



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

MSc in Biochemistry

SOFTCORE BCS 505: NANOTECHNOLOGY

Total number of lecture hours:42

Total number of credits: 03

Course objectives:

- To understand the basic concept of nanotechnology.
- To synthesize nanoparticles and know their applications.
- To study the applications of nanotechnology in food industries.
- To learn its use in agriculture, farming.
- Use of nano-fertilizers too.

Course outcome:

- Student gets to know the biological nanoparticles.
- Synthesis of nanoparticles using bacteria, fungi, plants and soon.
- Student learns about biosensors, nanotechnology and its applications.
- Nanotechnology in Food packaging, agriculture, farming,
- Potential of nano-fertilizers.

Unit I

14 hrs.

Biological nanoparticles and their applications: Introduction to biological nanoparticles and their applications: Exosomes, lipoproteins, ferritin, magnetite viruses. Biological nanomotors and machines, mechanisms of biological machines, protein assemblies: muscle myosin, kinesin, nerve, ATPase, bacteriorhodopsin, haemoglobin dynein, cilia. Bacterial flagella: structure and function; nanomotor. Ion channels: nanopores of high specificity. Bioinspired nanomaterials: DNA and peptide based. Interaction between biomolecules and nanoparticle surfaces.

Unit II

14 hrs.

Biological synthesis:

Biological synthesis of nanoparticles using bacteria, fungi, plants, purified enzymes and biological templates, Slayer. Silver nanoparticles, gold nanoparticles, cerium oxide nanoparticles, titanium oxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles. Application of inorganic nanoparticles.

Unit III

14 hrs.

Biosensor and nanobiosensor: Biosensor and nanobiosensor basic concepts, characterization, perception, Enzyme–metal NP hybrids for bio-sensing and for the generation of nanostructures, Biomolecule–semiconductor NPs for biosensing, Different types of nanobiosensors; Nanobiosensors for medical diagnostics. Nanoprobes for analytical applications. **Nanotechnology and its application in food industry:** Nanotechnology and food packaging, natural biopolymers, advantages of nanomaterials in food packaging applications, nanosensors, outstanding issues, risks and regulations, public perception. Nanotechnology in Agriculture, Precision farming, Smart delivery system, Insecticides using nanotechnology, Potential of nanofertilizers.

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