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SYLLABUS

FOR

Pre-Ph.D Course in Environmental Sciences
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LSL-901 - Research Methodology

Time: 3 Hrs.

Mid Semester Marks: 20
End Semester Marks: 80

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Note: The course will be numerical oriented to train the students for the analysis of research data. Use of calculators will be allowed in the examination.

SECTION-A
1. Descriptive statistics: Statistical expressions, central tendency, dispersion of data (arithmetic and geometric), moments, skewness, kurtosis, sample size estimation.
2. Probability: Concept of probability, conditional probability, distributions: Normal, Poisson, binomial, 't', $\chi^2$, F-distributions.

SECTION-B
3. Testing of hypothesis: Central limit theorem, null hypothesis and alternative hypotheses, Z-test, Student’s t-test, $\chi$-square, F-test, sample size, confidence intervals, odds ratio, index numbers, Probit analysis.
4. Correlation and regression analysis: Linear correlation and regression, exponential regression, logarithmic regression, reciprocal regression, Michael-Menten’s regression, logistic regression, Gompertz regression, monomolecular regression.

SECTION-C
5. Multiple correlation and regression: MLR with 2 and 3 independent variables, quadratic and cubic polynomial regressions, Beta regression, sine curve, multiple correlation, partial correlation, path analysis, time series analysis.
6. Experimental designs: Experimental designs, central composite designs with 2 and 3 factors.

SECTION-D
7. Analysis of Variance: Assessing normality, one way and 2-way ANOVA, Tukey's multiple comparison test, HSD.
9. Non-parametric tests: Wilcoxon’s, Mann-Whitney’s tests, Spearman’s rank correlation, Kendall’s Tau.
10. Basic Greek and Latin words: The students will learn Greek alphabet and more than 100 basic roots and words used in science.

Note: The students will be asked to submit an assignment of computer softwares designed by them on the basis of the Research methodology syllabus.
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BSL961-Phytochemical Techniques

Credits 3-0-0
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SECTION-A

1. Production Processes for Herbals and Botanicals:

2. Selection of plant and plant parts for phytochemical analysis

3. Methods of extraction:
i. Organic Solvent Extraction : Maceration, Percolation, Cold Percolation, Countercurrent Extraction
ii. Extraction with Supercritical Gases
iii. Steam Distillation
iv. Other Minor Extraction Methods
v. Extraction of Essential Oil, vi. Soxhlet Extractor

SECTION-B

4. Qualitative phytochemical screening:

5. Qualitative/Quantitative estimation of phytochemicals:
i. Chromatography: Introduction : Theoretical Principles
ii. Paper Chromatography: Introduction, Theoretical Principles, Instrument, Sample Handling, Detection and of Components
iii. Thin layer Chromatography: Introduction, Theoretical Principles, Instrument, Sample Handling, TLC Plate Visualization by Spraying and Dipping
v. Gas Chromatography: Introduction, Theoretical Principles, Instrument, Sample Handling, Chromatogram
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vi. Liquid Chromatography: Introduction, Preparative Chromatography.
vii. High Performance Liquid Chromatography: Introduction, Principles High Performance Liquid Chromatography, HPLC Instrument, Sample Handling, Identification, Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis,

SECTION-C

VIII. Methods of identification:
i. Introduction
ii. Physical Characteristics: Introduction, Colour, Odour, Acid or Base character, Solubility, Melting Point, Boiling Point,
iii. Spectroscopy : Introduction,
v. Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy: Introduction, Theoretical Principles, Instrument, Sample Handling, Interpretation of Spectrum
viii. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy: Introduction, Theoretical Principles, Carbon-13 NMR(13C NMR), Hydrogen-1 NMR (1H NMR), Instrument, Sample Handling, Interpretation of NMR Spectra, Different Techniques of NMR.

SECTION-D

IX. Categories of Phytochemicals:
1 Introduction
2 Terpenoids: Introduction, General Properties of Terpenoids, Classification of Terpenoids, Determination of Structure of Terpenoids, Monoterprenoids, Sesquiterpenoids, Diterpenoids, Triterpenoids, Pentaterpenoids, Essential Oils
3 Steroids: Introduction, Stereochemistry of Steroids, Sterols, Steroidal Alkaloids
4 Phenolic Compounds : Introduction. Phenylpropanoids, Flavonoids
5 Alkaloids: Introduction, Distribution, Properties, Test for Alkaloids, Extraction of Alkaloids, Structure and Classification
6 Glycosides
7 Carbohydrates: Introduction, Classification, Monosaccharides, Disaccharides Trisaccharides, Polysaccharides, Structural Polysaccharides, Food Storage Polysaccharides.
8 Lipids and Related Compounds: Introduction, Classification of Lipids, Fats and Oils, Waxes, Phospholipids
9 Plant Pigments: Introduction, Chlorophylls, Carotenoids, Phycobilins, Anthocyanins
10 Vitamins: Introduction, Classification of Vitamins, Sources of Vitamins, Structures of Vitamins.
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BSL962 – Phytonanotechnology

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SECTION-A


SECTION-B

2. Toxicology of nanoparticles. Environmental Nanoparticles Interactions with Plants: Morphological, Physiological, and Genotoxic Aspects.

SECTION-C


SECTION-D


References:
BSL963 - Cell Signalling

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SECTION-A

1. **Aspects of cellular signalling:** Introduction, the main principles of cell signalling Different ways in which cells signal to each other: Electrical and synaptic, Endocrine, Paracrine, Autocrine, Direct cell- Cell signalling, Receptor-ligand signalling, Gap junctions and plasmodesmata, Coordination of signalling, Domains and modules, Oncogenes

2. **The techniques in the study of cell signalling components:** Labeling techniques, The use of probes, Pharmacological tools; Structure and protein interactions. Molecular genetic techniques; Microarrays and proteomics; Computer networks

3. **Extracellular signals: hormones, cytokines, and growth factors:** Small water-soluble molecules. Peptide hormones lipophilic molecules which are detected by cell-surface receptors lipophilic molecules which are detected by intracellular receptors.
   - Plant hormones: Auxin, Cytokinins, Gibberellins. Abscisic acid, Ethylene, Other plant hormones, Cytokines, Interleukins, Interferons, Tumour necrosis factors, Other cytokines, chemokines, and receptors.

SECTION-B

4. **Detection of extracellular signals the role of receptors:** Types of receptor: G protein-linked receptors, Ion channel-linked receptors, Receptors containing intrinsic enzymatic activity, Receptors linked to separate tyrosine kinases, Intracellular receptors of extracellular signals. Ligand binding to their receptors, Receptor sensitivity and receptor density

5. **Protein phosphorylation, kinases and Phosphates:** Serine/threonine kinases, cAMP-dependent protein kinase, cGMP-dependent protein kinase, Protein kinase C, Ca^{2+}/calmodulin-dependent protein kinases, G protein-coupled receptor kinases, Protein kinase B, AMP-activated protein kinase, Haem-regulated protein kinase, Plant -specific serine/threonine kinases.

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SECTION-C

6. **Cyclic nucleotides, cyclases, and G proteins**: cAMP, Adenylyl cyclase, Adenylyl cyclase control and the role of G proteins, The heterotrimeric G protein family, The roles of the β/γ complex, Other roles of the heterotrimeric G proteins.

Guanylyl cyclase: Soluble guanylyl cyclase, Membrane-bound guanylyl cyclase, Phosphodiesterases

7. **Inositol phosphate metabolism and roles of membrane lipids**: The breakdown of the inositol phosphate lipids Phospholipase C, Inositol.4.5-trisphosphate and its fate The role of diacylglycerol, Inositol phosphate metabolism at the nucleus, Other lipids involved in signalling, Phosphatidylcholine and arachidonic acid metabolism, Phospholipase-D, Sphingolipid pathways, Related lipid-derived signalling molecules.

SECTION-D


9. **Reactive oxygen species, reactive nitrogen species, and redox signalling**: Nitric oxide: Other enzymatic sources of NO. Reactive oxygen species: superoxide and hydrogen peroxide, Evidence for superoxide and hydrogen peroxide acting as a signal. The NADPH oxidase complex, Chronic granulomatous disease, non-phagocytes, and plants, Other sources of superoxide. Redox signalling and molecular mechanisms of hydrogen peroxide signalling, Measuring ROS and RNS. Carbon monoxide

10. **Insulin and the signal transduction cascades it invokes**: The insulin signalling system


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SECTION-A
1. Concept of biosphere and biodiversity, relation between biodiversity, biogeography, physiography and stratigraphy. A review of the theories of continental drift and plate tectonics, glaciations of the geological past and effects on the living world. The phytogeographic provinces and districts of the world.
2. Biodiversity through time, major events in the evolution of living beings through the geological past, rates of diversification and phylogenetic splitting, geological and ecological causes of extinction, lifespan of species, background rates and mass extinctions.

SECTION-B
3. Within-habitat (alpha) level, species counts, species richness and species heterogeneity, probability theory and entropy theory based indices of species heterogeneity, equitability and evenness of distribution, SHE analysis.
4. Between-habitat directionless beta diversity (heterogeneity) of habitats, directional (turnover) diversity through gradients of time (diachronic) and space (synchronic). Changes in species and composition along altitudinal and depth gradients of terrestrial and aquatic habitat, comparative study, indices after Jaccard, Sorensen, Whittaker, Cody, Wilson and Schmida, Colwell and Coddington.

SECTION-C
5. Landscape (gamma) level, exhaustive species count, the use of models of species area relationships in estimating landscape level diversity, scale dependence, homogenization and SAR curves. The evolutionary (historical) causes of biodiversity in specific areas.
6. Relative density, frequency, abundance and dominance of species in community. Ranked abundance and importance value. Concepts and models of dominance diversity relationship, methods of fitting data to various models.

SECTION-D
8. Ecological uses of biodiversity, relation with stability, productivity and invasibility of ecosystem. Invasive species and the factors of their success, elements of landscape ecology, indices of diversity, core and edge species, rare and generalist species, effect of patch shape on diversity, perimeter area ratio effects.
9. Biodiversity as a resource for human welfare, conservation status of habitat and species, conservation efforts, important conventions and treaties.
10. Current extinction rates, causes and consequences, differential extinction rates in taxonomic groups, mass extinctions, evolutionary causes and significance of endemism.
References:

BSL966 – Nutraceuticals and Herbal Remedies

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SECTION-A

1. Introduction to herbs and ayurveda: Concept of tridosha, role of pancha karma in ayurveda, origin of Charka samhita, comparison of ayurveda with other systems of healing likes unani, siddha, homeopathy and yoga.

SECTION-B

2. Nutraceuticals: General introduction, classification of nutraceuticals, inorganic mineral supplements, vitamin supplements, dietary fibres, antioxidants, health drinks, natural sweeteners, cereals and grains, polyunsaturated fatty acids. Herbal product formulations for skin and healthcare, brain tonics and anti-aging products; their manufacturers and suppliers; export market hub of herbs.

SECTION-C


SECTION-D

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ESL961 - Disaster Management  
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SECTION-A
1. Introduction to disasters, common terminologies. Management acts, policies & institutions in India.
2. Earthquakes  
   Damage Prevention and Rehabilitation by Retrofitting  
   Dos and Don'ts While Constructing Buildings  
   Case study-Bhuj Earthquake 2001

SECTION-B
3. Floods  
   Standard Operating Procedure for Administration  
   Standard Operating Procedure for Individuals  
   Case study-Assam Floods 2004
4. Cyclones  
   Case study-Orissa Super Cyclone 1999
5. Droughts

SECTION-C
6. Landslides
7. Fire disasters-Forest Fires  
   Case study-Peerchu Lake – A Disaster in Being Kumbakonam School Fire Tragedy
8. Avalanches
9. Tsunami  
   Case study-Tsunami 2004

SECTION-D
9. Nuclear Disasters  
   Dos and Don'ts While Commercial Nuclear Disaster
10. Chemical and industrial Disasters  
    Chemical and Industrial Disaster Mitigation  
    Case study-Bhopal Gas Tragedy 1984

Note: Related Case Studies can be included as per the topic.
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ESL962 - Phytoremediation

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SECTION-A


SECTION-B

2. Soil Plant Microbe Interaction: Mycorrhizal Fungi as helping agents in "phytoremediation of degraded and contaminated soils; The Rhizosphere Ecology; Rhizoremediation potential for selective plant microbe pairs. Role for chelates and enzymes in phytoremediation: Heavy metal removal Glucosyltransferase and Glutathione S-transferase in Phytoremediation.

SECTION-C


SECTION-D

4. Phytoremediation of Pollutants: Organic and Inorganic pollutants; Phytoremediation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Volatile Organic Compounds and Heavy metals from soil; Exploitation of fast growing trees in metal remediation.

Regulatory Evaluation and Acceptance Issues for Phytotechnologies: Assessing risks and Containing or mitigating gene flow of phytoremediating plants.
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ESL963 - Cancer: Genes and Environment  
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SECTION-A
1. Common Types of Cancer: Terminology, bladder cancer, brain cancer, breast cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer. Cancer cells: Cancer cells are immortal, broken chromosomes a failure to communicate, they go where they please, one mutation is not enough.

SECTION-B

SECTION-C

SECTION-D

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ESL964 - Good Laboratory Practices

Credits 3-0-0

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SECTION-A
1. Introduction to chemical analysis: Nature of analytical chemistry, general directions of chemical analysis: Cleanliness in the laboratory, Recording and planning data. Data quality: Bias, Precision, Uncertainty, Method detection limit, Checking correctness of analysis, Expression of results, Significant figures, Collection and preservation of sample.

SECTION-B


SECTION-C
4. Chemical reagents and standards: Grade and purity of chemicals, Proper storage of chemicals and standards, Laboratory pure water, Preparation of reagent grade water, Reagent water quality.


SECTION-D
6. Filtration: Gravity, Vacuum, Centrifugation, Distillation: Simple, Fractional, Vacuum, Refluxing, Ion exchange, Drying and ashing sample, Liquid liquid extraction by separating funnel, Soxhlet extraction.

7. Software’s for stock room management, Role of computers in Laboratory occupational health and safety, Waste minimization and disposal.

References:
1. Csuros, M., Environmental Sampling and Analysis, Lewis Publications.
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ESL-965 Water supply Engineering and Management  
Credits 3-0-0

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SECTION-A

1. Concepts of water supply Engineering: Roman and Indus valley civilizations, five year plans of India, Appointment of Environmental Hygiene Committee, Importance of water, Necessity of water supply scheme, Importance and reliability of water works, objectives of water supply scheme/system.  

2. Quantity of Water: Quantity of water required, design period, factors affecting design period, types of demand, per capita consumption demand, domestic demand, commercial and industrial demand, fire demand, public use demand, factors affecting demand: Variation/Fluctuations, forecasting population: Arithmetical increase method, geometrical increase method, incremental increase method, decreasing rate of growth method, graphical method.

SECTION-B

3. Sources of water: Types: surface sources; impound reservoirs, rainfall, measurements of rainfall: Symon’s rain guage, Runoffs and their measurement: Guaging method; empirical formulae method: Dicken’s formulae, Ryve’s formulae, Inglish formulae, Burge’s formulae, Rational methods, ground water sources: infiltration galleries, porous pipe galleries, Wells and types: infiltration wells, open or dug wells, driven wells, tube wells etc.  

4. Collection and conveyance of water: Selection of site, Types and designs of water intake, means of conveyance of water, Types of pipes and joints, testing of pine lines, back filling.  

5. Quality of water: wholesome water, impurities of water; physical, chemical, bacteriological examination of water, Standards of quality of water, water borne diseases, prevention of water borne diseases.
6. **Water Treatment**: Water treatment SECTIONs, impurities removed by various treatment processes, location of treatment plants, important consideration of public water supply, Public health laboratory, types of disinfection: boiling, long storage, ozone, potassium permagnate, excess lime, UV rays, iodine and bromine, chlorination, Softening of water and its methods: lime soda process, zeolite or Base Exchange method.

7. **Distribution of water**: Appurtenances used for controlling the flow of water, fire hydrants scour, safety valves, reflux and check valves, layout of distribution systems: dead end system, grid iron system, ring system, radial system; methods of distributions; pumping method, gravity flow method, typical layout of water supply, service reservoirs.

**SECTION-D**

8. **Building Water Supply**: Layout of water supply arrangement for a building, water supply fixtures and fittings, service connections.

9. **Maintenance of Water Supply Systems**: leakage and wastage of water, factors affecting loses and wastes locations of underground pipes, replacement of damage pipes, records of whole water supply system.

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ESL966 - Soil and Environment

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SECTION-A

1. **Introduction:** Soil as component of ecosystems, Soil and man, soil pollution Soil components: Texture and structure, bulk density, pore space, soil water, soil air, mineral, organic and chemical components of soil, Interactions between soil components.

2. **Development of soils:** Rock and their weathering, addition and decoposition of organic matter, processes of soil formation, soil horizons, soil classification and characteristics.

3. **Sorptive properties of soil:** Electrically charged surfaces, Exchangeable cations and cation exchange capacity, Diffuse layer, Selectivity of cation adsorption, Anion retention, sorption of gases.

SECTION-B

4. **Organisms and soil processes:** Organic materials sources and decoposition, Soil fauna, soil microorganisms, biological nitrogen fixation, Ammonification, nitrification, denitrification, Oxidation and reduction.

5. **Soil as a medium for plant growth:** Plant development and growth, Restrictions to root growth, Requirements of water and nutrients, rhizosphere and mycorrhizas, cultivations, fertilizers, organic manures.

SECTION-C

6. **Soil acidification:** pH and buffering, Percentage base saturation, Processes of soil acidification, Effects of acidity on plants, Acid rain, Acidification of ecosystems Heavy metals and radionuclides in soil: Hazardous elements in soil, Accumulation in soil, Treatment of contaminated land, Radionuclides in soils and their effects on growth of plants.

7. **Soil erosion and conservation:** Natural erosion, Anthropogenic factors responsible for soil erosion, soil conservation methods.
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8. **Soil related problems and solutions:** Nitrates, Eutrophication, pesticides, degradation of soils, drought, organic farming and sustaining soil fertility.

9. **Soil analysis:** Analysis of particle size, water holding capacity, temperature, pH, conductivity, exchangeable calcium and magnesium, sodium, potassium, Available phosphates, nitrogen, alkalinity, chlorides, sulphates, organic matter, calcium carbonate, boron, standard plate count, microbial activity, heavy metals, pesticides.

**References**


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Time: 3 Hrs.

Mid Semester Marks : 20
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Instructions for the Paper Setters:
Eight questions of equal marks (Specified in the syllabus) are to be set, two in each of the four Sections (A-D). Questions may be subdivided into parts (not exceeding four). Candidates are required to attempt five questions, selecting at least one question from each Section. The fifth question may be attempted from any Section.

SECTION-A
Strategy of experimentation, Basic principle, Guidelines for designing experiments. Experiments with single factor: ANOVA, Model adequacy checking, Interpretation of results, Use of computers in analysis.

SECTION-B
Randomized complete block design, Latin square design, factorial design, two factor factorial design with design example, Fitting response curve and surfaces, Blocking in factorial design. Two level fractional factorial design: One half fractional $2^k$ design, One-quarter fraction of $2^k$ design, Resolution III, IV, and V designs.

SECTION-C
Fitting regression models: Linear regression models, Estimates of parameters in linear regression models, Hypothesis testing, Confidence intervals, regression model diagnostic, Scaled residuals and PRESS, Testing of lack of fit.

SECTION-D
Response surface methods and process optimization: Method of steepest ascent, Analysis of second order response surface, Mixture experiments, Robust design.

References: