



MCC, Department of Botany

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UNIT I

Taxonomy and systematics, their aims and phases. Phenetic and phylogenetic systems of classification. An outline of classifications proposed by Linnaeus, Bentham and Hooker, Engler and Prantl, Hutchinson, Takhtajan, Cronquist and Kubitzki. APG-II Classification and Angiosperm Phlogeny

Floras, revisions and monographs. Keys - single entry and multiple entries. Species concepts: morphological, biological, phylogenetic

UNIT II

Taxonomic evidences: morphology, anatomy, embryology, palynology, cytology and phytochemistry (secondary metabolites). Molecular systematics - proteins and serology, DNA and RNA of nucleus and organelles.

Cladistics: Plesiomorphous and apomorphous characters; homologous and analogous characters; homoplasy; monophyly, polyphyly and paraphyly. Character coding. Constructing of cladograms; polarity and rooting. Principle of parsimony. Phenetic methods: Similarity matrix, cluster analysis.

UNIT III

Herbaria - functions and kinds. Field work and herbarium methods. Some important herbaria - Herbarium of Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew), Herbarium of Natural History Museum (Paris), Central National Herbarium (Calcutta), Madras Herbarium (Coimbatore), The Rapinat Herbarium (Tiruchirappalli)

Botanic gardens and their importance. Important botanic gardens in India. Indian Botanic Garden (Calcutta), National Botanic Garden (Lucknow), Tropical Botanic garden (Thiruvananthapuram), National Orchidarium and Experimental Botanic Garden, Yercaud.

UNIT IV

History of ICBN - typification, priority, publication, author citation, homonym, synonym, tautonym, autonym, basionym. Retention, choice and rejection of names.

UNIT V

Study of the following Docotyledonous families: Magnoliaceae, Nymphaeaceae, Menispermaceae, Rhamnaceae, Combretaceae, Melastomataceae, Molluginaceae, Rubiaceae, Ebenaceae, Convolvulaceae, Boraginaceae, Bignoniaceae, Verbenaceae, Lamiaceae, Nyctaginaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Polygonaceae, Lauraceae, Euphorbiaceae and Moraceae.

UNIT VI

Orchidaceae, Alismataceae, Arecaceae, Cyperaceae and Poaceae.

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