

II Semester /BotanyCoreCourse – 2

Basics of Vascular plants and Phytogeography

(Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms, Taxonomy of Angiosperms and Phytogeography)

(Total hours of teaching – 60 @ 02 Hrs /Week)

Theory:

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Classify and compare Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms based on their morphology, anatomy, reproduction and life cycles.
 - Justify evolutionary trends in tracheophytes to adapt for land habitat.
 - Explain the process of fossilization and compare the characteristics of extinct and extant plants.
 - Critically understand various taxonomical aids for identification of Angiosperms.
 - Analyze the morphology of the most common Angiosperm plants of their localities and recognize their families.
 - Evaluate the ecological, ethnic and economic value of different tracheophytes and summarize their goods and services for human welfare.
 - Locate different phytogeographical regions of the world and India and can analyze their floristic wealth.
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Unit – 1: Pteridophytes

12 Hrs.

1. General characteristics of Pteridophyta; classification of Smith (1955) into divisions.
2. Occurrence, morphology, anatomy, reproduction (developmental details are not needed) and life history of (a) *Lycopodium* (Lycopsida) and (b) *Marsilea* (Filicopsida).
3. Stellar evolution in Pteridophytes;
4. Heterospory and seed habit.

Unit – 2:Gymnosperms**14 Hrs.**

1. General characteristics of Gymnosperms; Sporneclassification upto classes.
2. Occurrence, morphology, anatomy, reproduction (developmental details are not needed) and life history of (a) *Cycas*(Cycadopsida) and (b) *Gnetum* (Gnetopsida).
3. Outlines of geological time scale.
4. A brief account on *Cycadeoidea*.

Unit – 3:Basic aspects of Taxonomy**13Hrs.**

1. Aim and scope of taxonomy; Species concept: Taxonomic hierarchy, species, genus and family.
2. Plant nomenclature: Binomial system, ICBN- rules for nomenclature.
3. Herbarium and its techniques, BSI herbarium and Kew herbarium; concept of digital herbaria.
4. Bentham and Hooker system of classification;
5. Systematic description and economic importance of the following families:
(a) Annonaceae (b) Curcubitaceae

Unit – 4: Systematic Taxonomy**13 Hrs.**

1. Systematic description and economic importance of the following families:
(a) Asteraceae (b) Asclepiadaceae (c) Amaranthaceae (d) Euphorbiaceae
(e) Arecaceae and (f) Poaceae
2. Outlines of Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG IV).

Unit – 5:Phytogeography**08 Hrs.**

1. Principles of Phytogeography, Distribution (wides, endemic, discontinuous species)
2. Endemism – types and causes.
3. Phytogeographic regions of World.
4. Phytogeographic regions of India.
5. Vegetation types in Andhra Pradesh.

Practical syllabus of Botany Core Course – 2/ Semester – II

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Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course students shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate the techniques of section cutting, preparing slides, identifying of the material and drawing exact figures.
2. Compare and contrast the morphological, anatomical and reproductive features of vascular plants.
3. Identify the local angiosperms of the families prescribed to their genus and species level and prepare herbarium.
4. Exhibit skills of preparing slides, identifying the given twigs in the lab and drawing figures of plant twigs, flowers and floral diagrams as they are.
5. Prepare and preserve specimens of local wild plants using herbarium techniques.

Practical Syllabus:

1. Study/ microscopic observation of vegetative, sectional/anatomical and reproductive structures of the following using temporary or permanent slides/ specimens/ mounts :
 - a. Pteridophyta : *Lycopodium* and *Marselia*
 - b. Gymnosperms : *Cycas* and *Gnetum*
2. Study of fossil specimens of *Cycadeoidea* and *Pentoxylon* (photographs /diagrams can be shown if specimens are not available).
3. Demonstration of herbarium techniques.
4. Systematic / taxonomic study of locally available plants belonging to the families prescribed in theory syllabus. (Submission of 30 number of Herbarium sheets of wild plants with the standard system is mandatory).
5. Mapping of phytogeographical regions of the globe and India.

Model Question Paper for Practical Examination

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Max. Time: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

1. Take T.S. of the material 'A' (Pteridophyta), make a temporary slide and justify the identification with apt points. 10 M
2. Take T.S. of the material 'B' (Gymnosperms), make a temporary slide and justify the identification with apt points. 10 M
3. Describe the vegetative and floral characters of the material 'C' (Taxonomy of Angiosperms) and derive its systematic position. 10 M
4. Identify the specimen 'D' (Fossil Gymnosperm) and give specific reasons. 5 M
5. Locate the specified phytogeographical regions (2x2M) in the world / India (E) map supplied to you. 4 M
6. Record + Herbarium & Field note book + Viva-voce 5 + 4 + 3 = 12 M