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**SESSION 2025-26**

**Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) VI Semester**  
**SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY**  
**Paper-DSE 1**  
**AGRICULTURAL MICROBIOLOGY**  
**(S3INMB4D)**

Course Outcomes		
CO. No.	Course Outcomes	Cognitive Level
CO1	On successful completion of this course, the students will be able to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of role of microbes in agriculture	U,A
CO2	Students can move for sustainable agriculture	A
CO3	Students will learn the production of bio fertilizers, which is helpful for start-ups as well as jobs in companies.	U, A
CO4	Students can move in research areas	A

	Credits	Marks		Total Marks
		Internal	External	
Theory	3	40	60	100 (Min. Passing Marks= 35)
Practical	1	40	60	100 (Min. Passing Marks= 35)
Total	4	200		

Evaluation Scheme		
	Marks	
	Internal	External
<b>Theory</b>	3 Internal Exams of 20 Marks (Best 2 will be taken)	1 External Exams (At the End of Semester)
<b>Practical</b>	2 Internal Exams and Attendance (Total of 40 Marks)	1 External Exams (At the End of Semester)

  
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## Content of the Course

### Theory

No. of Lectures (in hours per week): 2 Hrs. per week

Total No. of Lectures: 60 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 60

Units	Topics	No. of Lectures
I	<b>Agricultural Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Definition, scope and importance</li> <li>❖ Indian traditional agriculture and role of microbes</li> <li>❖ Water management: Types of irrigation, drip irrigation</li> <li>❖ Soil Management: Fertility of soil, important soil microbes, role of microbes to maintain soil fertility</li> <li>❖ Rhizosphere: Definition, important rhizosphere microbes, interaction of plant root with microbes</li> <li>❖ Phyllo-sphere: Definition, important phyllo-sphere microbes, interaction of plant leaves with microbes</li> <li>❖ Climate change: Definition, effect of climate change on agricultural microbes and global warming.</li> </ul>	12
II	<b>Biofertilizers and biopesticides</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Definition, scope and importance.</li> <li>❖ Keypoints of chemical versus microbial bio fertilizers</li> <li>❖ Production of following biofertilizers: Rhizobium, Azotobacter, blue green algae, Mycorrhiza, Azospirillum</li> <li>❖ Biopesticides: Important biopesticides and their production</li> </ul>	12
III	<b>Agricultural biotechnology: Biofuel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Definition, scope and advantages</li> <li>❖ Ethanol (1G2G): Industrial Production of Ethanol and its application</li> <li>❖ Biogas: Production of Biogas, Stages of methanogenesis, Biochemistry of methane formation, Application of Biogas</li> <li>❖ Hydrogen Production and conversion of light energy, its application</li> <li>❖ Biodiesel production: Biodiesel producing plants, industrial production and its application</li> </ul>	12
IV	<b>Agricultural biotechnology: Biotransformation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Definition of biotransformation, scope and importance</li> <li>❖ Biotransformation process</li> <li>❖ Biotransformation of microbial genes in plant cells via Agrobacterium mediated gene transfer</li> <li>❖ Applications of Biotransformation</li> </ul>	12

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V	<b>Agricultural biotechnology: Fermentation and Environmental technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Role of microbes in food processing</li> <li>❖ Preservation of fruits and vegetables</li> <li>❖ Production and preservation of fruit Juice</li> <li>❖ Production of SCP, (mycoprotein) (Bacterial, fungal, and algal)</li> <li>❖ Role of microbes in biocomposting</li> <li>❖ Role of microbes in agricultural waste recycling</li> <li>❖ Role of microbes to improve agricultural fields</li> </ul>	12
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**Keywords/Tags:** Rhizosphere, phyllosphere, Biodiesel, Microbial biofertilizer, Biopesticides, Biogas, Biotransformation, SCP, Mycoprotein, Biocomposting

**Text Books Reference Books, Other resources**

**Suggested Books:**

1. Power C.B. and Chatwal C.R. Biochemistry. Himalaya Pub. House, Mumbai, 2008.
2. Berg J.M., Tymoczko J.L. and Stryer L. Biochemistry. W.H. Freeman, 2006.
3. Rehm H.J., Reed warlag G. and Casida L. E. Industrial Microbiology, New age international publisher.
4. Crueger W. Biotechnology: A text Book of Industrial Microbiology. Med techpublic. 2017.
5. Kutz M. Biochemical Engineering Fundamentals, McGraw Hill Publication. 2021
6. Laboratory techniques in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology by work and work
7. Peppler H. J. and Periman D. Microbial technology, Vol. I and Vol. II. Academic press New York.
8. Shuller M.I. and Kargi F. Bioprocess Engineering basic concepts, 2nd edition, Prentice Hall publication. 2002

Suggested digital platforms web links [www.eshiksha.mp.gov.in](http://www.eshiksha.mp.gov.in)

**Suggested equivalent online**

courses: <https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc20eel7/preview> <https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc21b122/preview>

**Suggested Continuous Evaluation Methods:**

Maximum Marks: 100

Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE): 40 Marks University Exam (UE): 60 Marks

<b>Internal Assessment:</b> Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)	Class Test Assignment/Presentation	40
<b>External Assessment:</b> Exam  Time: 03.00 Hours	<b>Section(A): MCQ</b> <b>Section(B): Short Questions</b> Each) <b>Section(C): Long Questions Each)</b>	60
		<b>40+60=100</b>

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