

B.Sc. BOTANY: Open Elective Course (OE-2.1)

Semester II

OE-2.1: PLANT PROPAGATION, NURSERY MANAGEMENT AND GARDENING

Paper Outcome:

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

1. To gain knowledge of gardening, cultivation, multiplication, raising of seedlings of garden plants.
2. To get knowledge of new and modern techniques of plant propagation.
3. To develop interest in nature and plant life.

Number of Theory Credits	Number of lecture hours/semester	Number of practical Credits	Number of practical hours / semester
3	39	0	00
Content of Theory Course OE-2.1: PLANT PROPAGATION, NURSERY MANAGEMENT AND GARDENING			30 Hrs
Unit I :Nursery and Vegetative propagation			13
Definition, objectives and scope and general practices and building up of infrastructure for nursery, planning and seasonal activities. Planting - direct seeding and transplants, Soil free/soilless/ synthetic growth mediums for pots and nursery. Air-layering, cutting, selection of cutting, collecting season, treatment of cutting, rooting medium and planting of cuttings. Hardening of plants .Green house, mist chamber, shed root, shade house and glass house.			
Unit II :Gardening			13
Definition, objectives and scope. Different types of gardening - landscape and home/terrace gardening, parks and its components. Plant materials and design. Computer applications in landscaping, Gardening operations: soil laying, manuring, watering, management of pests and diseases and harvesting.			
Unit III: Seed, Sowing/raising of seeds and seedlings			13
Structure and types - Seed dormancy; causes and methods of breaking dormancy. Seed storage: Seed banks, factors affecting seed viability, genetic erosion Seed production technology. Seed testing and certification. Transplanting of seedlings - Study of cultivation of different vegetables and			

flowering plants: cabbage, brinjal, lady's finger, tomatoes, carrots, bougainvillea, roses, geranium, ferns, petunia, orchids etc. Storage and marketing procedures. Developing and maintenance of different types of lawns. Bonsai technique.	
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Text Books and References

1. Agrawal, P.K. (1993). Hand Book of Seed Technology. Dept. of Agriculture and Cooperation, National Seed Corporation Ltd. New Delhi.
2. Bose T.K., Mukherjee, D. (1972). Gardening in India. Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. New Delhi.
3. Jules, J. (1979). Horticultural Science, 3rd edition. W.H. Freeman and Co. San Francisco, California.
4. Kumar, N. (1997). Introduction to Horticulture. Rajalakshmi Publications. Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.
5. Musser E., Andres. (2005). Fundamentals of Horticulture. McGraw Hill Book Co. New Delhi
6. Sandhu, M.K. (1989). Plant Propagation. Walle Eastern Ltd. Bangalore.

Pedagogy:

Lectures, Practicals, Field and laboratory visits, Participatory Learning, Seminars, Assignments, specimen submission etc

Formative Assessment	
Assessment Occasion/ type	Weightage in Marks
I TEST	10
II TEST	10
ASSIGNMENT	10
Total	30

Date

Course Co-ordinator

Subject Committee Chairperson