

**M.Sc. (Ag.)**  
**(Horticulture)**

There are three specializations are offered by department of horticulture in session 2022-24

- Vegetable Science
- Fruit Science
- Floriculture and landscaping

(Under Semester System as Per ICAR Recommended)

**Syllabus**  
**Academic Session- 2022-24**



**Jananayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia**  
**Uttar Pradesh**

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### **About the Department:**

The department of Horticulture started in June 2021. Teaching and research in Horticulture was started in JNCU Ballia in the year 2021. This was superseded by two-year master programme in 2021. The department have two Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty). Department organised various programmes and guest lectures in a way to develop professional skills in the students. We are looking forward to organize many more programmes, workshops and lectures for enriching students' ability and enhancing department strengths to accommodate with new developments in society.

### **About the Programme:**

MSc Horticulture is a 2-year full-time postgraduate course that includes a study of cultivation of plants, breeding, harvesting, storage and shortage of vegetables & plants. The MSc Horticulture course motivates students to understand organic lifestyle, health benefits and learning about the aesthetics of plants & vegetables. It also covers deep concepts such as eco-friendly or sustainable development operations and food production. The course is digitally enhanced by introducing fundamentals of genetics and functionality in the course.

### **Vision:**

The department is committed to provide academic excellence and quality of education to the students.

Development of excellent human resources and innovative technological services to community.

### **Mission:**

The university aims at reaching the remotest area of its jurisdiction in order to cater to the needs of those requiring its services and desiring participation in its programmes. The university is committed to playing a significant role in the socio-economic upliftment of the masses of the Uttar Pradesh.

### **Programme Objectives:**

To provide relevant education to the students in horticulture and allied sciences.

To promote research and training on sustainable development of horticulture productivity, cost reduction in farming.

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To encourage the youth on entrepreneurship and rural development.

**Program learning outcomes:** Revamping of post graduate programme in whole of Horticultural Science throughout the country, Imparting quality education, Development of technical manpower to cater the need of government, corporate, quasi government and research organizations both in India and abroad in horticulture. Exposure to the faculty in the latest technical know-how, Vital step to sustain the Golden Revolution in India.

**Teaching Learning Process:**

Multiple pedagogic techniques are used in importing the knowledge both within and outside the classrooms. Listed below are some such techniques.

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- PowerPoint presentations
- Project work
- Documentary films on relevant topics
- Debates, discussion, quiz
- Talks/ workshop
- Interaction with expert
- Outstation field trips – surveys designs.
- Internships

**Assessment Methods:** besides the formal system of university exams held at the end of each semester will as mid - semester and class test that are held regularly, the students are also assessed on the basis of the following;

- Written assignment
- Presentations
- Participation in class discussion
- Agility to think critically and creatively to solve problems.
- Reflexive thinking.
- Participation in exittance and co-curriculum activities.
- Critical assessment of Articles book, etc.

**Title:**

The title of the programme shall be masters in Horticulture.

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**Affiliation:**

The proposed programme shall be governed by the department of Horticulture, Jananayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

**Duration:**

The total duration of the programme shall be of two years, spread over in four semesters.

**Seats:**

The total number of students to be admitted to the programme shall be 20. The programme will be conducted on regular basis.

**Fee:**

As per university law and guidelines

**Minimum Eligibility for Admission:**

As per University guidelines or a three -four-year bachelors degree or equivalent in any stream discipline awarded by a University or institute established as per law and recognized as equivalent by this university with minimum 45% marks for general and OBC category and 40% marks for SC/ST and person with disability categories or equivalent grade, shall constitute the minimum requirements for admission to the masters in sociology programme.

- Reservation of seats for various categories shall be as per the Uttar Pradesh state government rules and regulations.

**Admission procedure:**

Admission procedure will take place according to the University norms (Jananayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia) and guidelines in this regard.

**Medium of instructions:**

The medium of instructions will be English and Hindi.

**Attendance:**

As per university norms minimum 75% in theory papers and practical papers.

**Structure of the programme:**

The main purpose of the masters in sociology programme is to develop and disseminate knowledge skills and values through classroom teaching, field visit and research are necessary for promoting, maintaining and improving the functioning of individuals, groups and communities. The masters in sociology programme is comprised of –

Theory papers

practical

Research/dissertation

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## **Preamble**

### **(Vegetable Science)**

Vegetables are important constituents of Indian diet and play an important role ensuring nutritional security. They are generally of short duration, high yielding, nutraceutically rich, economically viable and generating substantial on-farm and off-farm employment. Vegetables have a pre-stine place in Indian agricultural economy. The country is being blessed with diverse agro-climatic conditions ranged from the temperate to arid more than 60 cultivated and 30 lesser known vegetables are being grown.

The country has witnessed a tremendous growth in vegetable production and productivity as a result of improved varieties/F1 hybrids/technologies through systematic research coupled with their large scale adoption by the farmers and developmental policies of government compared to area (2.84 mha), production (16.5 mt) and productivity (5.8 t/ha) in 1950–

2017, there had been phenomenal increase in area (>3 folds; 10.1 mha), production (>10 folds; 185 mt) and productivity (>3 folds; 18.0 t/ha) during 2017–

2018. Increasing per capita income, health consciousness, urbanisation, shifting of farmer to high value vegetables due to higher income, favourable income elasticity of demand and annual growth rate of domestic demand for vegetables are also important factors fueling its growth in the country. During 2016–

2017, the total exports including potato and onion accounted for 5,922 crore, sharing 35% of total horticultural exports. With the current level of vegetable production in the country (171 mt), population (1.3 billion) and considering 25% post harvest losses and 5% export and processing, the per capita availability of vegetable production in our country is 250 g as against 300 g recommended dietary allowance (RDA). With projected population of 1.45 billion by 2030, India has to produce 210 mt of vegetables. The targeted production needs to be achieved through utilizing scientific technological and traditional strength in a sustainable manner without much increasing area under vegetables.

Looking in to the above scenario in vegetable production, there is a need to update the knowledge among the post-graduates of Vegetable Science. An effort is therefore made to encompass the advances made in the vegetable production by revisiting the post-graduate curriculum for delivering and assuring quality education. The proposed curriculum aims to develop a competent human resource equipped with holistic and updated knowledge and skill in the field of Vegetable Science.

The course curriculum has been restructured to cover the current requirement of vegetable production and post harvest management to increase capabilities of students.



In order to accomplish the task, either new courses have been formulated or existing course contents are upgraded to include latest developments in vegetable production.

In line with national policies, the existing course contents have been upgraded and five new courses, viz., Principles of vegetable breeding, Breeding for special traits in Vegetable crops, Biodiversity and conservation of Vegetable crops, Biotechnological approaches in Vegetable crops and Advanced laboratory techniques for vegetable crops have been added. A course on Vegetable Breeding has been divided into two courses one for self-pollinated crops and another for cross-pollinated vegetable crops. New components, viz., hydroponics, aeroponics, grafting technique and precision farming have been added in appropriate courses. The overall upgradation of course contents as well as addition of courses are in line with national policy priorities like doubling of farmer's income, more crop per drop, *jaivik krishi*, soil health, skill development, entrepreneurship development, startup initiatives, etc.

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## Course Title with Credit Load M.Sc.(Hort.)(Vegetable Science)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
HOR501*	Production of Cool Season Vegetable Crops	2+1
HOR502	Protected Cultivation of Vegetable Crops	2+1
AGR503	Principles and practices of Organic farming	2+1
PGS504	Intellectual property and its management in agriculture	1+0
STAT505	Experimental design	2+1
HOR506*	Production of Warm Season Vegetable Crops	2+1
HOR507	Seed Production of Vegetable Crops	2+1
AGR 508	Principles and Practices of soil fertility and nutrient management	2+1
PGS509	Basic Concepts in Laboratory Techniques	1+1
MCA510	Information Technology In Agriculture	0+1
HOR511*	Growth and Development of Vegetable Crops	2+1
HOR512	Post Harvest Management of Vegetable Crops	2+1
AGR513	Principles and Practices of Water Management	2+1
PGS514	Technical writing and communication skills	1+0
PGS515	Agricultural research, research ethics and rural development programmes	1+0
HOR516*	Principles of Vegetable Breeding	2+1
PGS517	Library and Information Techniques	0+1
HOR 550	Seminar	0+1
HOR 560	Research Thesis	0+30
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>71</b>

\*Compulsory among major courses





1 <sup>st</sup> Semester						Evaluation Marks
Code No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Mid Term	End Term	Practical	Total
HOR501	Production of cool season vegetable crops	2+1	25	50	25	100
HOR502	Protected cultivation of vegetable crops	2+1	25	50	25	100
AGR503	Principles and practices of organic farming	2+1	25	50	25	100
PGS504	Intellectual property and its management in agriculture	1+0	25	50	25	100
STAT505	Experimental designs	2+1	25	50	25	100
Total Credits		13				

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester						Evaluation Marks
Code No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Mid Term	End Term	Practical	Total
HOR506	Production of warm season vegetable	2+1	25	50	25	100
HOR507	Seed production of vegetable crops	2+1	25	50	25	100
AGR508	Principles and Practices of soil fertility and nutrient management	2+1	25	50	25	100
PGS509	Information technology in agriculture	1+1	25	50	25	100
MCA510	Basic concepts in laboratory techniques	0+1	25	50	25	100
Total Credits		12				

3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester						Evaluation Marks
Code No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Mid Term	End Term	Practical	Total
HOR511	Growth and development of vegetable crops	2+1	25	50	25	100
HOR512	Post harvest management of vegetable crops	2+1	25	50	25	100
AGR513	Principles and Practices of Water Management	2+1	25	50	25	100
PGS514	Technical writing and communication skills	0+1	25	50	25	100
PGS515	Agricultural research, Research ethics and rural development programs	1+0	25	50	25	100
Total Credits		11				

4 <sup>th</sup> Semester						Evaluation Marks
Code No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Mid Term	End Term	Practical	Total
HOR516	Principles of vegetable breeding	2+1	25	50	25	100
PGS517	Library and information services	1+0	25	50	25	100
HOR550	Seminar	1				
HOR560	Thesis research	30				
Total Credits		35				
Total Semester Credit Hours		71				

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## M.Sc.(Hort.)(Vegetable Science) First Semester

- **Course Title** : Production of Cool Season Vegetable Crops
- **Course Code** : HOR501
- **Credit Hours** : (2+1)
- **Need of course?**

Cool season vegetables are a major source of dietary fibres, minerals and vitamins. Some of these vegetables also contribute protein, fat and carbohydrate.

Most of the leafy and root vegetables are rich in minerals, especially in micro-elements such as copper, manganese and zinc. Vegetables differ in their temperature

requirement for proper growth and development. Most of the winter vegetable crops are cultivated in cool season when the monthly mean temperature does not exceed 21°C. Even in temperate climate, these vegetables are cultivated in spring, summer and in hilly tracks where the day time temperature in summer is less than 21°C. The students of vegetable science need to have an understanding of production technology of important cool season vegetable crops and their management.

- **Objective of Course**

To impart knowledge and skills on advancement in production technology of cool season vegetable crops

The course is constructed given as under:

No. Block

Unit

- Production of cool season vegetable I  
Bulb and tuber crops      II Cole crops  
• Root crops  
• Peas and  
beans & Leafy vegetables

- **Theory**

Introduction, commercial and nutritional importance, origin and distribution, botany and taxonomy, area, production, productivity and constraints, soil require



ments, climatic factors for yield and quality, commercial varieties/hybrids, seed rate and seed treatment, raising of nursery, sowing/ planting time and methods, hydroponics and aeroponics, precision farming, cropping system, nutritional including micronutrients and irrigation requirements, intercultural operations, special horticultural practices, weed control, mulching, role of plant growth regulators, physiological disorders, maturity indices, harvesting, yield, post-harvest

management (grading, packaging and marketing), pest and disease management and production economics of crops.

### **Unit I**

*Bulb and tuber crops*—Onion, garlic and potato.

*Cole crops*—Cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and kale.

### **Unit III**

*Root crops*—Carrot, radish, turnip and beetroot.

### **Unit IV**

*Peas and beans*—Garden peas and broad bean.

### **Unit V**

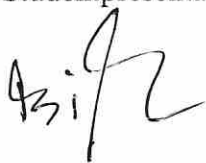
*Leafy vegetables*—Beet leaf, fenugreek, coriander and lettuce.

- **Practical**

- Scientific raising of nursery and seed treatment;
- Sowing and transplanting;
- Description of commercial varieties and hybrids;
- Demonstration on methods of irrigation, fertilizers and micronutrients application;
- Mulching practices, weed management;
- Use of plant growth substances in cool season vegetable crops;
- Study of nutritional and physiological disorders;
- Studies on hydroponics, aeroponics and other soilless culture;
- Identification of important pest and diseases and their control;
- Preparation of cropping scheme for commercial farms;
- Visit to commercial farm, greenhouse/polyhouses;
- Visit to vegetable market;
- Analysis of benefit to cost ratio.

- **Teaching Methods/Activities**

- Classroom lectures
- Assignment (written and speaking)
- Student presentation



- Hands on training of different procedures
- Group discussion

- **Learning outcome**

After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:

- Appreciate the scope and scenario of cool season vegetable crops in India
- Acquire knowledge about the production technology and post-harvest handling of cool season vegetable crops
- Calculate the economics of vegetable production in India

- **Suggested Reading**

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Shanmugavelu KG. 1989. *Production technology of vegetable crops*. Oxford and IBH.

Singh DK. 2007. *Modern vegetable varieties and production technology*. International book distributing Co.

Singh SP. (Ed.). 1989. *Production technology of vegetable crops*. Agril. comm. res. centre. Thamburaj S and Singh N. (Eds.), 2004. *Vegetables, tuber crops and spices*.

ICAR. Thompson HC and Kelly WC. (Eds.). 1978. *Vegetable crops*. Tata McGraw-Hill.

- **Course Title** : Protected Cultivation of Vegetable Crop
- **Course Code** : HOR502
- **Credit Hours** : (2+1)
- **Need of course?**

India is the second largest producer of vegetable crops in the world. However, its vegetable production is much less than the requirement, if a balanced diet is provided to every individual. There are different ways and means to achieve this target. Protected cultivation, which is the modification of the natural environment to achieve optimum plant growth. It is the most intensive form of crop production

with a yield per unit area up to ten times superior to that of a field crop. During winter under north-east Indian conditions, it is difficult to grow tomato,

capsicum, cucurbits, french bean, amaranth, etc. in open field. However, various types of protected structure have been developed for growing some high value crops by

providing protection from the excessive cold. Production of off-season vegetable nurseries under protected structure has become a profitable business. The main purpose of raising nursery plants in protected structure is to get higher profit and disease free seedlings in off-season to raise early crop in protected and open field condition. The low cost polyhouse is economical for small and marginal farmers, who cannot afford huge cost of high-tech polyhouse. Besides supplying the local markets, the production of polyhouse vegetables is greatly valued for its export potential and plays an important role in the foreign trade balance of several

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tionaleconomies. The students of vegetable science need to have an understanding ofprotectedcultivationofvegetablecrops.

- **Objective of Course**

Toimpartlatestknowledgeaboutgrowingofvegetablecropsunderprotectedenvir  
onmentalconditions

Thecourseisconstructedgivenasunder:

No. Block

Unit

- Protectedcultivationofvegetable crops
  - I. Scope and importance
  - II.Typesofprotectedstructure
    - Abioticfactors
    - Nurseryraising
    - Cultivationofcrops
    - Solutionstoproblems

- **Theory**

**UnitI**

*Scope and importance-* Concept, scope and importance of protected cultivation

ofvegetablecrops;Principles,design,orientationofstructure,lowandhighcostpol  
yhouses/greenhousestructures.

**UnitII**

*Typesofprotectedstructure-*Classificationandtypesofprotectedstructures-  
greenhouse/polyhouses,plastic-  
nonplasticlowtunnels,plasticwalkintunnels,highrooftunnelswithventilation,in  
sectproofnethouses,shednethouses,rainshelters,NVP,climatecontrolgreenhou  
ses,hydroponicsandaeroponics;Soilandsoillessmediaforbedpreparation;Desig  
nandinstallationofdripirrigationandfertigationssystem.

**UnitIII**

*Abioticfactors-*

Effectofenvironmentalfactorsandmanipulationoftemperature,light,carbondio  
xide,humidity,etc.ongrowthandyieldofdifferentvegetables.

**UnitIV**

*Nursery raising-* High tech vegetable nursery raising in protected structures  
usingplugsandportrays,differentmediaforgrowingnurseryunderprotectedculti  
vation;Nurseryproblemsandmanagementtechnologiesincludingfertigation

*Cultivationofcrops-*

Regulationoffloweringandfruitinginvegetablecrops;Technology for raising



tomato, sweet pepper, cucumber and other vegetables in protected structures, including varieties and hybrids, training, pruning and staking growing vegetables under protected structures.

## **Unit V**

### *Solutions to problems-*

Problems of growing vegetables in protected structures and their remedies, physiological disorders, insect and disease management in protected structures; Use of protected structures for seed production; Economics of greenhouse crop production.

- **Practical**

- Study of various types of protected structure;
- Study of different methods to control temperature, carbon dioxide and light;
- Study of different types of growing media, training and pruning systems in green house crops;
- Study of fertigation and nutrient management under protected structures;
- Study of insect pests and diseases in greenhouse and its control;
- Use of protected structures in hybrid seed production of vegetables;
- Economics of protected cultivation (Any one crop);
- Visit to established green/poly houses/shade net houses in the region.

- **Teaching Methods/Activities**

- Classroom Lectures
- Assignment (written and speaking)
- Student presentation
- Hands on training of different procedures
- Group discussion

- **Learning outcome**

After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:


- Appreciate the scope and scenario of protected cultivation of vegetable crops in India
- Acquire knowledge about the effect of abiotic factors on growth, flowering and production of vegetable crops
- Gaining knowledge about the designing of various low cost protected structures
- Adopting the raising of vegetable seedlings in low cost protected structures as an entrepreneur

- **Suggested Reading**

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- **Course Title** : Principles and Practices of Organic Farming

- **Course Code** : AGR503

- **Credit Hours** : 2+1

- **Objective of the course**

To study the principles and practices of organic farming for sustainable crop production.

- **Theory**

#### **Unit I**

Organic farming - concept and definition, its relevance to India and global agriculture and future prospects; principles of organic agriculture; organic standards; organic farming and sustainable agriculture; selection and conversion of land, soil and water management - land use, conservation tillage; shelter zones, hedges, pasture management, agro-forestry.

#### **Unit II**

Organic farming and water use efficiency; soil fertility, nutrient recycling, organic residues, organic manures, composting, soil biota and decomposition of organic residues, earthworms and vermicompost, green manures, bio-fertilizers and biogas technology.

#### **Unit III**

Farming systems, selection of crops and crop rotations, multiple and relay cropping systems, intercropping in relation to maintenance of soil productivity.

#### **Unit IV**





Control of weeds, diseases and insect pest management, biological agents and pheromones, bio-pesticides.

## Unit V

Socio-

economic impacts; marketing and export potential: inspection, certification, labeling and accreditation procedures; organic farming and national economy.

- **Practical**

- Method of making compost by aerobic method
- Method of making compost by anaerobic method
- Method of making vermicompost
- Identification and nursery raising of important agro-forestry trees and stress for shelter belts
- Efficient use of biofertilizers, technique of treating legume seeds with *Rhizobium* cultures, use of *Azotobacter*, *Azospirillum*, and PSB cultures in field
- Visit to a biogas plant
- Visit to an organic farm
- Quality standards, inspection, certification and labeling and accreditation procedures for farm produce from organic farms

- **Teaching methods/activities**

Classroom teaching with AV aids, group discussion, assignment, exposure visit

- **Learning outcome**

Basic knowledge on organic farming for sustainable agriculture and development

- **Suggested Reading**

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- Gaur AC. 1982. *A Manual of Rural Composting*, FAO/UNDP Regional Project Document, FAO.
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- Lampin N. 1990. *Organic Farming*. Press Books, Ipswich, UK.
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- Rao BV Venkata. 1995. *Small Farmer Focused Integrated Rural Development: Socio-economic Environment and Legal Perspective*: Publ. 3, Parisaraprajna Parishatana, Bangalore.
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- WHO. 1990. *Public Health Impact of Pesticides Used in Agriculture*. WHO.
- Woolmer PL and Swift MJ. 1994. *The Biological Management of Tropical Soil Fertility*. TSBF & Wiley.

**Course Title** : Intellectual property and management In agriculture  
**Course Code** : PGS504  
**Credit Hours** : 1+0

### Objective of Course

The main objective of this course is to equip students and stakeholders with knowledge of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) related protection systems, their significance and use of IPR as a tool for wealth and value creation in a knowledge-based economy.

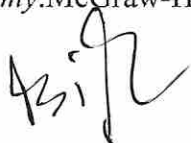
### Theory

Historical perspectives and need for the introduction of Intellectual Property Right regime; TRIPS and various provisions in TRIPS Agreement; Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), benefits of securing IPRs; Indian Legislation for the protection of various types of Intellectual Properties; Fundamentals of patents, copyrights, geographical indications, designs and layout, trade secrets and traditional knowledge, trademarks, protection of plant varieties and farmers' rights and biodiversity protection; Protectable subject matters, protection in biotechnology, protection of other biological materials, ownership and period of protection; National

Biodiversity protection initiatives; Convention on Biological Diversity; International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; Licensing of technologies, Material transfer agreements, Research collaboration Agreement, License Agreement.

### Suggested Readings

- Erbisch FH and Maredia K. 1998. *Intellectual Property Rights in Agricultural Biotechnology*. CABI.
- Ganguli P. 2001. *Intellectual Property Rights: Unleashing Knowledge Economy*. McGraw-Hill.



- *IntellectualPropertyRights:KeytoNewWealthGeneration*.2001.NRDCand AestheticTechnologies.
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- RothschildMandScottN.(Ed.).2003.*IntellectualPropertyRightsinAnimalBreedingandGenetics*.CABI.
- SahaR.(Ed.).2006.*IntellectualPropertyRightsinNAMandOtherDeveloping Countries:ACompendiumonLawandPolicies*.DayaPubl.House.

The Indian Acts - Patents Act, 1970 and amendments; Design Act, 2000; TrademarksAct,1999;TheCopyrightAct,1957andamendments;LayoutDesign Act,2000;PPVandFRAAct2001,andRules2003;TheBiologicalDiversityAct,2002.

## **I. Course Title : Experimental Designs**

## **II. Course Code : MCA505**

## **III. Credit Hours : 2+1**

## **IV. Need of the course**

This course is meant for students of agricultural and animal sciences other than Agricultural Statistics. Designing an experiment is an integrated component of research in almost all sciences. The students would be exposed to concepts of Design of Experiments so as to enable them to understand the concepts involved in planning, designing their experiments and analysis of experimental data.

## **V. Theory**

### **Unit I**

principles Need for designing of experiments, characteristics of a good design. Basic of designs- randomization, replication and local control.

### **Unit II**

Completely Uniformity trials, size and shape of plots and blocks, Analysis of variance, randomized design, randomized block design and Latin square design.

### **Unit III**

Factorial experiments, (symmetrical as well as asymmetrical). orthogonality and partitioning of degrees of freedom. Concept of confounding.

### **Unit IV**

Split plot and strip plot designs, analysis of covariance and missing plot techniques in randomized block and Latin square designs; Transformations, Balanced Incomplete Block Design, resolvable designs and their applications, Lattice design, alpha design - concepts, randomization procedure, analysis and interpretation of results. Response surfaces. Combined analysis.

## **VI. Practical**

- Uniformity trial data analysis, formation of plots and blocks, Fairfield Smith Law,

Analysis of data obtained from CRD, RBD, LSD, Analysis of factorial experiments,

- Analysis with missing data,
- Split plot and strip plot designs.

#### **VII. Suggested Reading**

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## SECOND SEMESTER

- **CourseTitle** :ProductionofWarmSeasonVegetableCrops
- **CourseCode** :HOR 506
- **CreditHours** :(2+1)
- **Need of thecourse?**

Unlikecool-seasonvegetables,warm-seasonvegetablecropsrequire higher soiland air temperature, thus, they are always planted after the last frost date rangingfromlatespringafterthelastfrostdatetolatesummer.Daytimetemperatur emay still be warm enough but drop so much at night-time that the weather is notsuitableforwarm-seasoncropsanylonger.Ingeneralsummervegetablesrequirea little higher temperature than winter vegetables for optimum growth. In summervegetables, the edible portion is mostly botanical fruit. The students of vegetablescience need to have an understanding of production technology of important warmseasonvegetablecropsandthereaftertheirmanagement.

- **Objectofthecourse**

To impart knowledge and skills on advancement in production technology of warmseasonvegetablecrops

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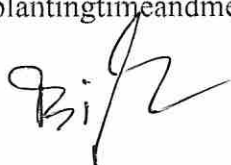
No. Block

Unit

- Productionofwarmseasonvegetable1.Fruitvegeta  
blescrops 2.Beans
  - Cucurbits
  - Tubercrops
  - Leafyvegetables
- **Theory**

Introduction, commercial and nutritional importance, origin and distribution, botanyand taxonomy, area, production, productivity and constraints, soil requirements,climaticfactorsforyieldandquality,commercialvarieties/hybrids, seedrateand

seed treatment, raising of nursery including grafting technique, sowing/ plantingtimeandmethods,precisionfarming,croppingsystem,nutritionalincludi



ng micronutrients and irrigation requirements, intercultural operations, special horticultural practices namely hydroponics, aeroponics, weed control, mulching, role of plant growth regulators, physiological disorders, maturity indices, harvesting, yield, post-harvest management (grading, packaging and marking), pest and disease management and economics of crops.

#### **Unit I**

*Fruit vegetables*—Tomato, brinjal, hot pepper, sweet pepper and okra.

#### **Unit II**

*Beans*—French bean, Indian bean (Sem), cluster bean and cowpea.

#### **Unit III**

*Cucurbits*—Cucumber, melons, gourds, pumpkin and squashes.

#### **Unit IV**

*Tuber crops*—Sweet potato, elephant foot yam, tapioca, taro and yam.

#### **Unit V**

*Leafy vegetables*—Amaranth and drumstick.

- **Practical**

- Scientific raising of nursery and seed treatment;
- Sowing, transplanting, vegetable grafting;
- Description of commercial varieties and hybrids;
- Demonstration on methods of irrigation, fertilizers and micronutrients application;
- Mulching practices, weed management;
- Use of plant growth substances in warm season vegetable crops;
- Study of nutritional and physiological disorders;
- Studies on hydroponics, aeroponics and other soilless culture;
- Identification of important pest and diseases and their control;
- Preparation of cropping scheme for commercial farms;
- Visit to commercial farm, greenhouse/polyhouses;
- Visit to vegetable market;
- Analysis of benefit to cost ratio.

- **Teaching Methods/Activities**

- Classroom Lectures
- Assignment (written and speaking)
- Student presentation
- Hands on training of different procedures
- Group discussion

- **Learning outcome**

After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:



- Appreciate the scope and scenario of warm season vegetable crops in India
- Acquire knowledge about the production technology and post-harvest handling of warm season vegetable crops
- Calculate the economics of vegetable production in India

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- **CourseTitle** :SeedProductionofVegetableCrops
- **CourseCode** :HOR507
- **CreditHours** :(2+1)
- **Needof thecourse?**

Enhancing yield and quality of vegetable crops depends upon a number of factors. The inputs like fertilizers, irrigation and plant protection measures and suitable agronomic practices contribute greatly towards improving yield and quality of the vegetable produce. If good quality seed is not used, the full benefits of such inputs and agronomic practices cannot be realized. The use of high quality seed thus, plays a pivotal role in the production of vegetable crops. It is, therefore, important to use the seed conforming to the prescribed standards. A good quality seed should have high genetic and physical purity, proper moisture content and good germination. It should also be free from seed borne diseases and weed seeds. The quality of the produce will deteriorate if these factors are overlooked. Outcrossing, physical admixtures and mutations are the prime factors responsible for the deterioration of seed quality. A variety could be saved from deterioration if proper checks are made at different stages of seed multiplication. It is also extremely important to maintain high genetic purity of a variety. The students of vegetable science need to have an understanding of seed production technology of vegetable crops and their essential processing before supplying them to the market or for further use.

- **Objectofthecourse**

To impart a comprehensive knowledge and skills on quality seed production of vegetable crops

The course is constructed given as under:

No. Block

Unit

- Seed production of vegetable crops
  - I. Introduction, history, propagation and reproduction
    - Agro-climate and methods of seed production
    - Seed multiplication and its quality maintenance
    - Seed harvesting, extraction and its processing





- Improved agro-techniques and field and seed standards

- **Theory**

### **Unit I**

*Introduction, history, propagation and reproduction*—Introduction, definition of seed and its quality, seed morphology, development and maturation; Apomixis and fertilization; Modes of propagation and reproductive behaviour; Pollination mechanisms and sex forms in vegetables; History of vegetable seed production; Status and share of vegetable seeds in seed industry

### **Unit II**

*Agro-climate and methods of seed production*—Agro-climate and its influence on quality seed production; Deterioration of crop varieties, genetical and agronomic principles of vegetable seed production; Methods of seed production, hybrid seeds and techniques of large scale hybrid seed production; Seed village concept

### **Unit III**

*Seed multiplication and its quality maintenance*—

Seed multiplication ratios and replacement rates in vegetables; Generation system of seed multiplication; Maintenance and production of nucleus, breeder, foundation, certified/truthfull label seeds; Seed quality and mechanisms of genetic purity testing

### **Unit IV**

*Seed harvesting, extraction and its processing*—Maturity standards; Seed harvesting, curing and extraction; Seed processing, viz., cleaning, drying and treatment of seeds, seed health and quality enhancement, packaging and marketing; Principles of seed storage; Orthodox and recalcitrant seeds; Seed dormancy

### **Unit V**

*Improved agro-techniques and field and seed standards*—Improved agro-techniques; Field and seed standards in important solanaceous, leguminous and cucurbitaceous vegetables, cole crops, leafy vegetables, bulbous and root crops and dokra; clonal propagation and multiplication in vegetative propagated crops; Seed plot technique and true potato seed production in potato

- **Practical**

- Study of floral biology and pollination mechanisms in vegetables;
- Determination of modes of pollination;

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- Field and seed standards;
- Use of pollination control mechanisms in hybrid seed production of important vegetables;
- Maturity standards and seed extraction methods;
- Seed sampling and testing;
- Visit to commercial seed production areas;
- Visit to seed processing plant;
- Visit to seed testing laboratories.
- **Teaching Methods/Activities**
  - Classroom Lectures
  - Assignment (written and speaking)
  - Student presentation
  - Hands on training of different procedures
  - Group discussion
- **Learning outcome**  
After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:
  - Appreciate the scope and scenario of seed production of vegetable crops in India
  - Acquire knowledge about the complete seed production technology, extraction and post-extraction processing of vegetable seeds
  - Adoption of seed production of vegetable crops as entrepreneur

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**I. Course Title: Principal and Practices of Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management**

**II. Course Code : AGR 508**

**III. Credit Hours : 2+1**

**IV. Objective of the course**

To impart knowledge of fertilizers and manures as sources of plant nutrients and apprise about the integrated approach of plant nutrition and sustainability of soil fertility.

**V. Theory**

**Unit I**

Soil fertility and productivity - factors affecting; features of good soil management; problems of supply and availability of nutrients; relation between nutrients supply and crop growth; organic farming - basic concepts and definitions.

**Unit II**

Criteria of essentiality of nutrients; Essential plant nutrients - their functions, nutrient deficiency symptoms; transformation and dynamics of major plant nutrients.

**Unit III**

Preparation and use of farmyard manure, compost, green manures, vermicompost, biofertilizers and other organic concentrates and their composition

n,availability  
and crop responses; recycling of organic wastes and residue management. Soil  
ess cultivation.

#### **Unit IV**

Commercial fertilizers; composition, relative fertilizer value and cost;  
crop  
response to different nutrients, residual effects and fertilizer use efficiency; agr  
onomic, chemical and physiological, fertilizer mixtures and grades;  
methods of increasing fertilizer use efficiency; nutrient interactions.

#### **Unit V**

Time and methods of manures and fertilizers application; foliar application  
and  
its concept; relative performance of organic and inorganic nutrients; economic of f  
ertilizer use; integrated nutrient management; use of vermin compost and residue w  
astes in crops.

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## **VI. Practical**

- Determination of soil pH and soil EC
- Determination of soil organic C
- Determination of available N, P, K and S of soil
- Determination of total N, P, K and S of soil
- Determination of total N, P, K, S in plant
- Computation of optimum and economic yield

## **VII. Teaching methods/activities**

Classroom teaching with AV aids, group discussion, assignment and class discussion

## **VIII. Learning outcome**

Basic knowledge on soil fertility and management

## **IX. Suggested Reading**

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- **Course Title** : Basic concepts in laboratory techniques
- **Course Code** : PGS509
- **Credit Hours** : 0+1

## **Objective**

To acquaint the students about the basics of commonly used techniques in laboratory.

## **Practical**

- Safety measures while in Lab;
- Handling of chemical substances;
- Use of burettes, pipettes, measuring cylinders, flasks, separatory funnel, condensers, micropipettes and vials;
- Washing, drying and sterilization of glassware;
- Drying of solvents/chemicals;
- Weighing and preparation of solutions of different strengths and their dilution;
- Handling techniques of solutions;
- Preparation of different agro-chemical doses in field and pot applications;
- Preparation of solutions of acids;
- Neutralisation of acid and bases;
- Preparation of buffers of different strengths and pH values;



- Use and handling of microscope, laminar flow, vacuum pumps, viscometer, thermometer, magnetic stirrer, micro-ovens, incubators, sand bath, water bath, oil bath;
- Electric wiring and earthing;
- Preparation of media and methods of sterilization;
- Seed viability testing, testing of pollen viability;
- Tissue culture of crop plants;
- Description of flowering plants in botanical terms in relation to taxonomy.

#### **Suggested Readings**

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### **I. Course Title : Information Technology in Agriculture**

### **II. Course Code : MCA510**

### **III. Credit Hours : 1+1**

### **IV. Need of the course**

This is a course on Introduction to Networking and Internet Applications that aims at exposing the students to understand analogy of computer, basic knowledge of MS Office. Also to understand Internet and WWW, use of IT application and different IT tools in Agriculture

### **V. Theory**

#### **Unit I**

Introduction to Computers, Anatomy of computer, Operating Systems, definition and types, Applications of MS Office for document creation & Editing, Data presentation, interpretation and graph creation, statistical analysis, mathematical expressions,

#### **Unit II**

Database, concepts and types, uses of DBMS in Agriculture, World Wide Web Statistical Sciences: Computer Application

#### **765**

(WWW): Concepts and components, Introduction to computer programming languages, concepts and standard input/output operations. e-Agriculture, concepts and applications,

#### **Unit III**

Use of ICT in Agriculture, Computer Models for understanding plant processes. IT application for computation of water and nutrient requirement of crops, Computer controlled devices (automated systems) for Agri-input management, Smartphone Apps in Agriculture for farm advises, market price, postharvest management etc.,

#### **Unit IV**

Geospatial technology for generating valuable agri-information. Decision support systems, concepts, components and applications in Agriculture, Agriculture Expert System, Soil Information Systems etc. for supporting Farm decisions, Preparation of contingent crop-planning using IT tools.

### THIRD SEMESTER

- **CourseTitle** :Growth and Development of Vegetable Crops
- **CourseCode** :HOR511
- **CreditHours** :(2+1)

- **Need of thecourse?**

Inagriculture,thetermplantgrowthanddevelopmentisoftensubstitutedwithcrop growth and yield since agriculture is mainly concerned with crops and their economicproducts. Growth, which is irreversible quantitative increase in size, mass, and/ orvolume of a plant or its parts, occurs with an expenditure of metabolic energy.

Plantdevelopmentisanoverallterm,whichreferstovariouschangesthatoccurduri ngitslife cycle. In vegetable crops, development is a series of processes from the initiationof growth to death of a plant or its parts. Growth and development are sometimesused interchangeably in conversation, but in a botanical sense, they describe separateevents in the organization of the mature plant body. The students of vegetable scienceneedtohaveanunderstandingofgrowthanddevelopmentofvegetablecrop s.

- **Objectiveofthecourse**

Toteachthephysiologyofgrowthanddevelopmentofvegetablecrops

No. Block

Unit

- Growthanddevelopmentof phytohormonesvegetablecrops  
2.Physiologyofdormancyandgermination
  - Abioticfactors
  - Fruitphysiology
  - Morphogenesisandtissueculture

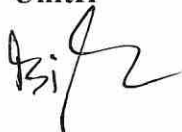
- **Theory**

**UnitI**

*Introductionandphytohormones—*

Definitionofgrowthanddevelopment;Cellularstructuresandtheirfunctions;Phy siologyofphyto- hormonesfunctioning/biosynthesisandmodeofaction;Growthanalysisanditsim portanceinvegetableproduction.

**UnitII**



*Physiology of dormancy and germination—*

Physiology of dormancy and germination of vegetable seeds, tubers and bulbs; Role of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins and abscisic acid; Application of synthetic PGRs including plant growth retardants and inhibitors for various purposes in vegetable crops; Role and mode of action of morphactins, anti-transpirants, anti-auxin, ripening retardant and plant stimulants in vegetable crop production.

**Unit III**

*Abiotic factors—*

Impact of light, temperature, photoperiod, carbon dioxide, oxygen and other gases on growth, development of underground parts, flowering and sex expression in vegetable crops; Apical dominance.

**Unit IV**

*Fruit physiology—*

Physiology of fruit set, fruit development, fruit growth, flower and fruit drop; parthenocarpy in vegetable crops; phototropism, ethylene inhibitors, senescence and abscission; fruit ripening and physiological changes associated with ripening.

**Unit V**

*Morphogenesis and tissue culture—* Morphogenesis and tissue culture techniques in vegetable crops; Grafting techniques in different vegetable crops.

- **Practical**

- Preparation of plant growth regulator's solutions and their application;
- Experiments in breaking and induction of dormancy by chemicals;
- Induction of parthenocarpy and fruit ripening;
- Application of plant growth substances for improving flower initiation, changing sex expression in cucurbits and checking flower and fruit drops and improving fruit set in solanaceous vegetables;
- Growth analysis techniques in vegetable crops;
- Grafting techniques in tomato, brinjal, cucumber and sweet pepper.

- **Teaching Methods/Activities**

- Classroom Lectures
- Assignment (written and speaking)

- Student presentation
- Hands on training of different procedure
- Group discussion

- **Learning outcome**

After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:

- Acquire knowledge about the growth and development of plants in vegetable crops
- Distinguish between primary and secondary growth in plant stems
- Understand how hormones affect the growth and development of vegetable crops





- **Suggested Reading**

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- **Course Title** : Postharvest Management of Vegetable Crops
- **Course Code** : HOR512
- **Credit Hours** : (2+1)
- **Need of the course?**

Vegetables are highly perishable crops as they have great quantity and quality loss after harvest. Hence, they require integrated approach to arrest their spoilage, which causes tones of vegetable produce annually. Lack of postharvest awareness and inadequacy of equipment's are the major problems in postharvest chain, which lead to a serious post-harvest loss in the developing countries every year. A comprehensive understanding of postharvest factors causing deterioration is necessary to overcome these challenges. Pre and postharvest management such as use of improved varieties, good cultural practices, good pre and postharvest handling practices, management of temperature, relative humidity and storage atmosphere according to crop requirement, use of permitted chemicals, design of appropriate packaging material and storage structures are some of the control measures used in reducing postharvest losses, therefore, this course was customized.

- **Objective of the course**

To facilitate deeper understanding of principles and to acquaint the student with proper handling and management technologies of vegetable crops for minimizing the post-harvest losses

The course is organized as follows:



## No. Blocks

## Units

- Post-harvest management of vegetable crops

### I Importance and scope

II Maturity indices and biochemistry

III Harvesting and losses factors

IV Packing house operations

V Methods of storage

## • Theory

### Unit I

*Importance and scope*—Importance and scope of post-harvest management of vegetables

### Unit II

*Maturity indices and biochemistry*—

Maturity indices and standards for different vegetables; Methods of maturity determination; Biochemistry of maturity and ripening; Enzymatic and textural changes; Ethylene evolution and ethylene management; Respiration and transpiration along with their regulation methods

### Unit III

*Harvesting and losses factors*—Harvesting tools and practices for specific market requirement; Postharvest physical and biochemical changes; Preharvest practices and other factors affecting postharvest losses

*Packing house operations*—Packing house operations; Commodity pretreatments chemicals, wax coating, precooling and irradiation; Packaging of vegetables, prevention from infestation, management of postharvest diseases and principles of transportation

### Unit V

*Methods of storage*—Ventilated, refrigerated, modified atmosphere and controlled atmosphere storage, hypobaric storage and cold storage; Zero-energy cool chamber, storage disorders like chilling injury in vegetables

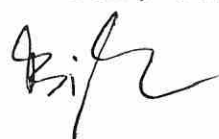
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- Studies on stages and maturing indices;
- Ripening of commercially important vegetable crops;
- Studies of harvesting, pre-cooling, pre-treatments, physiological disorders-chilling injury;
- Improved packaging;
- Use of chemicals for ripening and enhancing shelf life of vegetables;
- Physiological loss in weight, estimation of transpiration, respiration rate and ethylene release;
- Storage of important vegetables;



- Cold chain management;
- Visit to commercial packing house, cold storage and control atmosphere storage.
- **Teaching Methods/Activities**
  - Classroom lectures including ppt.
  - Students group discussion
  - Individual or group assignments (writing and speaking)
  - Presentation of practical handwork
- **Learning outcome**  
After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to be able to understand:
  - Regulation of postharvest losses by using chemicals and growth regulators
  - Pre and postharvest treatments for extending shelf life of vegetable crops
  - Packing house operations for extending the shelf life of vegetable crops
  - Successful storage of vegetable crops
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- I. Course Title : Principles and Practices of Water Management**
- II. Course Code : AGR 513**
- III. Credit Hours : 2+1**

**IV. Aim of the course**

To teach the principles of water management and practices to enhance the water productivity

**V. Theory**

**Unit I**

Water and its role in plants; Irrigation: Definition and objectives, water resources and irrigation development in of India and concerned state, major irrigation projects, extent of area and crops irrigated in India and in different states.

**Unit II**

Field water cycle, water movement in soil and plants; transpiration; soil-water-plant relationships; water absorption by plants; plant response to water stress, crop plant adaptation to moisture stress condition. Water availability and its relationship with nutrient availability and losses.

**Unit III**

Soil, plant and meteorological factors determining water needs of crops, scheduling, depth and methods of irrigation; micro irrigation systems; deficit irrigation; fertigation; management of water in controlled environments and polyhouses. Irrigation efficiency and water use efficiency.

**Unit IV**

Water management of crop and cropping system, Quality of irrigation water and management of saline water for irrigation, water use efficiency, Crop water requirement- estimation of ET and effective rainfall; Water management of the major crops and cropping systems. Automated irrigation system.

**Unit V**

Excess of soil water and plant growth; water management in problem soils, drain





requirement of crops and methods of field drainage, their layout and spacing; rainwater management and its utilization for crop production.

#### **Unit VI**

Quality of irrigation water and management of saline water for irrigation, water management in problem soils

#### **Unit VII**

Soil moisture conservation, water harvesting, rainwater management and its utilization for crop production.

#### **Unit VIII**

Hydroponics,

#### **Unit IX**

Water management of crops under climate change scenario.

### **VI. Practical**

- Determination of Field capacity by field method
- Determination of Permanent Wilting Point by sunflower pot culture technique
- Determination of Field capacity and Permanent Wilting Point by Pressure Plate Apparatus
- Determination of Hygroscopic Coefficient
- Determination of maximum water holding capacity of soil
- Measurement of matric potential using gauge and mercury type tensiometer
- Determination of soil-moisture characteristics curves
- Determination of saturated hydraulic conductivity by constant and falling head method
- Determination of hydraulic conductivity of saturated soil below the water table by auger hole method
- Measurement of soil water diffusivity
- Estimation of unsaturated hydraulic conductivity
- Estimation of upward flux of water using tensiometer and from depth ground water table
- Determination of irrigation requirement of crops (calculations)
- Determination of effective rainfall (calculations)
- Determination of ET of crops by soil moisture depletion method
- Determination of water requirements of crops
- Measurement of irrigation water by volume and velocity-area method
- Measurement of irrigation water by measuring devices and calculation of irrigation efficiency
- Determination of infiltration rate by doubling ring infiltrometer

### **VII. Teaching methods/activities**

Classroom teaching with AV aids, group discussion, assignment and field visit

### **VIII. Learning outcome**

Basic knowledge on water management for optimization of crop yield

### **IX. Suggested Reading**

- Majumdar DK. 2014. Irrigation Water Management: Principles and Practice. P



- HL Learning private publishers
- Mukund Joshi. 2013. A Text Book of Irrigation and Water Management Hardcover, Kalyani publishers
- Lenka D. 1999. Irrigation and Drainage. Kalyani.
- Michael A.M. 1978. Irrigation: Theory and Practice. Vikas Publ.
- Paliwal K.V. 1972. Irrigation with Saline Water. IARI Monograph, New Delhi.
- Panda S.C. 2003. Principles and Practices of Water Management. Agrobios.
- Prihar S.S. and Sandhu B.S. 1987. Irrigation of Food Crops - Principles and Practices. ICAR.
- Reddy S.R. 2000. Principles of Crop Production. Kalyani.
- Singh Pratap and Maliwal P.L. 2005. Technologies for Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture. Agrotech Publ.

**Course Title** : Technical writing and communications skills  
**Course Code** : PGS514  
**Credit Hours** : 0+1

### Objective

To equip the students/ scholars with skills to write dissertations, research papers, etc. To equip the students/ scholars with skills to communicate and articulate in English (verbal as well as writing).

### Practical (Technical Writing)

- Various forms of scientific writings- theses, technical papers, reviews, manuals, etc.;
- Various parts of thesis and research communications (title page, authorship, content page, preface, introduction, review of literature, material and methods, experimental results and discussion);
- Writing of abstracts, summaries, précis, citations, etc.;
- Commonly used abbreviations in the theses and research communications;
- Illustrations, photographs and drawings with suitable captions; pagination, numbering of tables and illustrations;
- Writing of numbers and dates in scientific write-ups;
- Editing and proof-reading;
- Writing of a review article;
- Communication Skills- Grammar (Tenses, parts of speech, clauses, punctuation marks);
- Error analysis (Common errors), Concord, Collocation, Phonetics symbols and transcription;
- Accentual pattern: Weak forms in connected speech;
- Participating in group discussion;



- Facing an interview;
- Presentation of scientific papers.

### **Suggested Readings**

- Barnes and Noble. Robert C. (Ed.). 2005. *Spoken English: Flourish Your Language*.
- *Chicago Manual of Style*. 14th Ed. 1996. Prentice Hall of India.
- *Collins' Cobuild English Dictionary*. 1995.
- Harper Collins. Gordon H M and Walter J A. 1970. *Technical Writing*. 3rd Ed.
- Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Hornby A S. 2000. *Comp. Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English*. 6th Ed. Oxford University Press.
- James H S. 1994. *Handbook for Technical Writing*. NTC Business Books.
- Joseph G. 2000. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 5th Ed. Affiliated East-West Press.
- Mohan K. 2005. *Speaking English Effectively*. MacMillan India.
- Richard W S. 1969. *Technical Writing*.
- Sethi J and Dhamija P V. 2004. *Course in Phonetics and Spoken English*. 2nd Ed. Prentice Hall of India.
- Wren P C and Martin H. 2006. *High School English Grammar and Composition*. S. Chand & Co.
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**Course Title** : Agricultural research, research ethics and rural development programmes  
**Course Code** : PGS515  
**Credit Hours** : 1+0

### **Objective**

To enlighten the students about the organization and functioning of agricultural research systems at national and international levels, research ethics, and rural development programmes and policies of Government.

### **Theory**

**UNIT I** History of agriculture in brief; Global agricultural research system: need, scope, opportunities; Role in promoting food security, reducing poverty and protecting the environment; National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) and Regional Agricultural Research Institutions; Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR); International Agricultural Research Centres (IARC), partnership with NARS, role as a partner in the global agricultural research system, strengthening capacities at national and regional levels; International fellowships for scientific mobility.

**UNIT II** Research ethics: research integrity, research safety in laboratories, welfare of animals used in research, computer ethics, standards and problems in research ethics.

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**UNIT III** Concept and connotations of rural development, rural development policies and strategies. Rural development programmes: Community Development Programme, Intensive Agricultural District Programme, Special group—Area Specific Programme, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Panchayati Raj Institutions, Co-operatives, Voluntary Agencies/Non-Governmental Organisations. Critical evaluation of rural development policies and programmes. Constraints in implementation of rural policies and programmes.

**Suggested Readings**

- Bhalla GS and Singh G. 2001. *Indian Agriculture- Four Decades of Development*. Sage Publ.
- Punia MS. *Manual on International Research and Research Ethics*. CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.
- Rao BSV. 2007. *Rural Development Strategies and Role of Institutions- Issues, Innovations and Initiatives*. Mittal Publ.
- Singh K. 1998. *Rural Development- Principles, Policies and Management*. Sage Publ.





## FOURTH SEMESTER

- **Course Title** : Principles of Vegetable Breeding
- **Course Code** : HOR516
- **Credit Hours** : (2+1)
  - **Need of the course?**

Plant breeding has been practiced for thousands of years, since beginning of human civilization. Vegetable breeding, which is an art and science of changing the traits of plants in order to produce desired traits, has been used to improve the quality of nutrition in products for human beings. A breeding programme, which is needed if current varieties are not producing up to the capacity of the environment, can be accomplished through many different techniques ranging from simply selecting plants with desirable characteristics, make use of knowledge of genetics and

chromosomes to more complex molecular techniques. When different genotypes exhibit differential responses to different sets of environmental conditions, a genotype x environment (GxE) interaction is said to occur. Breeding high yielding open pollinated varieties and hybrids, and exploitation of location specific component of genotypic performance are the only options left to reduce this increasing gap between the production and requirements in view of decreasing land resources. Nevertheless, vegetable breeding is an integral part of plant breeding but this will be re-modeled to suit to breeding of different vegetables crops. The students of vegetable science who are having breeding as a major subject need to have an understanding of vegetable breeding principles.

- **Objective of the course**

To teach basic principles and practices of vegetable breeding

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### Unit

- Principles of vegetable breeding I. Importance and history
  - Selection procedures
  - Heterosis breeding
  - Mutation breeding
  - Polyploid breeding
  - Ideotype breeding

- **Theory**

### Unit I

*Importance and history*- Importance, history and evolutionary aspects of vegetable breeding and its variation from cereal crop breeding.



## Unit II

*Selection procedures*- Techniques of selfing and crossing; Breeding systems and methods; Selection procedures and hybridization; Genetic architecture; Breeding for biotic stress (diseases, insect pests and nematode), abiotic stress (temperature, moisture and salt) resistance and quality improvement; Breeding for water use efficiency (WUE) and nutrient use efficiency (NUE).

## Unit III

*Heterosis breeding*-

Types, mechanisms and basis of heterosis, facilitating mechanisms like male sterility, self-incompatibility and sex forms.

## Unit IV

*Mutation and Polyploidy breeding*; Improvement of asexually propagated vegetable crops and vegetables suitable for protected environment.

## Unit V

*Ideotype breeding*-

Ideotype breeding; varietal release procedure; DUS testing in vegetable crops; Application of *in-vitro* and molecular techniques in vegetable improvement.

- **Practical**

- Floral biology and pollination behaviour of different vegetables;
- Techniques of selfing and crossing of different vegetables, viz., Cole crops, okra, cucurbits, tomato, eggplant, hot pepper, etc.;
- Breeding system and handling of filial generations of different vegetables;
- Exposure to biotechnological lab practices;
- Visit to breeding farms.

- **Teaching Methods/Activities**

- Classroom Lectures
- Assignment (written and speaking)
- Student presentation
- Hands on training of different procedures
- Group discussion

After successful completion of this course, the students are expected to:

- Acquire knowledge about the principles of vegetable breeding
- Improve yield, quality, abiotic and biotic resistance, other important traits of vegetable crops
- Understand how the basic principles are important to start breeding of vegetable crops

## X. Suggested Reading

Allard RW. 1960. *Principle of plant breeding*. John Wiley and Sons, USA. Kalloo G. 1988. *Vegetable breeding* (Vol. I, II, III). CRC Press, FL, USA.



Kole CR. 2007. *Genome mapping and molecular breeding in plants-vegetables*. Springer, USA. Peter KV and Pradeep Kumar T. 1998. *Genetics and breeding of vegetables*. ICAR, New Delhi, p. 488.

Prohens J and Nuez F. 2007. *Handbook of plant breeding-vegetables* (Vol I and II). Springer, USA.

Singh BD. 2007. *Plant breeding-principles and methods* (8th edn.). Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi.

Singh Ram J. 2007. *Genetic resources, chromosome engineering, and crop improvement-vegetable crops* (Vol. 3). CRC Press, FL, USA.

I. **Course Title** : **Library and information services**  
 II. **Course Code** : **PGS 517**  
 III. **Credit Hours** : **(0+1)**

### **Objective**

To equip the library users with skill to trace information from libraries efficiently, to apprise them of information and knowledge resources, to carry out literature survey, to formulate information search strategies, and to use modern tools (Internet, OPAC, search engines, etc.) of information search.

### **Practical**

Introduction to library and its services; Role of libraries in education, research and technology transfer; Classification systems and organization of library; Source of information-

Primary Sources, Secondary Sources and Tertiary Sources; Intricacies of abstracting and indexing services (Science Citation Index, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Abstracts, etc.); Tracing information from reference sources; Literature survey; Citation techniques/Preparation of bibliography; Use of CD-ROM Databases, Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized library services; Use of Internet including search engines and its resources; e-resources access methods.

### **Seminar 0+1**

**Thesis Research 30**



