GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING
Course Structure – at a Glance

CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
GP501*	Principles of Genetics Principles	2+1
GP502*	of Cytogenetics Principles of Plant	2+1
GP503*	Breeding Principles of Quantitative	2+1
GP504*	Genetics	2+1
GP505	Mutagenesis and Mutation Breeding	2+1
GP506	Population Genetics	2+1
GP507	Heterosis Breeding	1+1
GP508*	Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics	2+1
GP509*	Biotechnology for Crop Improvement	2+1
GP510	Breeding for Biotic and Abiotic Stress Resistance	2+1
GP511	Breeding Cereals, Forages and Sugarcane	2+1
GP512	Breeding Legumes, Oilseeds and Fibre Crops	2+1
GP513	Breeding for Quality Traits	2+1
GP514	Gene Regulation and Expression	2+0
GP515	Maintenance Breeding, Concepts of Variety Release and Seed Production	1+1
GP 516	Germplasm Collection, Exchange and Quarantine	2 +1
GP 517	Data Base Management, Evaluation and Utilization Of Pgr	2+1
GP591	Master's Seminar	1+0
GP599	Master's Research	20
GP601	Plant Genetic Resources and Their Utilization	2+0
GP602	Advances in Quantitative Genetics	2+1
GP603**	Genomics in Crop Improvement	2+1
GP604**	Cellular and Chromosomal Manipulations in Crop Improvement	2+0
GP605**	Advanced Plant Breeding Systems	2+0
GP606	Crop Evolution	2+0
GP607	Breeding Designer Crops	2+1
GP608	Advances in Breeding of Major Field Crops	3+0
GP609	Microbial Genetics	2+1
GP610	In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation of Germplasm	2 +1
GP 691	Doctoral Seminar I	1+0
GP 692	Doctoral Seminar II	1+0
GP 699	Doctoral Research	45

Compulsory for Master's programme*; * Compulsory for Ph. D. programme*

Minor Departments

Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

Biochemistry

Statistics and Mathematics

Entomology

Plant Pathology

Plant physiology

Supporting Departments

Statistics and Mathematics

Entomology

Plant Pathology

Plant physiology

Non credit compulsory courses

CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PGS 501	LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES	0+1
PGS 502	TECHNICAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS	0+1
PGS 503 (e-course)	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ITS MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE	1+0
PGS 504	BASIC CONCEPTS IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES	0+1
PGS 505 (e-course)	AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, RESEARCH ETHICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES	1+0
PGS 506 (e-course)	DISASTER MANAGEMENT	1+0

GP 501 PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS 2+1

Objective

This course is aimed at understanding the basic concepts of genetics, helping students to develop their analytical, quantitative and problem solving skills from classical to molecular genetics.

Theory

UNIT I

Beginning of genetics; Cell structure and cell division; Early concepts of inheritance, Mendel's laws; Discussion on Mendel's paper, Chromosomal theory of inheritance.

UNIT II

Multiple alleles, Gene interactions. Sex determination, differentiation and sex-linkage, Sex-influenced and sex-limited traits; Linkage-detection, estimation; Recombination and genetic mapping in eukaryotes, Chiasmata and the time of crossing over,

UNIT III

Somatic cell genetics,

UNIT IV

Structural and numerical changes in chromosomes; Variation in chromosome number; Nature, structure and replication of the genetic material; Basic features of DNA replication *in vivo*; DNA modification and restriction; Organization of DNA in chromosomes; Genetic code; Protein biosynthesis; Split genes; Translation and Genetic code.

UNIT V

Regulation of gene activity in prokaryotes; Molecular chaperones and gene expression. Gene regulation in eukaryotes, RNA editing. Gene silencing, Anti-sense RNA and ribozymes; Micro-RNAs (miRNAs)

UNIT IV

Genetic fine structure analysis, Allelic complementation; Transposable genetic elements, overlapping genes, Pseudogenes, Oncogenes, Gene families and clusters.

UNIT V

Molecular mechanism of mutation, repair and suppression – reverse mutations and suppressor mutations.

UNIV VI

Extra chromosomal inheritance – Genetics of mitochondria and chloroplasts

UNIT VII

Population - Mendelian population – Random mating population - Frequencies of genes and genotypes-Causes of change: Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.

UNIT VIII

Gene isolation, synthesis and cloning, genomic and cDNA libraries, PCR based cloning, positional cloning; Nucleic acid hybridization and immunochemical detection;

UNIT IX

Genomics and proteomics; Functional and pharmacogenomics; Metagenomics.

UNIT X

Concepts of Eugenics, Epigenetics, Genetic disorders and Behavioural genetics.

Practical

Laboratory exercises in probability and chi-square, Demonstration of genetic principles using laboratory organisms, Chromosome mapping using three point test cross, Tetrad analysis, Induction and detection of mutations through genetic tests, DNA extraction and PCR amplification, Electrophoresis – basic principles and running of amplified DNA, Extraction of proteins and isozymes – use of *Agrobacterium* mediated method, Biolistic gun; practical demonstrations, Detection of transgenes in the exposed plant material, Visit to transgenic glasshouse and learning the practical considerations.

Suggested Readings

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GP 502 PRINCIPLES OF CYTOGENETICS 2+1

Objective

To provide insight into structure and functions of chromosomes, chromosome mapping, polyploidy and cytogenetic aspects of crop evolution.

Theory

UNIT I

Architecture of chromosome in prokaryotes and eukaryotes – Terminology, euchromatin and heterochromatin; karyotype and techniques for karyotyping; Banding patterns for identification of chromosomes – C value paradox – DNA content (genome size) and adaptability, Split gene; Special types of chromosomes – lamp brush chromosomes, polytene chromosomes B chromosomes and sex chromosomes.

UNIT II

Mitosis cell cycle-significance of mitosis; Meiosis cell cycle-significance of meiosis, Differences between mitosis and meiosis – significance; Crossing over-mechanisms and theories of crossing over.

UNIT III

Recombination models and cytological basis of crossing over; Structural chromosomal aberrations, Deletions – types of deletions, origin and occurrence – meiosis and breeding behaviour of deletion heterozygote, genetics of deletions; Duplications – origin, types of duplications – chromosome pairing and crossing over at meiosis in duplicate heterozygotes, phenotypic effects of duplications; Bridge-breakage – fusion cycle in corn. Role of duplications in plant breeding and evolution; Inversions: origin, types of inversions – meiotic pairing in inversions-detection and uses of pericentric and paracentric inversions; Breeding behaviour of inversion heterozygotes, Role of inversions in evolution and karyotype; Breeding behaviors of translocation heterozygote – Permanent hybrids in *Oenothera* – Robertsonian translocations, detection and uses; Numerical chromosomal aberrations: classification; Euploidy; Haploidy – Terminology and classification of haploids; Origin, occurrence and production of haploids Detection of haploids Phenotypic effects of haploids - Meiosis and Breeding behaviour of haploids. Use of haploids in plant breeding.

UNIT IV

Polyploidy – autopolyploidy, Origin and types of autopolyploids, Meiotic behaviour in autopolyploids – Autotriploids and autotetraloids; Allopolyploidy – segmental allopolyploidy – Genome analysis of allopolyploids – Evolution of important polyploid crops – Wheat, Tobacco, Brassica and Cotton; Aneuploidy – hyperploids – trisomics and tetrasomics; primary trisomics and secondary trisomics, Meiotic behaviour in trisomics and uses; Balanced tertiary trisomics in hybrid seed production – Trisomics in polyploids; tetrasomics; Aneuploidy – hypoploidy-Monosomics and nullisomics – Method of production of monosomics – Meiotic behaviours of monosomics – Monosomics in maize; Production of nullisomics – Meiotic behaviour of nullisomics – nullisomic analysis, use of nulisomics in locating genes on chromosomes; Alien gene transfer through chromosome manipulations – transfer of genome to 4x and 6x wheat – transfer of genome in the genus *Arachis*.

UNIT V

Transfer of individual whole chromosome – alien addition lines – alien substitution lines; Apomixis – Evolutionary and genetic problems in crops with apomixis; Chromosome painting, chromosome walking and chromosome jumping; Artificial chromosome construction and its uses; Reversion of autopolyploids to diploids; Genome mapping in polyploids.

UNIT IV

Fertilization barriers in crop plants at pre-and post-fertilization levels- *In vitro* techniques to overcome the fertilization barriers in crops; Chromosome manipulations in wide hybridization; case studies – Production and use of haploids, dihaploids and doubled haploids in genetics and breeding.

Practical

Learning the cytogenetics laboratory, various chemicals to be used for fixation, dehydration, embedding, staining, cleaning etc. - Microscopy: various types of microscopes - Observing sections of specimen using Electron microscope; Preparing specimen for observation – Fixative preparation and fixing specimen for light microscopy studies in cereals - Studies on the course of mitosis in wheat, pearl millet - Studies on the course of mitosis in onion and *Aloe vera* **-** Studies on the course of meiosis in cereals, millets and pulses - Studies on the course of meiosis in oilseeds and forage crops - Using micrometers and studying the pollen grain size in various crops -Various methods of staining and preparation of temporary and permanent slides - Pollen germination *in vivo* and *in vitro;* Microtomy and steps in microtomy; Agents employed

for the induction of various ploidy levels; Solution preparation and application at seed, seedling level - Identification of polyploids in different crops - Induction and identification of haploids; Anther culture and Ovule culture – Morphological observations on synthesized autopolyploids – Observations on C-mitosis, learning on the dynamics of spindle fibre assembly – Morphological observations on alloployploids - Morphological observations on aneuploids - Cytogenetic analysis of interspecific and intergeneric crosses - Maintenance of Cytogenetic stocks and their importance in crop breeding - Various ploidy levels due to somaclonal variation ; Polyploidy in ornamental crops-Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)- Genome *in situ* hybridization (GISH).

Suggested Readings

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GP 503 PRINCIPLES OF PLANT BREEDING 2+1

Objective

To impart theoretical knowledge and practical skills about plant breeding objectives, modes of reproduction and genetic consequences, breeding methods for crop improvement.

Theory

UNIT I

History of Plant Breeding (Pre and post-Mendelian era); Objectives of plant breeding-characters improved by plant breeding; Domestication – Changes in plant species under domestication, patterns of evolution in crop plants; Centres of Origin-biodiversity and its significance. Genetic basis of breeding self- and cross - pollinated crops; Mating systems – significance in plant breeding.

UNIT II

Selection in self and cross pollinated crops-basic principles and implications; Nature of variability-components of variation-heritability and genetic advance-response to selection-implications in plant breeding; General and specific combining ability-types of gene actions and implications in plant breeding; Plant introduction-types-procedure-merits and demerits-germplasm-components of genetic resources-gene banks-role in plant breeding; Mechanism of pollination control in plants-self incompatibility classification-mechanisms-significance in crop improvement. Genotype - environment interaction- significance in plant breeding.

UNIT III

Male sterility – classification-GMS, CMS, C-GMS and chemically induced male sterility – utilization in plant breeding limitations; Mass selection-procedure-merits and demerits – applications and achievements; Pedigree method – procedure – modifications of pedigree method, bulk method-procedure-modifications of bulk method-merits and demerits-achievements-comparison between bulk and pedigree methods; Back cross method – requirements – procedures of back cross method – applications – merits and demerits – achievements – comparison between back cross, pedigree and bulk methods.

UNIT IV

Multiline breeding – differences between multiline and purelines – procedure – merits and demerits – achievements – population breeding approaches (diallel selective mating scheme) – merits and demerits; Breeding methods in cross-pollinated crops-classification of breeding methods-mass selection – ear-to-row method - S1 and S2 progeny testing - progeny selection schemes; Recurrent selection schemes – comparison among different recurrent selection schemes – merits and demerits – achievements; Hybrid breeding – steps / operations in production of hybrid varieties – genetical and physiological basis of heterosis and inbreeding – production of inbreds – procedures; Genetic improvement of inbred lines – breeding approaches – diversification – improvement of CMS lines – approaches – merits and demerits – prediction of hybrid performance-seed production of hybrid and their parent varieties/inbreds.

UNIT V

Synthetic and composite varieties-steps-merits and demerits-factors determining the performance of synthetic varieties-achievements; Breeding methods for asexually / clonally propagated crops-clonal selection – procedure-merits and demerits-achievements-Apomixis classification – merits and demerits – utilization in plant breeding. Concept of plant Ideotype - types of ideotypes - steps in ideotype devbelopment. Role in crop improvement transgressive breeding - approaches - merits and demerits.

UNIT VI

Special breeding techniques – Mutation breeding – procedures for oligogenic and polygenic traits – somatic mutations in vegetatively propagated crops merits and demerits – achievements; Breeding for abiotic stresses – classification of abiotic stresses-mechanisms of drought, salt tolerance, flooding tolerance, cold tolerance crop plants-screening techniques – problems in breeding for abiotic stresses – achievements; Breeding for biotic stresses – disease resistance – mechanisms of disease resistance – genetics of disease resistance – breeding methods for disease resistance-screening techniques – achievements; Breeding for insect resistance – mechanisms – genetics of insect resistance sources-breeding approaches-screening techniques-problems in breeding for insect resistance-achievements.

Cultivar development-testing procedures-release and notification of cultivars-All India Co-ordinated Research Projects-impact on cultivar development in various crops; Maintenance breeding-classical maintenance breeding – New forms of maintenance breeding – Maintenance procedure of crop varieties; Participatory Plant Breeding approaches-steps-implications; Plant breeders' rights-genesis-benefits and drawbacks of PBR system-Plant variety protection and farmers rights-salient features - implications on Indian Agriculture.

Practical

Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Rice, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Sorghum, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Maize, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Bajra, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Cotton, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Pulses, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in Oilseeds, Floral biology, selfing and crossing techniques in asexually propagated crops, Selection methods in segregating populations, Pedigree method, Bulk method and Backcross methods, Evaluation of breeding material, Analysis of variance (ANOVA), Estimation of heritability and genetic advance, Maintenance of experimental records, Learning techniques in hybrid seed production using male-sterility in field crops, Production of hybrids in Rice, Sorghum, Maize, Bajra etc., Production of hybrids in oil seed and pulse crops.

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GP 504 PRINCIPLES OF QUANTITATIVE GENETICS 2+1

Objective

To impart theoretical knowledge and computation skills regarding components of variation and variances, scales, mating designs and gene effects.

Theory

UNIT I

Mendelian traits *vs* polygenic traits - nature of quantitative traits and its inheritance - Multiple factor hypothesis - analysis of continuous variation; Variations associated with polygenic traits - phenotypic, genotypic and environmental - non-allelic interactions; Nature of gene action - additive, dominance, epistatic and linkage effects.

UNIT II

Principles of Anaylis of Varianc (ANOVA) - Expected variance components, random and fixed models; ANOVA, biplot analysis; Comparison of means and variances for significance.

UNIT III

Designs for plant breeding experiments – principles and applications; Genetic diversity analysis – metroglyph, cluster and D^2 analysis - Association analysis - phenotypic and genotypic correlations; Path analysis and Parent - progeny regression analysis; Discriminant function and principal component analyses; Selection indices - selection of parents; Simultaneous selection models- concepts of selection - heritability and genetic advance.

UNIT IV

Generation mean analysis; Mating designs- Diallel, partial diallel, line x tester analysis, NCDs and TTC; Concepts of combining ability and gene action; Analysis of genotype x environment interaction - adaptability and stability; Models for GxE analysis and stability parameters; AMMI analysis – principles and interpretation.

UNIT V

QTL mapping; Strategies for QTL mapping - desired populations for QTL mapping - statistical methods in QTL mapping - QTL mapping in Genetic analysis; Marker assisted selection (MAS) - Approaches to apply MAS in Plant breeding - selection based on marker - simultaneous selection based on marker and phenotype - factors influencing MAS.

Practical

Problems on multiple factors inheritance - Partitioning of variance - Estimation of heritability and genetic advance - Covariance analysis**,** Metroglyph analysis**,** D^2 analysis - Grouping of clusters and interpretation- Cluster analysis - Construction of cluster diagrams and dendrograms –Interpretation**,** Correlation analysis - Path analysis - Parent-progeny regression analysis**,** Diallel analysis: Griffing's methods I and II**,** Diallel analysis: Hayman's graphical approach - Diallel analysis: interpretation of results**,** NCD and their interpretations**,** Line x tester analysis and interpretation of results - Estimation of heterosis: standard, mid-parental and better-parental heterosis - Estimation of inbreeding depression**,** Generation mean analysis: Analytical part and Interpretation - Estimation of different types of gene actions, Partitioning of phenotypic variance and co-variance into components due to genotypes, environment and genotype x environment interactions**,** Construction of saturated linkage maps and QTL mapping - Strategies for QTL mapping; statistical methods in QTL mapping; Phenotype and Marker linkage studies - Working out efficiency of selection methods in different populations and interpretation**,** Biparental mating, Triallel analysis,Quadriallel analysis and Triple Test Cross (TTC)**,** Use of softwares in analysis and result interpretation, Advanced biometrical models for combining ability analysis**,** Models in stability analysis-Additive Main Effect and Multiplicative Interaction (AMMI) model - Principal Component Analysis model - Additive and multiplicative model - Shifted multiplicative model**,** Analysis and selection of genotypes - Methods and steps to select the best model**,** Selection systems - Biplots and mapping genotypes.

Suggested Readings

Bos I & Caligari P. 1995. *Selection Methods in Plant Breeding*. Chapman & Hall.

Falconer DS & Mackay J. 1998. *Introduction to Quantitative Genetics*. Longman.

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GP 505 MUTAGENESIS AND MUTATION BREEDING 2+1

Objective

To impart the knowledge about general principles of radiation and various tests/methods for detection of radiation effects on the living cells, genetic risks involved and perspectives of advances made.

Theory

UNIT I

Mutation and its history - Nature and classification of mutations: spontaneous and induced mutations, micro and macro mutations, pre and post adaptive mutations - Detection of mutations in lower and higher organisms – paramutations.

UNIT II

Mutagenic agents: physical - Radiation types and sources: Ionizing and non-ionizing radiations *viz*., X rays, γ rays, α and β particles, protons, neutrons and UV rays - Radiobiology: mechanism of action of various radiations photoelectric absorption, Compton scattering and pair production) and their biological effects –RBE and LET relationships.

UNIT III

Effect of mutations on DNA - Repair mechanisms operating at DNA, chromosome, cell and organism level to counteract the mutation effects - Dosimetry - Objects and methods of treatment - Factors influencing mutation: dose rate, acute *vs* chronic irradiation, recurrent irradiation, enhancement of thermal neutron effects - Radiation sensitivity and modifying factors: External and internal sources- Oxygen, water content, temperature and nuclear volume.

UNIT IV

Chemical mutagens- Classification - Base analogues, antibiotics, alkylating agents, acridine dyes and other mutagens: their properties and mode of action - Dose determination and factors influencing chemical mutagenesis - Treatment methods using physical and chemical mutagens – Combination treatments; Other causes of mutation - direct and indirect action, comparative evaluation of physical and chemical mutagens.

UNIT V

Observing mutagen effects in M_1 generation: plant injury, lethality, sterility, chimeras *etc*., - Observing mutagen effects in M_2 generation - Estimation of mutagenic efficiency and effectiveness – spectrum of chlorophyll and viable mutations -– Mutations in traits with continuous variation.

UNIT VI

Factors influencing the mutant spectrum: genotype, type of mutagen and dose, pleiotropy and linkage *etc*. - Individual plant based mutation analysis and working out effectiveness and efficiency in M_3 generation - Comparative evaluation of physical and chemical mutagens for creation of variability in the same species – Case studies.

UNIT VII

Use of mutagens in creating oligogenic and polygenic variations – Case studies - *In vitro* mutagenesis – callus and pollen irradiation; Handling of segregating generations and selection procedures; Validation of mutants; Mutation breeding for various traits (disease resistance, insect resistance, quality improvement,etc) in different crops- Procedures for micromutations breeding/polygenic mutations- Achievements of mutation breeding- varieties released across the world- Problems associated with mutation breeding.

UNIT VIII

Use of mutagens in genomics, allele mining, TILLING.

Practical

Learning the precautions on handling of mutagens; Dosimetry - Studies of different mutagenic agents: Physical mutagens - Studies of different mutagenic agents: Chemical mutagens - Learning on Radioactivity – Production of source and isotopes at BRIT, Trombay - Learning about gamma chamber; Radiation hazards - Monitoring – safety regulations and safe transportation of radioisotopes - Visit to radio isotope laboratory ; learning on safe disposal of radioisotopes - Hazards due to chemical mutagens - Treating the plant propagules at different doses of physical and chemical mutagens - Learning combined mutagenic treatments; Raising the crop for observation - Mutagenic effectiveness and efficiency; Calculating the same from earlier literature - Study of M_1 generation – Parameters to be observed; Study of M2 generation – Parameters to be observed; Mutation breeding in cereals and pulses – Achievements made and analysis - Mutation breeding in oilseeds and cotton – Achievements and opportunities - Mutation breeding in forage crops and vegetatively propagated crops; Procedure for detection of mutations for polygenic traits in M_2 and M_3 generations.

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GP 506 POPULATION GENETICS 2+1

Objective

To impart knowledge on structure, properties and their breeding values of different populations.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction – Population – Characteristics of population - Random mating population – Characters – Natural population – Controlled experiments – Differences between RMP and Natural populations – Definition of population genetics-History of population genetics – Biometricians *vs* Mendelians – Population geneticists – Wright, Kimura – Fisher, Galton Population genetics – Approaches – Experimental, Empirical, Theoretical – Importance of Lewontin's theory – Empirical tool – Allozyme variation – Documentation of Gene and genotype frequencies – Gene pool – Conservation of gene frequencies – Equilibrium

UNIT II

The Hardy Weinberg principle (Law) – Definition – Factors effecting HWL – Numerical proof – Gene frequencies of particular generation depend on gene frequencies of previous generation but not on genotype frequencies - HWL – Two alleles – Autosomal – Complete dominance – Mating combinations – Offspring produced – Attainment of equilibrium – $p + q = 1$ and $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$- HWL – Assumptions – Deviations from HWF – Biological processes – The implications of HWE – Consequences of HWE. HWL – Multiple alleles – Three alleles – Six genotypes – General model – Specific ABO Blood group example – Calculation of gene frequencies- Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Co dominance in natural populations – Dominance in natural populations – Assuming population reached HWF

UNIT III

Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Estimation of recessive homozygotes – Carrier heterozygotes - Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Test for getting two population ratios – Synder's ratios – Example – Effect over random mating on succeeding generations - Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Different frequencies between sexes – Autosomal genes – Derivation of formula - Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Different frequencies between sexes – Sex linked genes – Derivation of formula - Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Attainment of equilibrium at two or more Loci – All four gametes equal frequency – Coupling and Repulsion phase gametes equal – Linkage equilibrium – Theoretical considerations.

UNIT IV

Estimation of Equilibrium frequencies – Attainment of equilibrium at two or more Loci – Coupling and Repulsion phase gametes unequal – Linkage disequilibrium – Theoretical considerations. Gene and genotypic frequencies – Changes due to mutation - Non recurrent and recurrent mutation – Effects of forward mutation – Compensation by backward mutation – Mutation as a source of variability. Gene and genotypic frequencies – Selection – Manifestations - Strength of selection – Selection against recessives Gene and genotypic frequencies – Survival of recessives and deleterious alleles in populations

UNIT V

Gene and genotypic frequencies – Selection against an allele in the absence of dominance – Heterozygote superiority Polymorphism – Types of Polymorphism – Genetic effects – Balanced and Non balanced polymorphism

UNIT IV

Fisher's fundamental theorem of natural selection. Factors effecting gene and genotypic frequencies – Migration – The founder principle. Factors effecting gene and genotypic frequencies – Meiotic drive – SD locus in Drosophila. Joint effects of Mutation and Migration – Mutation and Selection – Migration and Selection

UNIT VII

Genetic load – Types of Genetic load – Mutational load – Segregation load - Non random mating – Selfing – Inbreeding coefficient – Effects on population - Effect of Inbreeding and sibbing in cross pollinated crops - Change of Gene frequency in small populations – Introduction – Random genetic drift – Effect of population size - Change of Gene frequency in small populations – Random genetic drift – Process of genetic drift - Change of Gene frequency in small populations – Genetic slippage Co-adapted Gene complexes Homeostasis – Adaptive organization of gene pools.

Practical

Laws of the probability – Mutually Exclusive Events – Independent events, Laws of the probability – Binomial expansion – Multinomial distribution, Laws of the probability – Problems on theory of probability, Estimation of Gene and Genotype frequency – Autosomal loci with two alleles in Random mating population, Estimation of Gene and Genotype frequency – Autosomal loci with two alleles in Random mating population Sex Influenced genes, Estimation of gene and genotype frequency – Sex linked genes, Estimation of gene and genotype frequency – Multiple alleles, Testing a gene locus for equilibrium through Chi square test, Factors affecting gene frequency – Selection , Factors affecting gene frequency – Mutation, Factors affecting gene frequency – Random genetic drift, Estimation of inbreeding coefficient of progeny under different kinds of mating, Estimation of inbreeding coefficient of progeny under different kinds of mating

Suggested Readings

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GP 507 HETEROSIS BREEDING 1+1

Objective

To provide understanding about mechanisms of heterosis and its exploitation for yield improvement through conventional and biotechnological approaches.

Theory

UNIT I

Historical aspect of heterosis - Nomenclature and definitions of heterosis - Heterosis in natural population and inbred population; Evolutionary aspects - Genetic consequences of selfing and crossing in self-and cross-pollinated and asexually propagated crops.

UNIT II

Pre-Mendelian and Post-Mendelian ideas - Genetic theories of heterosis – Physiological, Biochemical and molecular factors underlining heterosis; theories and their estimation; - Evolutionary concepts of heterosis.

UNIT III

Prediction of heterosis from various crosses- Inbreeding depression, frequency of inbreeding and residual heterosis in F_2 and segregating populations, importance of inbreeding in exploitation of heterosis – case studies. - Relationship between genetic distance and expression of heterosis – case studies; Divergence and Genetic Distance analyses- morphological and molecular genetic distance in predicting heterosis, Development of heterotic pools in germplasm/genetic stocks and inbreds, their improvement for increasing heterosis.

UNIT IV

Types of male sterility and use in heterosis breeding; Maintenance, transfer and restoration of different types of male sterility; Use of selfincompatibility in development of hybrids; Hybrid seed production system: 3-line, 2-line and 1-line system; Development of inbreds and parental lines- A, B and R lines – functional male sterility; Commercial exploitation of heterosis- maintenance breeding of parental lines in hybrids.

UNIT V

Fixation of heterosis in self, cross and often cross pollinated crops, asexually/clonally propagated crops; Male sterile line creation and diversification in self pollinated, cross pollinated and asexually propagated 21 crops; problems and prospects; Apomixis in fixing heterosis-concept of single line hybrid.

UNIT VI

Organellar heterosis and complementation - Creation of male sterility through genetic engineering and its exploitation in heterosis.

UNIT VII

Heterosis breeding in wheat, rice, cotton, maize, pearl millet, sorghum and oilseed crops.

Practical

Selection indices and selection differential – Calculations and interpretations - Male sterile line characterization in millets; Using morphological descriptors; Restorer line identification and diversification of male sterile sources - Male sterile line creation in dicots comprising oilseeds,

pulses and cotton ; problems in creation of CGMS system; Ways of overcoming them - Male sterile line creation, diversification and restoration in forage crops; Understanding the difficulties in breeding apomicts; Estimation of heterotic parameters in self, cross and asexually propagated crops - Estimation from the various models for heterosis parameters -Hybrid seed production in field crops – an account on the released hybrids; their potential; Problems and ways of overcoming it; hybrid breeding at National and International level; Opportunities ahead.

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GP 508 CELL BIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR GENETICS 2+1

Objective

To impart knowledge in theory and practice about cell structure, organelles and their functions, molecules like proteins and nucleic acids.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction – Definition of cell biology and molecular genetics – History of cell biology. Ultra structure of the cell – Differences between eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells and examples. Structure and function of cell wall - Origin and growth of cell wall, plasma membrane structure, evolution and experimental evidence in support of Fluid – Mosaic model of plasma membrane – Functions of plasma membrane, Cellular Organelles - Structure and functions of Nucleus. Interphase nucleus- Structure chemical composition and Hammerlings experiment - Plastids - Structure, types of plastids-Chloroplast – Chromoplast and other photosynthetic organelles and their functions.

UNIT II

Mitochondria Ultra structure and function. Endoplasmic reticulum Structure, types of endoplasmic reticulum – Smooth and rough endoplasmic reticulum and functions of endoplasmic reticulum - Golgi complex, lysosomes, peroxisomes, structure and function and macro molecules Cell division – Mitosis general events of interphase, prophase, metaphase, telophase – Cytokinesis – Physiology of cell cycle – significance of mitosis. Cell division – Meiosis and its significance – Comparison of mitosis and meiosis - Historical background of Molecular genetics.

UNIT III

Genetic material in organisms – Evidence for DNA as the genetic material experiment by Griffiths – Avery, McLeod and Mc Carty – Hershey and Chase to prove DNA as genetic material - Evidences for RNA as the genetic material Cornat and Singer's experiment - Structure and properties of nucleic acid, DNA – Watson and Crick's model – Different forms of DNA - RNA – Types of RNA - DNA transcription and its regulation – Mechanisms of Transcription in prokaryotes –and eukaryotes - DNA regulation – Regulation of Transcription – Promoters – Enhancers – Silencers – Terminators – Transcription factors and their role.

UNIT IV

Processing of RNA Genetic code – Cracking of genetic code - properties of genetic code, Exceptions to genetic code - Regulation of protein synthesis in prokaryotes – Translation – Components of translation – mRNA, tRNA Ribosomes – Amino acids – Translation factors – Translation in prokaryotes. Regulation of protein synthesis in eukaryotes – differences between protein synthesis in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Transposable elements – Characteristics of Transposable elements – Types of Transposable elements and example Ac – Ds system in maize.

UNIT V

Mechanisms of recombination in prokaryote (bacteria and viruses) DNA organization in eukaryotic chromosomes - models of chromosome - Nucleosome and solenoid model. DNA content variation – C value paradox Types of DNA sequences – Unique and repetitive sequences Organelle genomes – Chloroplast DNA, Mitochondrial DNA Gene amplification and its significance Proteomics and protein-protein interaction Signal transduction – Genes in development – Cancer and cell ageing.

Practical

Morphological and Gram staining of natural bacteria**,** Cultivation of bacteria in synthetic medium**,** Determination of growth rate and doubling time of bacterial cells in culture**,** Demonstration of bacteriophage by plaque assay method**,** Determination of soluble protein content in a bacterial culture, Isolation, purification and raising clonal population of a bacterium**,** Biological assay of bacteriophage**,** Determination of phage population in lysate**,** Study of lytic cycle of bacteriophage by one step growth experiment**,** Determination of latent period and burst size of phages per cell**,** Quantitative estimation of DNA**,** Quantitative estimation of RNA**,** Quantitative estimation of protein in an organism**,** Numericals: problems and assignments

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GP 509 BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR CROP IMPROVEMENT 2+1

Objective

To impart knowledge and practical skills to use biotechnological tools in crop improvement.

Theory

UNIT I

Biotechnology and its relevance in agriculture; Definitions, terminologies and scope in plant breeding

UNIT II

Tissue culture - History, callus, suspension cultures, cloning; Rgeneration; Somatic embryogenesis; Anther culture; somatic hybridization techniques; Meristem, ovary and embryo culture; cryopreservation.

UNIT III

Techniques of DNA isolation, quantification and analysis; Genotyping; Sequencing techniques; Vectors, vector preparation and cloning, Biochemical and Molecular markers: morphological, biochemical and DNA-based markers(RELP, RAPD, AFLP, SSR, SNPs, Ests etc.) mapping populations(F_2s, back crosses, RILs, NILs and DH).

UNIT IV

Molecular mapping and tagging of agronomically important traits. Statistical tools in marker analysis, Robotics; Marker- Assisted Selection for qualitative and quantitative traits; QTLs analysis in crop plants, Gene pyramiding.

UNIT V

Marker Assisted Selection and molecular breeding; Genomics and genoinformatics for crop improvement; Integrating functional genomics information on agronomically/ economically important traits in plant breeding; Marker- assisted backcross breeding for rapid introgression, Generation of EDVs.

UNIT VI

Recombinant DNA technology, transgenes, method of transformation, selectable markers and clean transformation techniques, vector- mediated gene transfer, physical methods of gene transfer. Production of transgenic plants in various field crops: cotton, wheat, maize, rice, soybean, oilseeds, sugarcane etc. Commercial releases.

UNIT VII

Biotechnology applications in male sterility/hybrid breeding, molecular farming.

UNIT VIII

MOs and related issues(risk and regulations); GMO; International regulations, biosafety issues of GMOs; Regulatory procedures in major countries including India, ethical, legal and social issues; Intellectual property rights.

UNIT IX

Bioinformatics & Bioinformatics tools.

UNIT X

Nanotechnology and its applications in crop improvement programmes.

Practical

Requirements for Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory, Techniques in Plant Tissue Culture, Media components and media preparation- Aseptic manipulation of various explants; observations ohn the contaminants occurring in media - interpretations - Inoculation of explants; Callus induction and plant regeneration - Plant regenerations; Standardizing the protocols for regeneration; Hardening of regenerated plants; Establishing a greenhouse and hardening procedures - Visit to commercial micropropagation unit. Transformation using *Agrobacterium* strains, GUS assay in transformed cells/ tissues. DNA isolation, DNA purity and quantification tests, gel electrophoresis of proteins and isozymes, PCR- based DNA markers, gel scoring and data analysis for tagging and phylogenetic relationship, construction of genetic linkage maps using computer software.

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GP 510 BREEDING FOR BIOTIC AND ABIOTIC STRESS RESISTANCE 2+1

Objective

To apprise about various abiotic and biotic stresses influencing crop yield, mechanisms and genetics of resistance and methods to breed stress resistant varieties.

Theory

UNIT I

Importance of plant breeding with special reference to biotic and abiotic stress resistance; Classification of biotic stresses – major pests and diseases of economically important crops - Concepts in insect and pathogen resistance; Analysis and inheritance of resistance variation; Host defence responses to pathogen invasions- Biochemical and molecular mechanisms; Acquired and induced immunity and systemic acquired resistance (SAR); Host-pathogen interaction, gene-for-gene hypothesis, molecular evidence for its operation and exceptions; Concept of signal transduction and other host-defense mechanisms against viruses and bacteria.

UNIT II

Types and genetic mechanisms of resistance to biotic stresses –Horizontal and vertical resistance in crop plants. Quantitative resistance/Adult plant resistance and Slow rusting resistance - Classical and molecular breeding methods - Measuring plant resistance using plant fitness; Behavioural, physiological and insect gain studies.

UNIT III

Phenotypic screening methods for major pests and diseases; Recording of observations; Correlating the observations using marker data – Gene pyramiding methods and their implications.

UNIT IV

Classification of abiotic stresses - Stress inducing factors –moisture stress/drought and water logging & submergence; Acidity, salinity/alkalinity/sodicity; High/low temperature, wind, etc. Stress due to soil factors and mineral toxicity; Physiological and Phenological responses; Emphasis of abiotic stresses in developing breeding methodologies.

UNIT V

Genetics of abiotic stress resistance; Genes and genomics in breeding cultivars suitable to low water regimes and water logging & submergence, high and low/freezing temperatures; Utilizing MAS procedures for identifying resistant types in important crops like rice, sorghum, wheat, cotton etc; Breeding for resistance to stresses caused by toxicity, deficiency and pollutants/contaminants in soil, water and environment.

UNIT VI

Exploitation of wild relatives as a source of resistance to biotic and abiotic factors in major field crops - Transgenics in management of biotic and abiotic stresses, use of toxins, protease inhibitors, lectins, chitnases and Bt for diseases and insect pest management- Achievements.

Practical

Phenotypic screening techniques for sucking pests and chewing pests – Traits to be observed at plant and insect level - Phenotypic screening techniques for nematodes and borers; Ways of combating them; Breeding strategies - Weeds – ecological, environmental impacts on the crops; Breeding for herbicide resistance - Evaluating the available populations like RIL, NIL etc. for pest resistance; Use of standard MAS procedures - Phenotypic screening methods for diseases caused by fungi and bacteria; Symptoms and data recording; use of MAS procedures - Screening forage crops for resistance to sewage water and tannery effluents; Quality parameters evaluation - Screening crops for drought and flood resistance; factors to be considered and breeding strategies - Screening varieties of major crops for acidity and alkalinity- their effects and breeding strategies; Understanding the climatological parameters and predisposal of biotic and abiotic stress factors- ways of combating them.

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GP 511 BREEDING CEREALS, FORAGES AND SUGARCANE 2+1

Objective

To provide insight into recent advances in improvement of cereals and forage crops and sugarcane using conventional and modern biotechnological approaches.

Theory

UNIT I

Rice: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; Genetics – cytogenetics and genome relationship – Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance *etc.* – Hybrid rice breeding- potential and outcome - Aerobic rice, its implications and drought resistance breeding.

UNIT II

Wheat: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, exploitation of heterosis etc; Sorghum: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm - cytogenetics and genome relationship - Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance etc; Pearl millet: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, etc.

UNIT III

Maize: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives: yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance etc - QPM and Bt maize – strategies and implications - Heterosis breeding attempts taken in Sorghum, Pearl Millet and Maize; Minor millets: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship - Minor millets: breeding objectives yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, etc.

UNIT IV

Sugarcane: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship – Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, etc - Forage grasses: Evolution and distribution of species and forms – Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters and palatability studies; Biotic and abiotic stress resistance etc., synthetics, composites and apomixes.

UNIT V

Forage legumes: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance etc - Tree fodders: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, *etc*, palatability studies.

UNIT VI

Distinguishing features of popular released varieties in Rice and Sorghum - Wheat, Pearl millet, Maize and other millets - Sugarcane, forage grasses and legumes and their application to DUS testing - Maintenance of seed purity - Nucleus and Breeder Seed Production.

Practical

Floral biology – emasculation - pollination techniques ; Study of range of variation for yield and yield components – Study of segregating populations and their evaluation - Trait based screening for stress resistance in crops of importance– Use of descriptors for cataloguing Germplasm maintenance; learning on the Standard Evaluation System (SES) and descriptors; Use of softwares for database management and retrieval.Practical learning on the cultivation of fodder crop species on sewage water; analysing them for yield components and palatability; Laboratory analysis of forage crops for crude protein, digestibility percent and other quality attributes; Visit to animal feed producing factories, learning the practice of value addition; visiting the animal husbandry unit and learning the animal experiments related with palatability and digestibility of fodder.

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GP 512 BREEDING LEGUMES, OILSEEDS AND FIBRE CROPS 2+1

Objective

To provide insight into recent advances in improvement of legumes, oilseeds and fibre crops using conventional and modern biotechnological approaches.

Theory

UNIT I

Pigeonpea: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Genetics, cytogenetics and genome relationship; Morphological and molecular descriptors used for differentiating the accessions; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, *etc* - Hybrid technology; maintenance of male sterile, fertile and restorer lines, progress made at ICRISAT and other Institutes.

UNIT II

Chickpea: Evolution and distribution of species and forms - Wild relatives and germplasm - cytogenetics and genome relationship; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, etc; Protein quality improvement; Conventional and modern plant breeding approaches, progress made - Breeding for anti nutritional factors.

UNIT III

Other pulses: Greengram, blackgram, fieldpea, lentil,, lathyrus, cowpea, lablab, mothbean: Evolution, cytogenetics and genome relationship; Learning the descriptors; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, etc; Interspecific crosses attempted and its implications, reasons for failure, ways of overcoming them.

UNIT IV

Groundnut: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; Pod and kernel characters; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, etc.

UNIT V

Rapeseed and Mustard: Breeding objectives, utilization of wild relatives for yield and quality improvement, biotic and abiotic stress, etc; Oil quality – characteristics in different oils;

Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Genetics, cytogenetics and genome relationship.

UNIT VI

Soybean: Breeding objectives, utilization of wild relatives for yield and quality improvement, biotic and abiotic stress, etc. - Oil quality – characteristics; Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Genetics, cytogenetics and genome relationship.

UNIT VII

Other oilseed crops: Sunflower, sesame, safflower, niger: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress; Sunflower: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship, hybrid sunflower, constraints and achievements.

UNIT VIII

Castor: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship, breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, *etc* - Hybrid breeding in castor – opportunities, constraints and achievements.

UNIT IX

Cotton: Evolution of cotton; Breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, etc; Development and maintenance of male sterile lines – Hybrid development and seed production – Scenario of Bt cottons, evaluation procedures for Bt cotton. Jute: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress etc; Mesta and minor fibre crops: Evolution and distribution of species and forms; Wild relatives and germplasm; Cytogenetics and genome relationship; breeding objectives- yield, quality characters, biotic and abiotic stress, etc.

UNIT X

Distinguishing features of the released varieties in pulses, oilseeds and cotton; Maintenance of seed purity and seed production.

Practical

Use of descriptors for cataloguing – Floral biology - emasculation – pollination techniques; Study of range of variation for yield and yield components - Study of segregating populations in Redgram, Greengram, Blackgram and other pulse crops; Attempting crosses between blackgram and greengram. Use of descriptors for cataloguing – Floral biology, emasculation, pollination techniques of oilseed crops like Sesame, Groundnut, Sunflower and Castor, Cotton: Use of descriptors for cataloguing – Floral biology - Learning on the crosses between different species - Cotton: Study of range of variation for yield and yield components - Study of segregating populations - evaluation - Trait based screening for stress resistance - Cotton fibre quality evaluation – conventional and modern approaches; analysing the lint samples of different species, interspecific and interracial derivatives for fibre quality and interpretation –Development and maintenance of male sterile lines Evaluation of cotton cultures of different species for insect and disease resistance – Learning the mechanisms of resistance, quantifying the resistance using various parameters; Evaluating the germplasm of cotton for yield, quality and

resistance parameters – learning the procedures on development of Bt cotton - Visit to Cotton technology laboratory and spinning mills – Learning on cotton yarn production, its quality evaluation and uses.

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GP 513 BREEDING FOR QUALITY TRAITS 2+1

Objective

To provide insight into recent advances in improvement of quality traits in rice, millets, legumes, oilseeds and forage crops and for physiological efficiency using conventional and modern biotechnological approaches.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction - Importance of Breeding for quality traits - Recent advances in improvement of quality traits in rice, millets, legumes, oilseeds and forage crops and for physiological efficiency using conventional and modern biotechnological approaches. Developmental biochemistry and genetics of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, Developmental biochemistry and genetics of vitamins, aminoacids and anti-nutritional factors. Nutritional improvement - A human perspective Breeding for grain quality parameters in rice and its analysis Golden rice and aromatic rice breeding strategies, achievements and application in Indian context.

UNIT II

Molecular basis of quality traits and their manipulation in rice Post harvest manipulation for quality improvement.Breeding for baking qualities in wheat Characters to be considered and breeding strategies in wheat.

UNIT III

Molecular and cytogenetic manipulation for quality improvement in wheat, Breeding for quality improvement in barley, Breeding for quality improvement in oats. Breeding for quality

improvement in Sorghum, Breeding for quality improvement in pearl millet, Quality protein maize QPM Concept and breeding strategies.

UNIT IV

Breeding for quality improvement in forage crops Genetic resource management for sustaining nutritive quality in crops. Breeding for quality in pulses, Breeding for quality in groundnut, Breeding for quality in sesame, Breeding for quality in sunflower.

UNIT V

Breeding for quality in minor oilseeds, Molecular basis of fat formation and manipulation to achieve more PUFA in oil crops, Genetic manipulation for quality improvement in cotton. Genetic engineering protocols for quality improvement – Achievements Value addition in crops Classification and importance – Nutritional genomics Second generation transgenics.

Practical

Grain quality evaluation in rice, Correlating ageing and quality improvement in rice, Quality analysis in millets, Estimation of antinutritional factors like tannins in different varieties, Estimation of antinutritional factors like tannins in different hybrids, A comparison of varieties and hybrids Quality parameters evaluation in wheat, Quality parameters evaluation in pulses, Quality parameters evaluation in oilseeds, Value addition in crop plants, Post harvest processing of major field crops I, Post harvest processing of major field crops II, Post harvest processing of major field crops III, Quality improvement in crops through tissue culture techniques, Evaluating the available populations like RIL for quality improvement using MAS procedures, Evaluating the available populations like NIL for quality improvement using MAS procedures.

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GP 514 GENE REGULATION AND EXPRESSION 2+0

Objective

To provide insight into recent advances in the phenomenon of gene regulation and mechanisms by which plants and microbes express different traits and how these are modified during different stages.

Theory

UNIT I

Gene regulation - introduction purpose, Prokaryotes – processes and mechanisms – Induction and repression, Prokaryotes – Operon models – Lac and HIS operons Eukaryotes – Control of gene expression – Differentiation – Lambrush chromosomes, Eukaryotes – Hormonal control – Britton – Davidson model, Coordinated genetic regulation – Heterochromatnization – Human beings

UNIT II

Coordinated genetic regulation – Heterochromatnization – Drosophila, Maize – Activator – Ac – Ds systems, Maize – Suppressor – Mutator control systems Gene expression – Transposons – Insertion sequences – Composite transposons, Gene expression – Transposons – Rearrangement of DNA – Replicative and Non Replicative transposons, Gene expression – Transposons – Maize – Controlling elements

UNIT III

Gene expression – Transposons – Maize – Spm – Mutants Gene expression – Transposons – Arabidopsis – Mutants Paramutation – R^r allele in Maize paramutation – Imprinting of genes and genomes, Transgene expression – Mechanisms, Gene silencing – Mechanisms, Regulating genes – Horizontal homology

UNIT IV

Regulating genes – Vertical homology, Transformation – Regulatory genes as visible markers Reporter systems to study gene expression Eukaryotic - Transcriptional control, Eukaryotic - Translational regulation

UNIT V

Eukaryotic – Post translational regulation - Signal transduction - Stress induced gene expression Gene traps and Enhancer traps

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GP 515 MAINTENANCE BREEDING, CONCEPTS OF VARIETY RELEASE AND SEED PRODUCTION 1+1

Objective

To apprise the students about the variety deterioration and steps to maintain the purity of varieties & hybrids and principles of seed production in self & cross pollinated crops.

Theory

UNIT I

Variety development and maintenance; Definition- variety, cultivar,extant variety, essentially derived variety, independently derived variety, reference variety, farmers' variety, hybrid and population; Variety testing, release and notification systems in India and abroad.

UNIT II

DUS testing- DUS Descriptors for major crops; Genetic purity concept and maintenance breeding.

UNIT III

Factors responsible for genetic deterioration of varieties - safeguards during seed production; Maintenance of varieties in self and cross-pollinated crops- isolation distance; Principles of seed production; Methods of nucleus and breeder seed production.

UNIT IV

Generation system of seed multiplication -nucleus, breeder, foundation, certified, - Quality seed production technology of self and cross-pollinated crop varieties *viz*. cereals & millets (wheat, barley, paddy, pearlmillet, sorghum, maize and ragi etc.); Pulses (greengram, blackgram, cowpea, pigeonpea, chickpea, fieldpea, lentil); Oilseeds (groundnut, soybean, sesame, castor, sunflower, safflower, linseed, rapeseed and mustard); fibres (cotton, jute) and forages (guar, forage sorghum, teosinte, oats, berseem, lucerne).; Seed certification procedures; Seed laws and plant variety protection regulations in India and international systems.

Practical

Identification of suitable areas/locations for seed production; Ear-to-row method and nucleus seed production - Main characteristics of released and notified varieties, hybrids and parental lines; Identification of important weeds/objectionable weeds; Determination of isolation distance and planting ratios in different crops; Seed production techniques of varieties in different crops; Hybrid seed production technology of important crops.

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GP 516 GERMPLASM COLLECTION, EXCHANGE AND QUARANTINE 2+1

Objective

To provide information about collection, germplasm exchange, quarantine, maintenance and use of plant genetic resources including genetically modified plants.

Theory

UNIT I

History and importance of germplasm exploration; Distribution and extent of prevalent genetic diversity; Phyto-geographical regions/ecological zones and associated diversity; Mapping eco-geographic distribution of diversity, threatened habitats, use of flora.

UNIT II

Concept of population and gene pool; Variations in population and their classification; Gene frequencies in populations, rare and common alleles; Gene pool sampling in self and cross pollinated and vegetatively propagated species; Non-selective, random and selective sampling strategies; Strategies and logistics of plant exploration and collection; Coarse and fine grid surveys; Practical problems in plant exploration; Use of *in vitro* methods in germplasm collection.

UNIT III

Ethnobotanical aspects of PGR; Crop botany, farming systems, collecting wild relatives of crop plants; Collection and preservation of specimens; Importance and use of herbaria and preparation of herbarium specimens.

UNIT IV

Post-exploration handling of germplasm collections; Present status and future strategies in collection of major crops of Indian origin such as rice, maize, sorghum, sesame, *Brassica*, okra, eggplant, cotton, mango, etc; approaches for collection including indigenous knowledge.

UNIT V

History, principles, objectives and importance of plant introduction; Prerequisites, conventions, national and international legislations and policies on germplasm collection and exchange; Documentation and information management; Plant quarantine- introduction, history, principles, objectives and relevance; Regulations and plant quarantine set up in India; Pest risk analysis, pest and pathogen information database; Quarantine in relation to integrated pest management; Economic significance of seed-borne pests (insects, mites, non-insect pests, nematodes, fungi, bacteria, viruses, phytoplasma, etc.).

UNIT VI

Detection and identification of pests including use of recent techniques like ELISA, PCR etc., Symptoms of pest damage, salvaging techniques for infested/infected germplasm, post-entry quarantine operation, seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments and facilities; Domestic quarantine; seed certification; International linkages in plant quarantine; weaknesses and future thrust.

UNIT VII

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or Genetically Engineered Plants (GEPs), Concepts of biosafety, risk analysis and consequences of spread of GE crops on the environment; Treaties and multilateral agreements governing trans-boundary movement of GEPs or GMOs, Indian regulatory system for biosafety.

Practical

Plant exploration and collection; Techniques of coarse and fine grid surveys; Identification of wild relatives of crop plants- Examples of collection, cataloguing and preservation of specimens; Sampling techniques of plant materials; Visiting ports, airports to study the quarantine regulations; Techniques for the detection of insects, mites, nematodes, bacteria, weeds, pathogens and viruses on seed and planting materials and salvaging; Use of visual, qualitative, quantitative, microscopic, molecular and plant growth related techniques(controlled green houses/growth chambers, etc); Detection of GMOs and GEPs; Study of post-entry quarantine operation, seed treatment and other prophylactic treatments.

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GP 517 PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND PRE-BREEDING 2+1

Objective

To train the students in germplasm data base management using modern tools and softwares.

Theory

UNIT I

Statistical techniques in management of germplasm; Core identification, estimation of sample size during plant explorations, impact of sampling on population structure, sequential sampling for viability estimation; Introduction of binomial, normal and negative cumulative normal, use of Probit scales, viability eqations and numograms; Estimation of sample size for storage and viability testing.

UNIT II

Germplasm documentation; Basic of computer and operating ststens; Database management system, use of statistical softwares, pictorial and graphical representation of data; introduction to communication network.

UNIT III

Germplasm management system-global scenario; Genetic variation in crop plants and management of germplasm collection, limitations in use of germplasm collections; necessity of germplasm evaluation; Predictive methods for identification of useful germplasm; Characterization of germplasm and evaluation procedures including specific traits; Gene markers and their use in PGR management.

UNIT IV

Management and utilization of germplasm collections; Concept of core collection, molecular markers and their use in characterization; Evaluation and utilization of genetic resources; Pre-breeding/ genetic enhancement, utilizing wild species for crop improvement; Harmonizing agrobiodiversity and agricultural development crop diversification participatory plant breeding.

Practical

Basic of computer and operating systems; Identification of useful germplasm, evaluation of crop germplasm; Statistical techniques in management of germplasm - estimation of sample size for storage and viability testing; Evaluation procedure and experimental protocols (designs and their analysis), Assessment of genetic diversity; Techniques of Characterization of germplasm; Molecular markers and their use in characterization.

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Puzone L & Th. Hazekamp 1996. *Characterization and Documentation of genetic Resources Utilizing Multimedia Database.* NBPGR, New Delhi.

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GP 601 PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND PRE-BREEDING 2+0

Objective

To provide information about collection, evaluation, documentation, maintenance and use of plant genetic resources for crop improvement.

Theory

UNIT I

Historical perspectives and need for PGR conservation; Importance of plant genetic resources Taxonomical classification of cultivated plants; Gene pool: primary, secondary and tertiary Centres of origin and global pattern of diversity; Basic genetic resources and transgenes. Principles, strategies and practices of exploration, collection, characterization, evaluation and cataloging of PGR; Plant quarantine and phytosanitary certification; Germplasm introduction and exchange; Principles of *in vitro* and cryopreservation. Germplasm conservation- *in situ, ex situ*, and on-farm; short, medium and long term conservation

UNIT II

Strategies for conservation of orthodox seed and vegetatively propagated crops; Registration of plant genetic resources. PGR data base management; Multivariate and clustering analysis, descriptors; National and international protocols for PGR management; PGR for food and agriculture (PGRFA); PGR access and benefit sharing Role of CGIAR system in the germplasm exchange; PBR, Farmers rights and privileges Seed Act, *sui generis* system; Geographical Indicators, Intellectual property; Patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets. Journey from wild to domestication; Genetic enhancement- need for genetic enhancement

UNIT III

Genetic enhancement in pre-Mendelian era and 21st century; Genetic enhancement and plant breeding, Reasons for failure in genetic enhancement; Sources of genes/ traits- novel genes for quality. Distant Hybridization: Inter-specific, inter-generic hybridization, scope and limitations, techniques to overcome the limitations Gene transfer tools and techniques into cultivated species; Validation of transferred genes and their expression. Post-genomic tools for genetic enhancement of germplasm; Pre-breeding through chromosome manipulation. Application of biotechnology for Genetic enhancement-Achievements. Utilization of genetic resources, concept of core and mini-core collections, genetic enchancement/Pre-breeding for crop improvement including hybrid development.

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GP 602 ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE GENETICS 2+1

Objective

To impart theoretical knowledge and computation methods for non allelic interactions, mating designs and component analysis and their significance in plant breeding.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction, Basic principles of Biometrical Genetics, Selection of parents, Advanced biometrical models for combining ability analysis, Simultaneous selection models, Use of Multiple regression analysis in selection of genotypes

UNIT II

Designs and Systems; Selection of stable genotypes. Models in stability analysis - Pattern analysis Additive Main Effect and Multiplicative Interaction (AMMI) analysis, Other related models Principal Component Analysis. Additive and multiplicative model.

UNIT III

Shifted multiplicative model Analysis and selection of genotypes Methods and steps to select the best model, Biplots and mapping genotypes. Genetic architecture of quantitative traits, Conventional analyses to detect gene actions.

UNIT IV

Partitioning of phenotypic/genotypic variance, Construction of saturated linkage maps, Concept of framework map development, QTL mapping - Strategies for QTL mapping - Desired populations, statistical methods.

UNIT V

Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) Approaches to apply MAS in Plant breeding, Selection based on markers, Simultaneous selection based on marker and phenotype, Factors influencing MAS Heritability of the trait Proportion of genetic variance, Linkage disequilibrium between markers and traits and selection methods.

Practical

Working out efficiency of selection methods in different populations and interpretation, Biparental mating – use of softwares in analysis and result interpretation, Triallel analysis– use of softwares in analysis and result interpretation, Quadriallel analysis – use of softwares in analysis and result interpretation, Triple Test Cross (TTC) – use of softwares in analysis and result interpretation, Advanced biometrical models for combining ability analysis, Selection of stable genotypes using stability analysis, Models in stability analysis Additive Main Effect and

Multiplicative Interaction (AMMI) model, Principal Component Analysis model, Additive and multiplicative model, Shifted multiplicative model, Analysis and selection of genotypes, Methods and steps to select the best model, Selection systems - Biplots and mapping genotypes, Construction of linkage maps and QTL mapping - Strategies for QTL mapping, Statistical methods in QTL mapping; Phenotype and Marker linkage studies.

Suggested Readings

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Falconer DS & Mackay J. 1996. *Introduction to Quantitative Genetics*. Longman.

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GP 603 GENOMICS IN CROP IMPROVEMENT 2+1

Objective

To impart practical skills in advanced molecular techniques in genome mapping, structural / functional genomics and development of transgenic crops.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction to genomics – Plant nuclear genomes and their molecular description - The chloroplast and mitochondrial genome in plants - Genome size and complexity.

UNIT II

Establishment of plant genome mapping projects – Genome mapping and use of molecular markers in plant breeding; Strategies for mapping genes of agronomic traits in plants - Approaches for mapping quantitative trait loci; Map based cloning of plant genes.

UNIT III

Regulation of Plant gene expression - Functional genomics - Expression Analysis using Microarrays - Transposon tagging and Insertional mutagenesis - methods and significance- Diversity Array Technology.

UNIT IV

Genome sequencing in plants - Principles and Techniques; Applicatins of sequence information in plant genome analyses; Comparative genomics - Genome Comparison Techniques - Classical and advanced approaches.

UNIT V

Detection of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism; TILLING and Eco- TILLING; Role of transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics in linking genome and phenome; Importance of understanding the phenotypes for exploiting the outcome of genomic technologies - Knock out mutant studies and high throughput phenotyping.

UNIT VI

Concept of database development, management and bioinformatics; Plant genome projects and application of bioinformatics tools in sturctural and functional genomics.

Practical

Chromosome analysis in major field crops, *Fluorescence in situ* hybridization, Comparative analysis of plant genomes using molecular markers, Genetic map construction using molecular markers, Mapping major genes using molecular markers, QTL mapping in plants, Comparison across mapping populations, Understanding the need for genetic algorithms in QTL mapping, Plant genome databases, Computational tools to explore plant genome databases, Comparative genomics, Comparison of genome sequences using tools of bioinformatics, Advanced genomic technologies: TILLING and Eco-TILLING, DNA array technology, Linking genome sequences to phenotypes: Tools of transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics

Suggested Readings

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GP 604 **CELLULAR AND CHROMOSOMAL MANIPULATIONS IN CROP IMPROVEMENT** **2+0**

Objective

This course focuses on the advanced techniques in analyzing chromosome structure and manipulations for genome analysis in crop species.

Theory

UNIT I

Organization and structure of genome - Genome size - Organization of organellar genomes - Nuclear DNA organization - Nuclear and Cytoplasmic genome interactions and signal transduction; Transcriptional and Translational changes, Inheritance and expression of organellar DNA; Variation in DNA content – C value paradox; Sequence complexity-Introns and Exons-Repetitive sequences-Role of repetitive sequence.

UNIT II

Karyotyping - Chromosome banding and chromosome painting; Tracking introgressions using FISH, GISH, loclalization and mapping of genes/genomic segments; Distant hybridization - Role of polyploids in crop evolution and breeding - Auto and allopolyploids.

UNIT III

Applications of cytogenetical methods for crop improvement; Location and mapping of genes on chromosomes: Deficiency method; Interchange genetic consequence, identification of chromosomes involved and gene location; Balanced lethal systems, their maintenance and utility; Multiple interchanges-use in producing inbreds, transfer of genes-linked marker methods; Duplication - production and use Inversions and location of genes; B/A chromosome translocations and gene location.

UNIT IV

Trisomics- types, production, breeding behavior and location of genes, use of balanced tertiary trisomics in hybrid seed production; Monosomics-methods of production, breeding behaviour and location of genes; Intervarietal substitutions-allelic and non-allelic interactions; Telocentric method of mapping.

UNIT V

Barriers to interspecific and intergeneric hybridization- Behaviour of interspecific and intergeneric crosses; Totipotency of cells – Morphogenesis: *in vivo* and *in vitro* Meristem culture, Anther and pollen culture - Ovule, ovary, embryo and endosperm culture - Protoplast isolation and culture – protoplast fusion, Different pathways of *in vitro* morphogenesis - Organogenesis and somatic embryogenesis; *In vitro* mutant/somaclone selection for biotic and abiotic stresses.

Suggested Readings

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GP 605 ADVANCED PLANT BREEDING SYSTEMS 2+0

Objective

To impart theoretical knowledge and computation methods for non allelic interactions, mating designs and component analysis and their significance in plant breeding.

Theory

UNIT I

Facts about plant breeding before the discovery of Mendelism; Evolutionary concepts of genetics and plant breeding - Flower development and its importance; genes governing the whorls formation and various models proposed; Mating systems and their exploitation in crop breeding; Types of pollination, mechanisms promoting cross pollination.

UNIT II

Self- incompatability and sterility – Types of self incompatability: Homomorphic (sporophytic and gametophytic) and heteromorphic - Breakdown of incompatibility - Floral adaptive mechanisms - Spatial and temporal - Genetic and biochemical basis of self incompatibility; Sterility: male and female sterility – Types of male sterility: genic, cytoplasmic and cytoplasmic-genic; Exploitation in monocots and dicots, difficulties in exploiting CGMS system in dicots – Case studies and breeding strategies; Nucleocytoplasmic interactions with special reference to male sterility – Genetic , biochemical and molecular bases.

UNIT III

Population formation by hybridization - Types of populations – Mendelian population, gene pool, composites, synthetics, etc.; Principles and procedures in the formation of a complex population; Genetic basis of population improvement.

UNIT IV

Selection in self fertilizing crops; Creation of genetic variability, selection methods - Selection methods: mass selection, pureline selection, pedigree method (selection in early generations *vs* advanced generations); Backcross, polycross and test cross.

UNIT V

Selection in cross fertilizing crops – Polycross and topcross selections, Mass and recurrent selection methods and their modifications – Mass selection: grided mass selection, ear to row selection, modified ear to row selection; Convergent selection, divergent selection; Recurrent selection: Simple recurrent selection and its modifications (restricted phenotypic selection, selfed progeny selection and full sib recurrent selection) - Recurrent selection for general combining ability (GCA) – Concepts and utilization - Recurrent selection for specific combining ability (SCA) – usefulness in hybrid breeding programmes - Reciprocal recurrent selection (Half sib reciprocal recurrent selection, Half sib reciprocal recurrent selection with inbred tester and Full sib reciprocal recurrent selection); Selection in clonally propagated crops – Assumptions and realities.

UNIT VI

Genetic engineering technologies to create male sterility; Prospects and problems - Use of self- incompatability and sterility in plant breeding – case studies; - Fertility restoration in male sterile lines and restorer diversification programmes - Conversion of agronomically ideal genotypes into male steriles – Concepts and breeding strategies; Case studies -

Generating new cytonuclear interaction system for diversification of male steriles - Stability of male sterile lines – Environmental influence on sterility– Environmentally Induced Genic Male Sterility (EGMS) – Types of EGMS; Influence on their expression, genetic studies; Photo and thermo sensitive genetic male sterility and its use in heterosis breeding - Temperature sensitive genetic male sterility and its use heterosis breeding - Apomixis and its use in heterosis breeding - Incongruity – Factors influencing incongruity - Methods to overcome incongruity mechanisms.

Suggested Readings

Agarwal RL. 1996. *Fundamentals of Plant Breeding and Hybrid Seed Production*. Oxford & IBH.

Allard RW. 1966. *Principles of Plant Breeding*. John Wiley & Sons.

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GP 606 CROP EVOLUTION 2+0

Objective

To impart knowledge on crop evolutionary aspects and manipulation at ploidy level for crop improvement.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction – Brief idea – Origin of variation in crop plants – Individual variation – The nature of species. Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace ideas of Variation – Evolution over time – Phylogeny – Brief idea of molecular evolution. Evolution – Some general considerations – The fossil record – Rates of evolution and the origin of Angiosperms – Evolution of sex in plants. Polyploid evolution and apomixes – The domestication of plants – Variety of patterns of evolution – Genetic variation in natural populations – Variation in phenotype – Chromosome structure – Protein structure – Nucleotide sequence

UNIT II

Centers of diversity / Origin, diffused centers – Time and place of domestication – Domestication and Uniformity – Characteristics – Early domestication and Changes. Concept

of Gene pools – Recent advances of genecology – Phenotypic plasticity. Population variation – Selection – Consequences of selection Population variation – Random Genetic drift – Effects of chance in populations. Species and speciation – Species concept – Gradual speciation – Abrupt speciation

UNIT III

Reproduction isolation barriers – Genetic differentiation during speciation Hybridization – Gradual speciation and extinction, Exploitation of natural variation – Early attempts to increase variation, Intraspecific variation and ecotype concept – Some pioneer studies, Distant hybridization and introgression – Scope and limitations – Techniques to overcome these limitations

UNIT IV

Distant hybridization and introgression – Gene transfer into cultivated species – Tools and Techniques, Distant hybridization and introgression – Validation of transferred genes and their expression: Controlled expressions; Polyploidy – Auto and allopolyploids – Properties – Delimitation of taxonomic species, Polyploidy – Cytogenetic and genetic stabilization of polyploids, Polyploidy – Evolutionary significances, Polyploidy – Evolution of crop plants through ploidy manipulation

UNIT V

Allopolyploids – Synthesis of new crops, Genomic organization – Transgenesis in crop evolution, Multifactorial genome – Intragenomic and intergenomic interaction – Genome introgression Crop evolution – Allozyme variation, DNA markers – Genome analysis and comparative genomics Crop evolution – Case studies : Introduction – Cytotaxonomic background - Early history – Recent history – Prospects – Rice Crop evolution – Case studies : Introduction – Cytotaxonomic background early history – Recent history – Prospects – Wheat Crop evolution – Case studies : Introduction – Cytotaxonomic background early history – Recent history – Prospects – Cotton

Suggested Readings

Briggs, D and Walters, S.M. 1986. *Plant Variation and Evolution*

Hancock JF. 2004. *Plant Evolution and the Origin of Crop Species*. 2nd Ed.CABI.

Ladizinsky G. 1999. *Evolution and Domestication*. Springer.

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GP 607 BREEDING DESIGNER CROPS 2+1

Objective

To impart theoretical knowledge and practical know-how towards physiological efficiency, nutritional enhancement, biofortification and industrial/pharma applications in plant breeding.

Theory

UNIT I

Breeding of crop ideotypes, Genetic manipulations through recombination breeding, Genomics and transgenics for physiological efficiency, Nutritional enhancement, Special compounds-proteins, Vaccines

UNIT II

Gums, Starch and fats. Physiological efficiency as a concept, Parametric and whole plant physiology in integrated mode, Physiological mechanism of improvement in nutrient use efficiency, Water use efficiency

UNIT III

Osmotic adjustment, Photosynthetic efficiency, Stay green trait and its significance in crop improvement. Improvement in yield potential under sub-optimal conditions by manipulating source and sink, Canopy architecture, Plant-water relationships

UNIT IV

Effect of suboptimal conditions on cardinal plant growth and development processes, Enhancing input use efficiency through genetic manipulations. Breeding for special traits *viz*. oil Breeding for special traits, Protein Breeding for special traits, vitamins. Breeding for special traits, amino acids, etc.

UNIT V

Concept of biopharming and development of varieties producing targeted compounds, Nutraceuticals Industrial products, Success stories in vaccines Modified sugars, gums and starch through biopharming, Biosafety management Segregation and isolation requirements in designer crop production, Segregation and isolation requirements in post-harvest management

Practical

Demonstration of plant responses to Stresses through recent techniques (3), Water use efficiency, Transpiration efficiency, Screening techniques Under stress conditions such as , Electrolyte leakage, TTC, Chlorophyll fluorescence, Canopy temperature depression (2), Stomatal conductance, Chlorophyll estimation, Heat/drought/salt shock proteins. (3)

Suggested Readings

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Hay RK. 2006. *Physiology of Crop Yield*. 2nd Ed. Blackwell.

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GP 608 ADVANCES IN BREEDING OF MAJOR FIELD CROPS 3+0

Objective

To provide insight into recent advances in improvement of cereals, millets and non cereal crops using conventional and modern biotechnological approaches.

Theory

UNIT I

History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Rice. History, description, classification, origin and

phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Wheat. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Maize

UNIT II

History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Pearlmillet. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Sorghum. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Pulses – Red gram

UNIT III

History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Pulses – Black gram and Green gram. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Oilseeds – Ground nut. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Oil seeds – Sunflower and Castor

UNIT IV

History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Cotton. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Sugarcane. History, description, classification, origin and phylogenetic relationship, genome status in cultivated and alien species – Breeding objectives – ARID Legumes, Breeding objectives in rice, Breeding objectives in wheat

UNIT V

Breeding objectives in Maize, Breeding objectives in Pearlmillet, Breeding objectives in Sorghum, Breeding objectives in Pulses – Red gram, Breeding objectives in Pulses – Green gram and Black gram. Breeding objectives in Oilseeds – Groundnut, Breeding objectives in Oilseeds – Sunflower and Castor, Breeding objectives in Cotton, Breeding objectives in Sugarcane, Breeding for value addition, Breeding for resistance to abiotic and biotic stresses.

UNIT VI

Conventional Plant Breeding – Line breeding, Conventional Plant Breeding – Population improvement, Conventional Plant Breeding – Hybrids. Other approaches – DH Populations, Other approaches Marker Assisted Breeding Development of new male sterility systems, Transgenics. National and International accomplishments in genetic improvement of Rice, Wheat, Maize, Pearlmillet and Sorghum

UNIT VII

National and International accomplishments in genetic improvement of Pulses, Oilseeds and Cotton, National and International accomplishments in genetic improvement of Sugarcane, National and International accomplishments in genetic improvement of ARID legumes

Suggested Readings

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GP 609 MICROBIAL GENETICS 2+1

Objective

The objective of this course is to apprise the students of molecular processes at DNA and RNA level in different microorganisms, especially bacteria and viruses.

Theory

UNIT I

Introduction, importance of Microbial Genetics, Genetic material in prokaryotes especially bacteria and viruses. Nature of bacterial variation - Episomes - Plasmids - Gene mapping in bacteria.

UNIT II

Life cycle of bacteriophages - Genetic fine analysis of rII locus - Circular genetic map - of phage T4 Transposable elements - Gene manipulation - Biochemical genetics of *Neurospora* - Biochemical genetics of *Sacharomyces.*

UNIT III

One gene - one enzyme hypothesis. Regulation of gene activity in prokaryotes Molecular aspects of mutation. Molecular mechanisms of mutation. Molecular mechanisms of Repair and suppression Molecular chaperones and gene expression.

UNIT IV

Genetic basis of apoptosis. Transgenic bacteria and bioethics Genetic basis of nodulation Genetic basis of nitrogen fixation and competition by rhizobia Genetic regulation of nitrogen fixation and quorum sensing in rhizobia; Genetics of mitochondria. Genetics of chloroplasts.

Practical

Preparation and sterilization of liquid Bacterial nutrient media, Preparation and sterilization of Agar Bacterial nutrient media, Assessment of generation time in the log-phage bacterial cultures, Handling of microorganisms for genetic experiments, Isolation of rhizobia from nodules, Gram staining of rhizobial cells, Examination of polyhydroxy butyrate (PHB) production in rhizobia, Demonstration of N2-fixing nodules/bacterial inoculation in the legume- *Rzhizobium* symbiotic system, Induction, isolation and characterization of auxotrophic and drug resistant mutants in bacteria, Determination of spontaneous and induced mutation frequencies, Discrete bacterial colony counts for the preparation of survival curves, Determination of LD_{50} of a mutagen, Tn-mediated mutagenesis, Analysis and isolation of plasmid DNA, Curing of plasmids.

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GP 610 IN SITU AND EX SITU CONSERVATION OF GERMPLASM 2+1

Objective

To impart knowledge on the methods of germplasm conservation.

Theory

UNIT I

Concept of natural reserves and natural gene banks, *In situ* conservation of wild species in nature reserves: *in situ* conservation components, factors influencing conservation value, national plan for *in situ* conservation; *in situ* conservation of agro-biodiversity on-farm; scientific basis of *in situ* conservation on-farm, building on-farm conservation initiatives, implementation of on-farm conservation, management of *in situ* conserved genetic diversity on-farm, enhancing benefits for farmers from local crop diversity.

UNIT II

Ex situ conservation: components, plant genetic resources conservation in gene banks, national gene banks, gene repositories, preservation of genetic materials under natural conditions, *perma-frost* conservation, guidelines for sending seeds to network of active/ working collections, orthodox, recalcitrant seeds- differences in handling ,clonal repositories, genetic stability under long term storage condition.

UNIT III

In vitro storage, maintenance of *in vitro* culture under different conditions, *in vitro* bank maintenance for temporate and tropical fruit crop species, spices, tubers, bulbous crops, medicinal and endangered plant species, conservation of embryos and ovules, cell/ suspension cultures, protoplast and callus cultures, pollen culture, micropropagation techniques, problems, prospects of *in vitro* gene bank.

UNIT IV

Cryopreservation- procedure for handling seeds of orthodox and recalcitrants- cryoprotectants,dessication, rapid freezing, slow freezing, vitrification techniques, encapsulation/dehydration techniques, national facilities, achievements, application of cryopreservation in agriculture, horticulture and forestry crops.Problems and prospects; challenges ahead.

Practical

In situ conservation of wild species –case studies at national and international levels- *ex situ* techniques for active and long-term conservation of collections- Preparation and handling of materials, packaging, documentation; design of cold storage modules- Conservation protocols for recalcitrant and orthodox seeds; Cytological studies for assessing genetic stability, *in vitro* cultures- embryo,cell/suspension cultures,pollen cultures, study of cryotank facility and vitrification techniques, visit to NBPGR/NBAGR -study using fruit crops and other horticultural crops.

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Current Science, Bangalore

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Electronic Journal of Biotechnology
Euphytica, The Netherlands
FABIS Newsletter
Forage Research, Hisar, India
Genetics, USA
Genome, Canada
Genetic resources and crop evolution, Netherlands
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International Chickpea, Newsletter, ICRISAT
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Journal of Agricultural Research, U.K.
Journal of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, New Delhi
Journal of Genetics and Breeding, Italy
Journal of Heredity
Journal of Pulses Research, Kanpur
Legume Research, Karnal
MILWAI Newsletter
Madras Agricultural Journal, Coimbatore, India
Molecular Breeding, USA
Mutation Research
National Journal of Plant Sciences, Hisar, India
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Suggested Broad Areas for Master's and Doctoral Research

Studies on introgressions, gene transfers, gene identification, location and localization with the application of technologies such as, *in situ* hybridization, chromosome identification like FISH (Fluorescent *In Situ* Hybridization), GISH (Genomic *In Situ* Hybridization), Spectral Karyotyping (SKY) and Multiplex Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridization (M-FISH) etc.

Studies on stay-green traits in relation to genes affecting efficiency of photosynthethesis, biotic/abiotic stress tolerance

Genetics of AGP system for better photosynthesis and translocation

Identification of genes/QTLs for NUE and WUE

Molecular markers tagged to genes/QTLs identified for improvement of nutrient use efficiency, water use efficiency

MAS based mobilization of transgenes for tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses into desirable agronomic backgrounds

Breeding methologies to enhance selection efficiency

Component approaches and development of selection criteria for quantitiative trait improvement

Stability analyses and methods to estimate the G X E components in breeding materials

Relative efficiency analyses of genetic component estimation for reliable use in developing selection criteria in crop plants

Distance and divergence statistics for identification of similarity assessment among genetic stocks and parental genetic material

Linear and quadratic distance measures to identify relative contribution of component traits for complex traits

Studies on genetic and molecular bases of stress tolerance to develop molecular diagnostics for screening/identification of stress tolerant genotypes

Use of aneuploids for gene location and source for transfer through wild species

Development and trisomic and monosomic series in diploids and polyploids

Dependable marker systems for detection of introgression in wide crosses with minimized linkage drag

Analysis of Resistance Gene analogues and their use in MAS with enhanced disease resistance

Analysis of Gene analogues and expression synteny and their use in MAS with enhanced quality and trait expression

Refinements in embryo rescue and consequent diplodization for production of double haploids

Use of molecular markers in phylogenetic analysis

Breeding through distant hybridization route for New Plant Type for breaking yield barriers

Genetics of durable, quantitative resistance and adult plant resistance in major crops against known pathogens

Development of tools and methodologies for identification of genes responsible for resistance against polyphagus insects

Development of alien addition lines and telocentric lines in crops

Microarray technique and robotics for identification of useful genes in crops

Characterization of germplasm through molecular and serological techniques

Induction of novel variation through mutagenesis tools and identify novel genes for different traits

Development of heterotic pools for maximized heterosis in cross and self pollinated crops where hybrid seed production tools are available

Genetics and traits responsible for terminal and initial heat tolerance in wheat, maize and mustard

Genetics of cold tolerance related traits in maize, rice and pigeonpea

Widening the QPM base in maize and prebreeding to add value to the genetic stocks of QPM

Comparison of relative efficiency of different softwares in analysis of quantitative trait loci and
linkages

Biochemical and molecular bases of signal transduction in host-pathogen interactions

Metal binding proteins for identification of phytoremediators

Crop improvement for biomass energy and industrial use

Development of cytogenetic stocks through varietal/alien chromosome substitutions