

Shri Vaishnav Institute of Science **Department of Life Science Generic Electives (GE) Post Graduate Courses**

BTPGE01 Exploring Microorganisms

COURSE CODE	Category	COURSE NAME	TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME								
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BTPGE01	GE	Exploring Microorganisms	60	20	20	0	0	3	0	0	3

Legends: L - Lecture; T - Tutorial/Teacher Guided Student Activity; P – Practical; C - Credit; *Teacher Assessment shall be based following components: Quiz/ Assignment/ Project / Participation in Class, given that no component shall exceed more than 10 marks.

Course Objectives:

- 1. To impart knowledge about microorganism, their, cell structure, metabolism and growth.
- 2. To develop understanding about cultivation of microorganisms, microbial quantification methods, microbial diseases.
- 3. To familiarize students with general principles and subject knowledge in the roles and applications of microorganism.

Course Outcomes:

- 1. Students will be able to recall the concepts of microbial world and its significance
- 2. Students will develop understanding about cultivating and enumerating microorganisms, most common medically important organism and the infections they cause.
- 3. Clarify application of microorganisms in varied fields of agricultural, environmental, medical and industries.

Unit I- Introduction to the world of Microorganisms

Scope & relevance of Microbiology, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell structures, types of microorganisms, general characteristics of bacteria, algae, fungi, viruses and protozoa.

Unit II- Microbial Physiology and Cultivation

Cell division, Microbial growth, microbial metabolism, reproduction of viruses. Techniques used for the cultivation of bacteria, fungi, algae and viruses.

Unit III- Visualizing and Enumerating Microorganisms

Principles and applications of compound microscope and electron microscope, simple and differential staining. Measurement of microbial growth- Cell count, cell weight, cell metabolism assays, plaque assay.

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Unit IV- Control of Microbial Growth

Sterilization by physical methods- high temperature, low temperature, radiations, bacteriological filters.

Sterilization by chemical means- phenolics, alcohols, halogens, heavy metals and ethylene oxide Control of microorganisms using sugars and organic acids.

Unit V -Role of microorganisms

In agriculture: As biofertilizers, bioinsecticides, in soil improvement (texture, water holding capacity) as geochemical agents, microbe plant interactions (phyllosphere, rhizosphere, mycorrhizal and nodule formation). Plant diseases: list of common plant diseases with their causative agents.

In human and animal health: list of common bacterial, fungal and viral diseases with their causative agents in human beings, role of normal flora of human body, concept of -antibiotics, vaccines and antisera.

In industries: list of microbial products (and producers) produced on industrial scale, role of contaminants.

In food processing: list of common fermented food & milk products with their representative organisms. Food spoilage, List of food poisoning & food infection causing microorganisms. In environment: List of microorganisms responsible for bioremediation and biodeterioration

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