

W.E.F. 2016-2017

II B. Sc - SEMESTER- IV THEORY: BOTANY SYLLABUS
PAPER – DSC IIB: Plant Physiology and Metabolism
Total hours of teaching 60hrs @ 4 hrs per week

UNIT – I: Plant – Water relations (12 hrs)

1. Physical properties of water, Importance of water to plant life.
2. Diffusion, imbibition and osmosis; concept & components of Water potential.
3. Absorption and transport of water and ascent of sap.
4. Transpiration –Definition, types of transpiration, structure and opening and closing mechanism of stomata.

UNIT –II: Mineral nutrition & Enzymes (12hrs)

1. Mineral Nutrition: Essential elements (macro and micronutrients) and their role in plant metabolism, deficiency symptoms.
2. Mineral ion uptake (active and passive transport).
3. Nitrogen metabolism- biological nitrogen fixation in *Rhizobium*, outlines of protein synthesis (transcription and translation).
4. Enzymes: General characteristics, mechanism of enzyme action and factors / regulating enzyme action.

UNIT –III: PHOTOSYNTHESIS (12 hrs)

1. Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic pigments, photosynthetic light reactions, photo-phosphorylation, carbon assimilation pathways: C₃, C₄, and CAM (brief account)
2. Photorespiration and its significance.
3. Translocation of organic solutes: mechanism of phloem transport, source-sink relationships.

UNIT – IV: PLANT METABOLISM (12 hrs)

1. Respiration: Glycolysis, anaerobic respiration, TCA cycle, electron transport system.
Mechanism of oxidative phosphorylation.
2. Lipid Metabolism: Types of lipids, Beta-oxidation.

UNIT –V: GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (12hrs)

1. Growth and development: definition, phases and kinetics of growth.
2. Physiological effects of phytohormones - Auxins, Gibberellins, Cytokinins, ABA, Ethylene and Brassinosteroids.
3. Physiology of flowering -photoperiodism, role of phytochrome in flowering; Vernalization.
4. Physiology of Senescence and Ageing.

Suggested activity: Seminars, Quiz, Debate, Question and Answer sessions, observing animations of protein biosynthesis in you tube.

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