### **BBO** - E601 DSE-6 Plant Physiology and Metabolism

MM: 100 Time : 3 hrs L Credit

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Total Hours: 60

#### Learning objective:

- To understand the importance of plant physiology and metabolism.
- To acquire knowledge of plant-water relations and mineral nutrition.
- To acquire an overall translocation of metabolites.
- To become familiar with photosynthesis and respiration. .
- To acquire an overall knowledge on enzymes and nitrogen metabolism.
- To become familiar with general techniques used in plant physiology and metabolism.
- To become familiar with various types of phytohormones and photoperiodism.

#### Learning outcomes:

- The student shall be able to understand basic knowledge of plant physiology and metabolism. .
- The student shall be able to understand transpiration, guttation and essential elements required for growth and development.
- The student shall be able to understand the structure, function, composition of vascular tissues.
- The student shall be able to understand the physiology and biochemistry and mechanism of action of phyto-hormones, photosynthesis and respiration.
- The student shall be able to take the decisions for carrier point of views in research, industries and academia entrepreneurships ctc.

## Unit 1: Plant-Water Relations and Mineral Nutrition

Importance of water, water potential and its components; transpiration and its significance; factors affecting transpiration; root pressure and guttation. Essential elements, macro and micronutrients; criteria of essentiality of elements; role of essential elements; transport of ions across cell membrane, active and passive transport.

## Unit 2: Translocation of Metabolites

Phloem structure, function, composition of phloem sap, girdling experiment; pressure flow model; phloem loading and unloading.

# Unit 3: Photosynthesis and Respiration

Photosynthetic pigments (Chl. a, b, xanthophylls, carotene); Photosystem I and II, reaction center, antenna molecules; electron transport and mechanism of ATP synthesis; C3, C4 and CAM pathways of carbon fixation; photorespiration. glycolysis, anaerobic respiration, TCA cycle; oxidative phosphorylation, oxidative pentose phosphate pathway

# Unit 4: Enzymes and Nitrogen Metabolism

Classification, structure and properties; mechanism of enzyme action and enzyme inhibition. Biological nitrogen fixation (process of nodule formation, nif genes, nitrogenase, mechanism of nitrogen fixation), nitrate and ammonia assimilation.

# Unit 5: Plant Growth Regulators and Photoperiodism

Discovery and physiological roles of Auxins, Gibberellins, Cytokinins, ABA and Ethylene. Photoperiodism (SDP, LDP, day neutral plants); Vernalization.





### Sessional: 30 ESE : 70

Pass Marks : 40

Semester – VI

# (6 Lectures)

(16 Lectures)

#### (18 Lectures)

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# DSE 6 SEMESTER VI / BBO-E651 (LAB COURSE CC-06)

- 1. Determination of osmotic potential of plant cell sap by plasmolytic method.
- 2. To study the effect of two environmental factors (light and wind) on transpiration by excised twig.
- 3. Calculation of stomatal index and stomatal frequency of a mesophyte and a xerophyte.
- 4. To demonstrate that light is necessary for photosynthesis.
- 5. To demonstrate that CO<sub>2</sub> is necessary for photosynthesis.
- 6. To demonstrate the activity of catalase and study the effect of pH and enzyme concentration.
- 7. To demonstrate that  $O_2$  is releasing during photosynthesis with the help of hydrophytic plant.
- 8. Comparison of the rate of respiration in any two parts of a plant.
- 9. Separation of chlorophyll pigments by paper chromatography.
- 10. To demonstrate the analysis of soil pH, N, P and K.

### Demonstration experiments (any four)

- 1. Bolting.
- 2. Effect of auxins on rooting.
- 3. Suction due to transpiration.
- 4. R.Q.
- 5. Respiration in roots.

### Suggested readings:

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