

BTY 5208	PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY AND PLANT GENETIC ENGINEERING (Credits 4; Theory 4 hrs; Practical 3 hrs)
Aim	To study recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology and plant genetic engineering and their application in plant biotechnology
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Study about various vectors and DNA modifying enzymes used in rDNA technology • To understand the methods and applications of plant biotechnology • To study the biosafety methods, laws, ethical issues of rDNA technology and IPR
Learning outcome	<p>After the completion of this course, the learner will know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How to utilize plants for biotechnology application ➤ Understand the principles of rDNA technology and how it can be used in plants to generate better traits ➤ Understand biosafety, legal and ethical issues of genetic engineering in plants.
S.No.	Theory
1.	Vectors in molecular cloning: Plasmids, phages, phagemids, hybrid vectors, cosmids, eukaryotic virus-based vectors, shuttle vectors, expression vectors (especially plant expression vectors), fosmids, PACs, BACs and YACs.
2.	Molecular cloning: Steps - amplification, restriction digestion, ligation, transformation, screening. Special molecules and enzymes for DNA modifications – restriction enzymes, ligases, klenow, phosphatases, recombinases, modification of DNA fragments using linkers, adaptors and homopolymer tailing. Recombination based cloning.
3.	Introducing genes into prokaryotes: Transformation, transduction, conjugation, electroporation.
4.	Identifying the right clone: Screening and selection - reporter genes, selectable markers, insertional inactivation of marker genes. Molecular screening - PCR, colony and dot-blot hybridization, nucleic acid hybridization and immunological techniques.
5.	Applications of rDNA technology in biotechnology: Genomic and cDNA libraries, isolation of important genes, Construction of gene cassette, protein engineering, bioprocessing, phytoremediation, agriculture.

6.	Genetransfertoplants: Tissuecultureinplantgeneticengineering IntegrativeDNAtransfer-directtransformationmethods, <i>Agrobacterium</i> -basedmethods,Organelleengineering. Non-integrative DNA transfer - Plant viruses and Protoplast fusion.Molecularandfunctional analysisof transgenicplants.
7.	Biotechnologicalapplicationsofplantgeneticengineering: Functional genomics, resistance to abiotic and biotic stresses, crop qualityimprovement, nutrient enhancement, nitrogen fixation, nutrition up- take,productionofmalesterilelines,plantbodies,vaccines,commercialoils, plantsecondaryproducts,biofuel,bioplasticsandplantsasbioreactors.
8.	Hazardsandimpactof GMOs: Biosafetyconsiderations,BiosafetyregulationsinIndia. Ethical issues, biological risks, impact on biodiversity, controlled trials.Economicissues,legalissues,intellectualpropertyrights(IPR)inrelation toplantbiotechnology.
S. No.	Laboratory/Practical
1.	Plasmid restriction digestion and gel electrophoresis to study DNAmobility, stoichiometry, deciding factors for percentage ofagarose/polyacrylamide,importanceofDNAMarker,bandsize calculation,etc.
2.	Isolation of vector plasmid and, plasmid with insert/ or PCR product, forcloning
3.	Preparation of vector and insert by restriction digestion and elution, forcloning
4.	Ligationforcloning
5.	Preparationofcompetentcellsandtransformation
6.	Workingoutproblemsonhowtocalculaterestriction-digestedbandsizes andconstructionofto-the-scaleplasmidmap
7.	<i>Agrobacterium</i> -mediatedplanttransformation–preincubation
8.	<i>Agrobacterium</i> -mediatedplanttransformation–infection
9.	<i>Agrobacterium</i> -mediatedplanttransformation–selection
10.	GUSorGFPdetection
11.	Gene amplification using PCR and its confirmation using gelectrophoresis
12.	Southernblottingandtransfer

TextBooks:

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PrinciplesofGeneManipulationandGenomics,8thedition.Wiley-Blackwell.
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Blackwell.
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- Applications of Recombinant DNA, 5th edition. ASM Press.
5. Bourgaize D, Jewell TR, Buiser RG. 1999. *Biotechnology: Demystifying the Concepts*, 1st edition. Benjamin Cummings.
 6. Nichol DST. 2008. *An Introduction to Genetic Engineering*, 3rd edition. Cambridge University Press.
 7. Gelvin SB, Schilperoort RA. (Eds.). 2000. *Plant Molecular Biology Manual*. Springer.
 8. Clark, Melody S. (Eds.). 1997. *Plant Molecular Biology—A Laboratory Manual*. Springer.
 9. Dale JW, Schantz MV, Plant N. 2011. *From Genes to Genomes: Concepts and Applications of DNA Technology*, 3rd edition. Wiley.
 10. Shah JM. 2012. *Strategies to overcome fungal diseases in plants: An enchyridion*. Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co.
 11. Kshitij Kumar Singh. 2015. *Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights: Legal and Social Implications*. Springer.
 12. Erbisch FH, Marek K (Eds.). 2003. *Intellectual Property Rights in Agricultural Biotechnology*, 2nd edition. CABI Publishing.
 13. Parashar S, Goel D. 2013. *IPR, Biosafety and Bioethics*. Pearson India.