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GENERIC ELECTIVE (BOT-GE-16)

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Plant Health & Disease Diagnostics BOT-GE-16	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology	**Nil**

Learning Objectives:

- understand the challenges and importance of plant pathogen diagnosis
- understand methods for reducing/minimizing risk of the spread of pathogens and pests.
- understand principles and tools for early warning systems to protect plant health.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- diagnose the cause of a plant disease and identify the causal agent
- select appropriate methods and strategy for control and mitigate spread.

Unit 1: Introduction to Plant Diseases **04 Hours**

Definition; History of Plant Pathology, Concept and basic components of disease; Causes and classification of diseases; Disease cycle; Significance of plant diseases.

Unit 2: Plant Disease Diagnosis **06 Hours**

Koch's Postulates; Plant disease symptoms and types (Necrosis, Hypertrophy and Hyperplasia, Hypoplasia); General symptoms of viral, bacterial and fungal plant diseases; Methods of plant disease diagnosis- Histochemical, Serological and PCR techniques.

Unit 3: Plant Disease Epidemiology **05 Hours**

Epidemics and factors affecting the development of epidemics; Epidemic assessment and Disease forecasting; Tools of epidemiology geographic information system (GIS), Global Positioning System (GPS), Geostatistics, Remote sensing.

Unit 4: Plant Diseases **11 hours**

Causal organism, symptoms, disease cycle and management of the plant disease caused by bacteria, virus and fungi: Tobacco Mosaic, Yellow Vein mosaic of Bhendi, Citrus Canker, Angular leaf spot of Cotton, White rust of crucifers, Late & early blight of potato, Rust of wheat, Smut of Cereals.

Unit 5: Management of Plant Diseases **04 Hours**

Concept of integrated disease management (IDM); strategies for IDM- regulatory, cultural, physical, chemical and biological.

Practicals **60 hours**

1. Preparation of Fungal Medium (Potato Dextrose Agar | Czapek Dox), Study of Instruments (Laminar Air flow, Autoclave, Incubator) & sterilization techniques.
2. Isolation pathogen from an infected plant sample.
3. Symptoms of Citrus canker and Angular leaf spot of Cotton through specimens / photograph.
4. Powdery mildew of pea: Symptoms and study of asexual and sexual stage of causal organism (*Erysiphe polygoni*) with the help of temporary tease /section/permanent slides.
5. Symptoms of Tobacco Mosaic Virus and Yellow Vein Mosaic of Bhinde through specimens / photographs.
6. White Rust of Crucifers - Symptoms and study of asexual and sexual stages of *Albugo candida* from tease /section/permanent slides.
7. Late blight of potato. Symptoms
8. Early blight of potato - Symptoms and study of asexual stage of *Alternaria solani* through temporary tease mounts
9. Black stem rust of wheat: Symptoms on both wheat and barberry. Types of spores of *Puccinia gormenistritici* wheat and barberry by temporary tease/section mount /permanent slides.
10. Symptoms of Loose and covered smuts of barley.

Suggested Readings:

1. Cooke, B.M., Jones, D.G., Kaye, B. (2007) The Epidemiology of Plant Diseases, 2nd ed. Springer.
2. Madden, L.V., Hughes, G. and Bosch, F van den (2017). The Study of Plant Disease Epidemics, APS Publications.
3. Sethi, I.K. and Walia, S.K. (2018). Text book of Fungi and their Allies. (2nd Edition), Medtech Publishers, Delhi.
4. Sharma, P.D. (2014*).* Plant Pathology. Rastogi Publications, Meerut.
5. Singh R.S. (2018*).* Plant Diseases. 10th Edition Medtech, New De

Additional Resources:

1. Agrios G.N. (2005*).* Plant Pathology. 5th Edition, Elsevier.
2. Gupta, V.K. and Sharma, R.C. (2020) Integrated Disease Management and Plant Health, Scientific Publishers, India
3. Kapoor, A.S. and Banyal, D.K. (2012). Plant Disease Epidemiology and Management, AbeBooks.