

ANATOMY, EMBRYOLOGY AND MORPHOGENESIS

Unit-I: ANATOMY

General account and theories of organisation of apical meristems of shoot apex and root apex, quiescent centre. Structural diversity and phylogenetic trends of specialization of xylem and phloem. Cambium - origin - cellular structure, cell division, storied and non-storied types. Cambium in budding and grafting - wound healing role. Trichomes, periderm and lenticels.

Unit-II: ANATOMY

Anatomical characteristics and vascular differentiation in primary and secondary structure of root and stem in Dicot and Monocot. Origin of lateral roots - Root stem transition - Anatomy of Dicot and Monocot leaves. Leaf abscission, stomatal types, nodal anatomy, petiole anatomy, vascularisation of flower and seedling.

Unit-III: EMBRYOLOGY

Microsporangium - Microsporogenesis, Microspores - arrangement - morphology - ultrastructure - Microgametogenesis - Pollen - Stigma - Incompatibility - Methods to overcome incompatibility - Megasporangium - Megagametogenesis - Female gametophyte - Monosporic - Bisporic and Tetrasporic - Nutrition of embryo sac and fertilization

Unit-IV: EMBRYOLOGY

Endosperm - Types - Endosperm haustoria - Cytology and physiology of endosperms, functions of endosperms - Embryo development in Dicot and Monocot, Nutrition of embryo - Polyembryony - Causes, Apomixis - Causes, Apospory - Their role in plant improvement programmes and seed development.

Unit-V: MORPHOGENESIS

Definition - Morphogenesis and its relation to morphology - Turing's diffusion reaction theory - Morphogenetic factors - growth regulators - genetic and environment - polarity.

Molecular basis of morphogenesis - Cytosol and cytoskeleton, microtubules and microfilaments - Cellular level morphogenesis - Nuclear transplantation experiments with *Acetabularia* - Sachs's and Erner's laws - Asymmetric divisions and their significance. Morphogenesis at tissue level - Differentiation, dedifferentiation and redifferentiation of vascular tissue *in vivo*, *in vitro* and in wounds. Plant galls and their importance in morphogenesis.

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