania</i> sp./ <i>Gerbera</i> / <i>Gladiolus</i> /Carnation: explant selection, surface sterilization, media preparation, inoculation, incubation and sub-culturing	5P
3	Callus culture of sugar beet: explant selection, surface sterilization, media preparation, inoculation, incubation and sub-culturing	4P
4	Extraction and separation of pigments from beet root callus	3P
5	Standardization of a low cost micropropagation protocol	4P

**BOT 561 MJ Plant-Organism Interaction
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Plants interacting with macro-organisms		15L
1	Beneficial interaction: Plant-pollinator interaction, pollination mutualism (obligate and facultative). Interrelationship between floral morphology, chemistry and pollination	3L
2	Different insect herbivores and their feeding patterns, plant defense strategies, growth-defense trade-offs. Plant-mollusks interaction	4L
3	Plant defense mechanisms against herbivores: defense signaling, defense molecules and cross-talk, tritrophic interactions	5L
4	Below ground interaction: Plant-nematode interaction- recognition, signaling, mechanism, defense molecules against nematodes	3L

Credit 2: Plants interacting with micro-organisms		15L
1	Lichens: types, symbiotic partners, relationship and mutualism	2L
2	Endophytes: types, association, role in plant growth promotion and alleviation of biotic and abiotic stress	4L
3	Mycorrhizal symbiosis: ecto- and endo mycorrhizae, mycorrhizal induced resistance, role in plant growth promotion and alleviation of biotic and abiotic stress, tritrophic interactions	5L
4	Nodulating bacteria: <i>Rhizobium</i> , nod factors, mechanism of nitrogen fixation	1L
5	Nematophagous fungi: diversity, physical and biochemical interactions between nematodes and fungi, biological control	3L

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BOT 568 MJP Practicals based on BOT 561 MJ Plant-Organism Interaction (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Study of different feeding guilds	1P
2	Effect of herbivory on plant photosynthesis and growth	2P
3	Estimation of levels of plant defense molecules before and after herbivory	3P
4	Effect of host and non-host plants on herbivore performances	3P
5	Estimation of flavonoids in nematode infested plants	2P
6	Effect of plant defense metabolites on insect growth	3P
7	Estimation of green leaf volatiles (GLVs) upon herbivory by GCMS	3P
8	Isolation of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi (AMF) from rhizosphere and determination of percent colonization in plant roots	2P
9	<i>In vivo</i> culture, maintenance of AMF and its effect on plant growth	3P
10	Observation and documentation of various lichen forms in nearby forest area	2P
11	Isolation, <i>in vitro</i> culture and testing of nitrogen fixing ability of nodulating and non-nodulating bacteria	2P
12	Isolation and observation of nematodes from rhizospheric soil/root galls	2P
BOT 562 MJ Plant Immunity (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Pathogen perception, defense signaling and resistance		15L
1	Overview of host pathogen interaction, plant pathogens, pests and plant diseases	2L

2	Host and non-host defenses: Pre-existing and induced structural and chemical defenses	2L
3	Active defense: pathogen recognition (PAMPs and DAMPs), plant receptors (PRRs and NLRs), PTI, ETI, resistosomes	3L
4	Signal transduction pathways activated during plant resistance to pathogens, role of MAPK signalling, role of SA and JA signalling	4L
5	Transcriptional reprogramming in plant defense and role of transcription factors	3L
6	Role of pathogenesis related proteins (PRPs) and specialized secondary metabolites in defense	2L
Credit 2: Priming, induced resistance and small RNAs		15L
1	Concept of priming, induced resistance: SAR and ISR, chemical induced resistance	4L
2	Phytohormone cross talk in SAR and ISR	2L
3	Epigenetic control of plant defense mechanism	2L
4	Cross kingdom role of small RNAs in interaction, HIGH and SIGS	4L
5	Genetic engineering for plant disease resistance	3L
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BOT 569 MJP Practicals based on BOT 562 MJ Plant Immunity		
1	Culture and maintenance of fungal pathogens	2P
2	Artificial inoculation of fungal pathogen and disease scoring	3P
3	Detection of H ₂ O ₂ accumulation in infected plant tissue by DAB staining	1P

4	Detection of callose deposition in infected plant tissue	1P
5	Time course evaluation of antioxidative enzyme activity during fungal infection	3P
6	Expression analyses of defense genes in infected plant tissue	4P
BOT 563 MJ Organic Farming (2 Credits: 30 Lectures)		
Credit 1: Fundamentals of organic farming		15L
1	Historical overview: Importance, principles and advantages of organic farming	2L
2	Organic farming practices: Crop rotation, diversification, composting, vermicomposting, green manuring, biofertilizers, microbial consortia, IPM, IKS in organic farming, biodynamic farming, permaculture, community supported agriculture, biomass utilization	5L
3	Organic farming for specific crops: Cereals, pulses, millets, vegetables, spices, fruits, medicinal and aromatic plants	5L
4	Plant resources required for bee keeping (apiculture) and sericulture	2L
Credit 2: Marketing and certification, Government policies 15L		
1	Social aspects of organic farming, organic farming certification process, organic market trends in India, marketing organic produces, organizations and associations involved	5L
2	Government policies, national programmes and support for organic farming in India, incentives and subsidies, government schemes	5L
3	Challenges and future of organic farming, solutions and innovations, future prospects and opportunities, success stories/case studies, organic producer companies/ farmers/ NGOs	5L
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**BOT 570 MJP Practicals based on BOT 563 MJ Organic Farming
(2 Credits: 15 Practicals)**

1	Designing and planning of organic farm and maintenance of field record	1P
2	Preparation of vermicompost/green manure/organic manure and analyses of N, P, K	2P
3	Preparation of bacterial biofertilizer and testing its <i>in vitro</i> plant growth promoting activity	3P
4	Identification of pests and diseases and their biocontrol using biopesticides	2P
5	Preparation of <i>Panchgavya</i> , <i>Beejamrut</i> and <i>Jeevamrut</i> and its effect on plant growth promotion	2P
6	Physico-chemical analyses of soil	2P
7	Procedure for documentation and certification of organic products	1P
8	Visit to a biofertilizer manufacturing unit, organic farm and market	2P

**BOT 564 MJ Carbon Credit and Environment Impact Assessment
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Carbon and green credit		15L
1	Concept and significance, green credit importance, greenhouse gases, global warming and net zero concept	2L
2	Carbon credit initiative, Paris climate agreement, Glasgow COP26 climate change summit	2L
3	Carbon trading credit and carbon market, status in developed and developing countries	2L
4	Carbon trading emissions under Kyoto protocol, CDM, emission trading in India	2L
5	Plants and mitigation of pollution	1L

6	Green belt and its significance	1L
7	Modelling of greenbelt and plantation design	1L
8	Nursery techniques and plantation methods	1L
9	Acts and regulations related to carbon credit and green credit, green climate fund	1L
10	Preparation of project proposal, procedure for tendering related to carbon credit, central pollution control board, various ministries, their role, activities and schemes	2L
11	Organizations, Institutes, NGOs working in the field of carbon credit	1L
Credit 2: Environmental Impact Assessment		15L
1	Concept, impact analysis, assessment and impact statement	2L
2	EIA and its importance in project planning process	1L
3	Contents of EIA: project description, anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures	2L
4	Environmental monitoring programme, project benefits, environmental cost benefit analysis	2L
5	Environment attributes: air, water, noise, land and soil	2L
6	Monitoring of physical environmental parameters, collection and interpretation of baseline data for various environmental attributes	2L
7	Application of various models for prediction of impact on air environment, water environment, noise environment and land	2L
8	EIA notification September 2006 and amendments: categorization of projects, procedure for environmental clearance, public participation in environmental decision-making process	2L
BOT 571 MJP Practicals based on BOT 564 MJ Carbon Credit and Environment Impact Assessment (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)		
1	Estimation of carbon credit by non-destructive method for determining biomass/carbon assimilation of trees	2P

2	Estimation of water and waste management-based carbon credit of campus/society/industry	2P
3	Estimation of carbon credit based on air pollution reduction	1P
4	Assessment of carbon foot-print of Botanic garden/society/industry	2P
5	Demonstration of silviculture practices for green belt development	3P
6	Collection and interpretation of meteorological data for baseline study of EIA	2P
7	Collection and interpretation of air and noise pollution data	1P
9	Assessment of physico-chemical properties of surface and ground water	2P
10	Assessment and interpretation of soil quality baseline data	1P
11	Collection and interpretation of baseline ecological and biodiversity data	1P
12	Case studies on EIA for industries and infrastructure projects	2P

**BOT 565 Millet-based Nutraceuticals
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit1: Introduction to millets

1	Classification: major, minor, pseudo-millets	2L
2	Global scenario of millet cultivation, millet producing states in India, millet map of India, Indian Knowledge System (IKS): Description of medicinal and health benefits of millets in Ayurvedic texts (balancing <i>doshas</i>)	4L
3	Cultivation practices of millets in India: broadcasting, transplanting, inter-cropping etc., major pests and pathogens, control measures	2L
4	Nutritional parameters (dietary fiber, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, vitamins, micronutrients etc.) of different millets and their comparison with other cereals	2L
5	Millets in the Indian rural and urban diet, consumption preferences, role of millets in reducing nutrient deficiency	2L

6	Agronomic trait improvement in millets, nutrigenomics and nutrigenetics	3L
Credit 2: Nutraceutical value of millets		
1	Introduction to nutraceuticals, formulations, plant-based nutraceuticals	3L
2	Overview of polyphenol, flavonoid, phytic acid, carotenoid, tocopherol, phytosterol, arabinoxylan content in millets	3L
3	Health benefits of millets: strengthening bones, positive effect on nervous system, maintaining cardiac health, managing type-II diabetes, lowering cholesterol, promoting immunity etc.	3L
4	Anti-oxidant and anti-aging properties of finger millet	1L
5	Processing of millets: dehusking/decortication, milling, soaking, germination, malting, fermentation, cooking, roasting etc.	3L
6	Start-up opportunities: manufacturing value-added products, branding, product development and marketing	2L
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<p>BOT 572 MJP Practicals on BOT 565 Millet-based Nutraceuticals (2 Credits: 15 Practicals)</p>		

1	Estimation and comparison of total carbohydrates from finger millet and little millet	2P
2	Estimation of total nitrogen from finger millet by the Kjeldahl method	2P
3	Estimation and comparison of total lipid content in different millets	2P
4	Estimation of reducing sugars, total fibre and ash content in little millet	2P
5	Estimation of Fe, Ca, Mg in red and white landraces of finger millet	2P
6	Processing of millets for manufacturing value-added products (extruded snacks, noodles, flakes etc.) and assessment of their sensory attributes	3P
8	Malting of finger millet grains to prepare 'ragi-malt' and its nutritional analyses	2P
9	Visit to a millet-based local industry/minor millet cultivation in a tribal area	2P

**BOT 566 MJ Aromatic Plants
(2 Credits: 30 Lectures)**

Credit 1: Aspects and Prospects

1	Aromatic Plants: Introduction, Diversity, Aspects and Prospects	2L
2	Commercial names, Sources, Major Volatile Compounds	2L
3	Aromatic Herbs in Food	1L
4	Bioactive Compounds, Processing, and Applications	2L
5	Properties of bioactive compounds, recovery and applications	1L
6	Spices and Condiments- Diversity, Cultivation and Utilization	2L
7	Application of essential oil- Aromatherapy, Aromatics, Perfume, Room Freshener, Deodorants, Cosmaceuticals, medicines, mosquito repellent, etc	4L
8	Aroma mission, Government schemes, Processing unit	1L

Credit 2: Cultivation, processing and marketing

1	Agro-techniques for commercially important aromatic crops found in various agro climatic regions (comparative account)	5L
2	High yielding varieties and their characteristics	1L
3	Processing, extraction technologies, green extraction technologies, encapsulation of recovered bioactives	5L
4	Aromatic trade: documentation, sources, markets	1L
5	Establishment of processing unit: procedure, cost and requirements	1L
6	Packaging, Trademark, Value addition, Marketing	2L

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BOT 573 MJP Practicals based on BOT 566 MJ Aromatic Plants

1	Identification of aromatic plants including spices	2P
2	Identification of raw material and various value-added products	2P
3	Nursery techniques for propagation of citronella, vetiver, palmarosa and geranium	2P
4	Agrotechniques of commercially important aroma crops	5P
5	Lab and commercial scale extraction methods of essential oils	3P
6	GC-MS analyses of lemon grass/mint/geranium/vetiver	3P
7	Preparation of value-added products such as perfume, room freshener, deodorants, mosquito-repellent	4P
8	Project proposal writing, bank loan procedure	2P
9	Exposure to trading, wholesale and retail market	2P
10	Visits to processing industry/field	4P

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