



SYLLABUS

GPB 506: MOLECULAR BREEDING AND BIOINFORMATICS (2+1)

TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME							
Course code	Course Name	THEORY			PRACTICAL		CREDITS
		End Sem University Exam	Mid Term Exam	Teachers Assessment*	End Sem University Exam	Teachers Assessment*	
GPB 506	Molecular Breeding and Bioinformatics	50	30	00	15	05	L 2 P 1 3

Legends: L - Lecture; P - Practical;

*Teacher Assessment shall be based on following components: Quiz / Assignment / Project / Participation in Class etc.

Objective

To impart knowledge and practical skills to use innovative approaches and Bioinformatics in Plant Breeding.

Theory

Unit I

Genotyping; Biochemical and Molecular markers; Morphological, biochemical and DNA-based markers (RFLP, RAPD, AFLP, SSR, SNPs, ESTs, etc.), Functional markers; Mapping populations (F₂s, back crosses, RILs, NILs and DH); Molecular mapping and tagging of agronomically important traits; Statistical tools in marker analysis.

Unit II

Allele mining; Marker-assisted selection for qualitative and quantitative traits; QTLs analysis in crop plants; Marker-assisted backcross breeding for rapid introgression; Genomics-assisted breeding; Generation of EDVs; Gene pyramiding.

UNIT III

Introduction to Comparative Genomics; Large scale genome sequencing strategies; Human genome project; Arabidopsis genome project; Rice genome project; Comparative genomics tools; Introduction to proteomics; 2D gel electrophoresis; chromatography and sequencing by Edman degradation and mass spectrometry; Endopeptidases; Nanotechnology and its applications in crop improvement.

Unit IV

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. and commercial releases.

UNIT V

Biotechnology applications in male sterility/ hybrid breeding, molecular farming; Application of Tissue culture in molecular breeding; 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; Introduction to bioinformatics: bioinformatics tools, biological data bases (primary and secondary), implications in crop improvement.

Practical

- Requirements for plant tissue culture laboratory;
- Techniques in plant tissue culture;
- Media components and media preparation;
- Aseptic manipulation of various explants, observations on the contaminants occurring in media, interpretations;
- Inoculation of explants, callus induction and plant regeneration; 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;
- NCBI Genomic Resources, GBFF, Swiss Prot, Blast n/ Blast p, Gene Prediction Tool, Expaty Resources, PUBMED and PMC, OMIM and OMIA, ORF finder;
- Comparative Genomic Resources: - Map Viewer (UCSC Browser and Ensembl);
- Primer designing- Primer 3/ Primer BLAST

Suggested Readings

- Azuaje F and Dopazo J. 2005. Data Analysis and Visualization in Genomics and Proteomics. John Wiley and Sons.
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- Chawala HS. 2000. Introduction to Plant Biotechnology. Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd.
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- Gupta PK. 1997. Elements of Biotechnology. Rastogi Publ.
- Hackett PB, Fuchs JA and Messing JW. 1988. An Introduction to Recombinant DNA Technology - Basic Experiments in Gene Manipulation. 2nd Ed. Benjamin Publ. Co.
- Jollès P and Jörnvall H. 2000. Proteomics in Functional Genomics: Protein Structure Analysis. Birkhäuser.