B.Sc., Biotechnology: Choice based credit system

B.Sc., -II Semester W.E.F. 2020-21

BT-201: Microbiology, Cell and Molecular Biology

Course Objectives: To acquaint students with concepts of microbiology, cell and molecular biology. This course is aimed to give an understanding of the basics of microbiology, dealing types of microbes, classification and their characterization, structure and function of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell organelles, cell division and basics of molecular biology including DNA replication, transcription, translation and regulation of gene expression.

Unit-I- Scope and Techniques of Microbiology

History and contribution of Leeuwenhoek, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch, Joseph Lister and Alexander Fleming. Ultrastructure of bacteria and growth curve. Pure culture techniques. Sterilization techniques, principles and application of physical methods (autoclave, hot air oven, incineration), chemical methods and radiation methods. Simple, gram and acid-fast staining.

Unit-II-Microbial Taxonomy and Metabolism

Concepts of microbial species and strains. Classification of bacteria based on morphology, nutrition and environment. General characteristics, transmission and cultivation of viruses. Structure and properties of plant (tobacco mosaic virus, TMV), animal (Newcastle disease virus, NDV), human (Human immunodeficiency virus, HIV) and bacterial viruses (T4 phage). Emerging and reemerging viruses (dengue virus), zoonotic viruses (rabies, SARS-CoV-2). Microbial production of penicillin. Bacterial toxins, tuberculosis, typhoid. Introduction to fungi, algae and mycoplasm.

Unit-III- Cell Structure and Functions

Structure, properties and functions of cellular organelles (E.R, Golgibodies, Mitochondria, Ribosomes and Vacuoles) of eukaryotic cells. Cell cycle and cell division (mitosis and meiosis). Chemical composition and dynamic nature of the membrane, cell signaling and communication, endocytic pathways.

Unit-IV- DNA Replication, Repair and Regulation of Gene Expression

DNA replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (semiconservative, dispersive, conservative, uni and bi-direction, rolling circle). Mechanism of DNA replication, enzymes and protein involved in DNA replication. DNA damage and repair. Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes Lac and Trip operon concept.

Unit – V - Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

Genome organization of prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms. Genetic code, prokaryotic and eukaryotic transcription, enzymes involved in transcription. Post-transcriptional modification (Capping Poly adenylation) and splicing.

Translation: mechanism of translation in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells (initiation, elongation, termination). Post-translational modification (glycosylation and phosphorylation).

List of Practicals:-

1. Cleaning and preparation of glassware
2. Preparation of nutrient agar medium for bacteria
3. Preparation of PDA medium for fungi
4. Sterilization techniques (autoclave, hot air oven, filter)
5. Isolation of bacteria from soil
6. Simple staining technique
7. Differential staining technique
8. Microbial counting by Haemocytometer
9. Identification of different bacteria
10. Motility test by hanging drop
11. Biochemical identification of bacteria
12. Preparation of pure culture by slab, slant, streak culture
13. Study of stages of mitotic cell division
14. Study of stages of meiotic cell division
15. Isolation of chloroplast
16. Extraction and isolation of DNA from bacteria.

Textbooks forMicrobiology, Cell and Molecular Biology

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2. Prescott's Microbiology, 8th edition, (2010), Joanne M Willey, Joanne Willey, Linda Sherwood, Linda M Sherwood, Christopher J Woolverton, Chris Woolverton; McGrawHill Science Engineering, USA
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20. Dr. T. Sundararaj. Microbiology Laboratory Manual. 2005. Dr.A.L. MPGIBMS, University of Madras, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113.
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22. Dr. David A Thompson. 2011. Cell and Molecular Biology Lab Manual.
23. George M. Malacinski. 2013. Freifeder’s Essentials of Molecular Biology. Narosa Publishing House.