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B.Sc. Microbiology (CBCS PATTERN) – Proposed curriculum

Semester-4

SEMESTER-4

MB-401 : FOOD AND DAIRY MICROBIOLOGY
(THEORY)

TOTAL HOURS: 60

CREDITS: 3

Unit 1

A. Foods as a substrate for microorganisms No. of Hours: 10
Intrinsic and extrinsic factors that affect growth and survival of microbes in foods, natural flora and source of contamination of foods in general.

B. Microbial spoilage of various foods No. of Hours: 10
Principles, Spoilage of vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, milk and butter, bread, canned Foods

Unit 2

A. Principles and methods of food preservation No. of Hours: 12
Principles, physical methods of food preservation: temperature (low, high, canning, drying), irradiation, hydrostatic pressure, high voltage pulse, microwave processing and aseptic packaging, chemical methods of food preservation: salt, sugar, organic acids, SO₂, nitrite and nitrates, ethylene oxide, antibiotics and bacteriocins

B. Fermented foods No. of Hours: 10
Dairy starter cultures, fermented dairy products: yogurt, acidophilus milk, kumiss, kefir, dahi and cheese, other fermented foods: dosa, sauerkraut, soy sauce and tampeh, Probiotics: Health benefits, types of microorganisms used, probiotic foods available in market.

Unit 3

A. Food borne diseases (causative agents, foods involved, symptoms and preventive measures) No. of Hours: 14
Food intoxications: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Clostridium botulinum* and mycotoxins; Food infections: *Bacillus cereus*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, *Escherichia coli*, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, *Yersinia enterocolitica*, *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Campylobacter jejuni*

B. Food sanitation and control No. of Hours: 6
HACCP, Indices of food sanitary quality and sanitizers

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SEMESTER-4

MB-402 : ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY
(THEORY)

TOTAL HOURS: 60

CREDITS: 3

Unit 1

No. of Hours: 20

A. Microorganisms and their Habitats.

Structure and function of ecosystems Terrestrial Environment: Soil profile and soil microflora Aquatic Environment: Microflora of fresh water and marine habitats Atmosphere: Aeromicroflora and dispersal of microbes

- B. Animal Environment: Microbes in/on human body (Microbiomics) & animal (ruminants) body. Extreme Habitats: Extremophiles: Microbes thriving at high & low temperatures, pH, high hydrostatic & osmotic pressures, salinity, & low nutrient levels. Microbial succession in decomposition of plant organic matter

Unit 2

No. of Hours: 20

A. Microbial Interactions

Microbe interactions: Mutualism, synergism, commensalism, competition, amensalism, parasitism, predation Microbe-Plant interaction: Symbiotic and non symbiotic interactions Microbe-animal interaction: Microbes in ruminants, nematophagus fungi and symbiotic luminescent bacteria

B. Biogeochemical Cycling

Carbon cycle: Microbial degradation of cellulose, hemicelluloses, lignin and chitin Nitrogen cycle: Nitrogen fixation, ammonification, nitrification, denitrification and nitrate reduction Phosphorus cycle: Phosphate immobilization and solubilisation Sulphur cycle: Microbes involved in sulphur cycle Other elemental cycles: Iron and manganese

Unit 3 Waste Management

No. of Hours: 20

- A. Solid Waste management: Sources and types of solid waste, Methods of solid waste disposal (composting and sanitary landfill) Liquid waste management: Composition and strength of sewage (BOD and COD), Primary, secondary (oxidation ponds, trickling filter, activated sludge process and septic tank) and tertiary sewage treatment

B. Microbial Bioremediation

Principles and degradation of common pesticides, organic (hydrocarbons, oil spills) and inorganic (metals) matter, biosurfactants

C. Water Potability

Treatment and safety of drinking (potable) water, methods to detect potability of water samples: (a) standard qualitative procedure: presumptive test/MPN test, confirmed and completed tests for faecal coliforms (b) Membrane filter technique and (c) Presence/absence tests

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SEMESTER -4 (PRACTICALS)

CREDITS: 4

1. Isolation of microbes (bacteria & fungi) from soil (28°C & 45°C).
2. Isolation of microbes (bacteria & fungi) from rhizosphere and rhizoplane.
3. Assessment of microbiological quality of water.
4. Determination of BOD of waste water sample.
5. Isolation of *Rhizobium* from root nodules.
6. MBRT of milk samples and their standard plate count.
7. Alkaline phosphatase test to check the efficiency of pasteurization of milk.
8. Isolation of any food borne bacteria from food products.
9. Isolation of spoilage microorganisms from spoiled vegetables/fruits.
10. Isolation of spoilage microorganisms from bread.
11. Preparation of Yogurt/Dahi.