

B.Sc.-II (BOTANY) PAPER-II
(ECOLOGY AND PLANT PHYSIOLOGY)

UNIT-I

Introduction and scope of ecology, environmental and ecological factors, Soil formation and soil profile, Liebig's law of minimum, Shelford's law of tolerance, morphological and anatomical adaptations in hydrophytes, xerophytes and epiphytes.

UNIT-II

Population and community characteristics, Raunkiaer's life forms, population interactions (e.g. Symbiosis, Amensalism etc.), succession, ecotone and edge effect, ecological niches, ecotypes, ecads, keystone species

Concept of ecosystem, trophic levels, flow of energy in ecosystem, food chain and food web, concept of ecological pyramids

Biogeochemical cycles: carbon cycle, nitrogen cycle and phosphorus cycle

UNIT-III

Plant water relations: Diffusion, permeability, osmosis, imbibitions, plasmolysis, osmotic potential and water potential, Types of soil water, water holding capacity, wilting, Absorption of water, theories of Ascent of sap, Mineral nutrition and absorption, Deficiency symptoms, Transpiration, stomatal movement, significance of transpiration, Factors affecting transpiration, guttation.

UNIT-IV

Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic apparatus and pigments, light reaction mechanism of ATP synthesis. C₃, C₄ CAM pathway of carbon reduction, photorespiration, factors affecting photosynthesis.

Respiration: Aerobic and anaerobic respiration, Glycolysis, Krebs' cycle, factors affecting respiration, R.Q.

UNIT-V

Plant growth hormones: Auxin, Gibberellin, Cytokinin, Ethylene and Abscisic acid. Physiology of flowering, Florigen concept, Photoperiodism and Vernalization. Seed dormancy and germination, plant movement.

Books Recommended:

Koromondy, E.J. *Concepts of Ecology*, Prentice Hall, USA

Singh, JS Singh SP and Gupta SR. *Ecology and Environmental Science and Conservation*, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi

Sharma, PD. *Ecology and Environment*, Rastogi Publications, Meerut

Hopkins, WG and Huner, PA. *Introduction to Plant Physiology*, John Wiley and Sons.

Pandey SN and Sinha BK, *Plant Physiology*, Vikas Publishing, New Delhi

Taiz, L and Zeiger. E. *Plant Physiology*, 5th edition, Sinauer Associates Inc. M.A, USA

Srivastava, HS *Plant Physiology and Biotechnology*, Rastogi Publications, Meerut

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Practical

1. Taxonomy: Detailed description and identification of locally available plants of the families as prescribed in the theory paper.
2. Economic Botany: Identification and comment on the plants and plant products belonging to different economic use categories
3. Preparation of Herbarium of local wild plants.