

- UNIT-II** Community Ecology : Community characteristics, frequency, density, cover, life forms biological spectrum ; ecological succession.
Ecosystems : Structure, abiotic and biotic components ; food chain, food web, ecological pyramids, energy flow ; biogeochemical cycles of carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus.
- UNIT-III** Population ecology : Growth curves ; ecotypes ; ecads.
Biogeographical regions of India.
Vegetation types of India : Forests and grasslands.
- UNIT-IV** Utilization of Plants
Food plants : Rice, wheat, maize, potato, sugarcane.
Fibres : Cotton and jute.
Vegetable oils : Groundnut, mustard and coconut
General account of sources of firewood, timber and bamboos.
- UNIT-V** Spices : General account.
Medicinal plants : General account
Beverages : Tea and coffee.
Rubber.

PRACTICAL SCHEME

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01. Physiology	08
02. Ecology	08
03. Utilization of Plants	05
04. Biochemistry / Biotechnology	05
05. Spotting (1-5 spots)	10
06. Project work	04
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Suggested Laboratory Exercises

- To study the permeability of plasma membrane using different concentrations of organicsolvents.
- To study the effect of temperature on permeability of plasma membrane.
- To prepare the standard curve of protein and determine the protein content in unknown samples.
- To study the enzyme activity of catalase and peroxidase as influenced by pH and temperature.
- Comparison of the rate of respiration of various plant parts.
- Separation of chloroplast pigment by solvents method.
- Determining the osmotic potential of vacuolar sap by plasmolytic method.
- Determining the water potential of any tuber.
- Separation of amino acids in a mixture by paper chromatography and their identification by comparison with standards.
- Bioassay of auxin, cytokinin, GA, ABA and ethylene using appropriate plant material.
- Demonstration of the technique of micropropagation by using different explants, e.g. axillary buds, shoot meristems.
- Demonstration of the technique of anther culture.
- Isolation of protoplasts from different tissues using commercially available enzymes.
- Demonstration of root and shoot formation from the apical and basal portion of stem segments in liquid medium containing different hormones.