

ANGIOSPERM TAXONOMY, ECOLOGY, PHYTOGEOGRAPHY AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Unit-I: TAXONOMY

Introduction - History of classification - A detailed study of classification - Sexual system - Cerulus Linnaeus, Natural System - Bentham and Hooker, Modern System - Engler and Prantl, Hutchinson and Takhtajan - Biosystematics, Chemotaxonomy and Numerical Taxonomy, Role of Anatomy and Embryology in solving Taxonomic problems.

Unit-II: TAXONOMY

International code of Botanical Nomenclature - Typification, Principles of priority and their limitations. Effective and valid publications - Author citation, retention, choice and rejection of names. Familiarity with botanical literature - Monographs, periodicals and floras. A general account on keys - Herbarium preparation and management - A brief account of B.S.I. and its role.

Unit-III: TAXONOMY

Study of the families and their economic importance of plants mentioned in the practical syllabus.

Unit-IV: ECOLOGY

Concept and dynamics of ecosystem: Types of ecosystem, components, Food chain, Food web and energy flow - Trophic level, ecological pyramids. Productivity and biogeochemical cycles (N, P, C, S). Ecological amplitude of a species and adaptation - Ecads, ecotypes, ecospecies, Raunkaier's Life Forms.

Types of forests and forest conservation - Utilization of energy resources - Non-renewable and renewable.

Environmental pollution - Air, water, soil, thermal and radiation. Cumulative effect of pollution on global environment, Ozone depletion, Greenhouse effect and their consequences. Ecological indicators.

Unit-V: PHYTOGEOGRAPHY & CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Phytogeography: Range - Dispersal and migration barriers hypothesis, Continental drift hypothesis, Land - Bridges hypothesis, Age and Area hypothesis, Endemism. Introduction to Remote Sensing and its uses.

Conservation Biology - Introduction - Current practices in conservation - Ecosystem approaches - Species based approaches - Social approaches - Chipko movement. *In situ* conservation (Afforestation, Social Forestry, Agro Forestry, Botanical Gardens, Biosphere Reserves, National Parks, Sanctuaries, Sacred Groves and Sthalavrikshas) and *ex situ* conservation (Cryopreservation, Gene Banks, Seed Banks, Pollen Banks, Sperm Banks, DNA Banks, Tissue Culture and Biotechnological strategies) - Environmental Education.

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