

ELECTIVE - I: ETHNOBOTANY AND PHARMACOGNOSY

Unit I

Introduction to Ethnobotany – History and development of ethnobotanical study – current scope and potential applications.

Plant structures, functions and applications – Introduction – Basic biology of higher plants – Basic bio-chemistry – Variation in physical structure – variation in chemical characteristics.

Traditional botanical knowledge- Introduction – The documentation and interpretation of traditional botanical knowledge – collecting ethnobotanical evidence, the dynamics and distribution of traditional botanical knowledge.

Unit II

Methods in ethnobotanical study – General ethnobotanical techniques, Anthropological field methods, linguistic and other symbolic analysis, plant collection and taxonomy, Archaeobotanical methods, Information systems.

Traditional Botanical knowledge and subsistence – wild plant resources – Nature, distribution and technology of wild resources, managing wild resources Domesticated plants and traditional agriculture – Ethnoecology and traditional agricultural practice, Farmer-breeders, traditional agro forestry.

Unit III

Applied ethnobotany : commercialization and conservation – practical applications of ethnobotanical data sustainability and viability economic and ecological concerns – Developing practical solutions legal mechanisms and ethical codes.

Unit IV Pharmacognosy

History, Definition and scope of pharmacognosy – Traditional Indian system of medicine, ayurvedha, siddha, unani, Naturopathy – Definition of drug, classification, natural drugs – Morphological classification, chemical classification & chemotaxonomical classification.

Unit V

Collection and preparation of natural drugs for market – Macroscopic characters – therapeutically and pharmaceutical use of the drugs fernium, Nux-Vomica, Vinca, capsicum and Neem, mytochemicals used in non-medical applications, phytochemistry and pharmacology of traditional medicine.

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