

IV SEMESTER

MBH-551: AGRICULTURAL MICROBIOLOGY

52 h

Unit-I

13 h

Microbial diversity in Soil, Qualitative and quantitative analysis of Soil microflora Rhizosphere and non-rhizosphere microorganisms and their importance. Soil- Types, Physical, chemical and Biological properties, Soil horizons and Microbial distribution. Microorganisms in nutrients recycling- Nitrogen, Sulphur, Phosphorus and Carbon cycles.

Unit-II

13 h

Nitrogen fixation- Symbiotic and Non-Symbiotic Nitrogen fixation, Biochemistry of nitrogen fixation. Phosphate solubilization, VAM- Endomycorrhizae and Ectomycorrhizae, PGPR and role in agriculture, Cyanobacteria. Biofertilizers- Microbial inoculants, *Rhizobium*, *Azospirillum*, *Azotobacter*.

Unit-III

13 h

Diseases of important crop plants-Bacterial, fungal and Viral diseases and its management, Biopesticides- *Bacillus thuringiensis*, *Bacillus papillae*, *Beauveria bassiana*, *Metarhizium anisopliae*. Bio control agent - *Trichoderma*. Genetic engineering technology for crop improvement, Harvesting, transportation and storage of **Agricultural** products. Global Environmental Problems Ozone depletion, UV-B, greenhouse effect, acid rain, their impact and biotechnological approaches for management. **Global warming** and climate change.

Unit-IV

13 h

Bioremediation of Contaminated Soils, ISI Standards and Quality tests, Nursery Inoculants, Impact of Heavy Metals on Soil Microbial communities. Biodeterioration: Definition and concept, biodeterioration of woods. Biomagnification: concept and consequences, Biomagnifications of chlorinated hydrocarbons and pesticides. Biotransformations: metals and metalloids, mercury transformations, biotransformation of pesticides such as hexachlorobenzene. Biodegradation of plastics. Concept of phytoremediation and applications.