

Elective Course VI (EC) – Microbial Bionanotechnology

Unit – I

History – bionanotechnology – concept and future prospects – application in Life Sciences. Terminologies – nanotechnology, bionanotechnology, nanomedicine, nanowires, quantum Dots, nanocomposite, nanoparticles.

Unit – II

Molecular nanotechnology – nanomachines – collagen. Uses of nanoparticles – cancer therapy – manipulation of cell and biomolecules. Cytoskeleton and cell organelles. Types of nanoparticles production – physical, chemical and biological. Microbial synthesis of nanoparticles

Unit – III

Nanoparticles – types, functions – Silver, Gold and Titanium. Physical and chemical properties of nanoparticles. Characterization of nanoparticles – UV-Vis spectroscopy, Electron Microscopy – HRTEM, SEM, AFM, EDS, XRD.

Unit – IV

Uses of nanoparticles in biology : Drug delivery – protein mediated and nanoparticle mediated. Uses of nanoparticles in MRI, DNA and Protein Microarrays. Nanotechnology in health sectors. Toxicology in nanoparticles – Dosimetry.

Unit – V

Advantages of nanoparticles – drug targeting, protein detection, MRI, development of green chemistry – commercial viability of nanoparticles. Disadvantages – health risk associated with nanoparticles, inadequate knowledge on nanoparticles research.

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