

OBJECTIVES: To enable students to

1. Understand importance of mushroom cultivation
2. Develop knowledge in various methods in mushroom cultivation
3. Realize the nutrition value of mushrooms
4. Learn different storage and food preparation methods

COURSE:

Unit I: Introduction, history:

Introduction - history - scope of edible mushroom cultivation, Types of edible mushrooms available in India – *Volvariella volvacea*, *Pleurotus citrinopileatus*, *Agaricus bisporus*. Nutritional and medicinal value of edible mushrooms; Poisonous mushrooms.

UNIT II: Pure culture-spawn preparation:

Pure culture - preparation of medium (PDA and Oatmeal agar medium) sterilization - preparation of test tube slants to store mother culture – culturing of *Pleurotus* mycelium on Petriplates, preparation of mother spawn in saline bottle and polypropylene bag and their multiplication.

Unit III: Cultivation Technology:

Infrastructure: Substrates (locally available) Polythene bags, vessels, Inoculation hook, inoculation loop, low cost stove, sieves, culture rack, mushroom unit (Thatched house) water sprayer, tray, small polythene bag. Mushroom bed preparation - paddy straw, sugarcane trash, maize straw, banana leaves. Factors affecting the mushroom bed preparation - Low cost technology, composting technology in mushroom production.

Unit IV: Storage and nutrition :

Short-term storage (Refrigeration - up to 24 hours) Long term Storage (canning, pickles, papads), drying, storage in salt solutions. Nutrition - Proteins - amino acids, mineral elements nutrition - Carbohydrates, Crude fibre content – Vitamins.

Unit V: Food Preparation:

Types of foods prepared from mushrooms; soup, cutlet, omelette, samosa, pickles and curry. Research Centres - National level and Regional level. Cost benefit ratio - Marketing in India and abroad, Export Value.

Suggested Readings:

1. Marimuthu, T. Krishnamoorthy, A.S. Sivaprakasam, K. and Jayarajan. R (1991) Oyster Mushrooms, Department of Plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
2. Swaminathan, M. (1990) Food and Nutrition. Bappco, The Bangalore Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., No. 88, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560018.
3. Tewari, Pankaj Kapoor, S.C., (1988). Mushroom cultivation, Mittal Publications, Delhi.

4. Nita Bahl (1984-1988) Hand book of Mushrooms, II Edition, Vol. I & Vol. II.
5. Biswas, S., M. Datta and S.V. Ngachan. 2011. Mushrooms: A Manual For Cultivation. PHI learning private Ltd., New Delhi, India.
6. Chang, S. and P.G. Miles. 2004. Mushrooms: cultivation, nutritional value, medicinal effect, and environmental impact. CRC Press. USA.
7. Miles, P.G. and S. Chang. 1997. Mushroom Biology: Concise basics and current developments. World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte.Ltd. Singapore.

Suggested activities: Growing spawn on laboratory prepared medium in petriplates and maintaining, preparing compost and compost beds, packing of beds, spawning, maintaining moisture, picking, blanching and packing. Collecting naturally growing mushrooms and identifying them properly, visits to mushroom houses.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

VI SEMESTER

BOTANY

TIME: 2Hrs/week

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CLUSTER PAPER – VIII A3

Max. Marks: 50

Mushroom Culture and Technology

PRACTICAL SYLLABUS

1. Identification of different edible and poisonous mushrooms.
2. Microscopic and anatomical observations of different mushroom species.
3. Pure culture - preparation of medium (PDA and Oatmeal agar medium) sterilization.
4. Isolation and preparation of spawn under controlled conditions (preparation of mother spawn in saline bottle and polypropylene bag and their multiplication).
5. Types of Compost preparation and sterilization.
6. Mushroom bed preparation - paddy straw, sugarcane trash, maize straw, banana leaves/waste.
7. Inoculation and spawning of compost.
6. Incubation and harvesting of mushrooms (collection, drying and preservation).
7. Diseases of mushrooms (photographs).
8. Post-harvest technology steps (photographs).
9. Study tour to mushroom cultivation farms
11. Project work – cultivation of paddy straw/ oyster/white button mushrooms.

Domain skills expected to achieve: Identification of different edible species, skill in media and substrate preparation, isolation of pure culture for spawn, compost preparation, and practices in growing methods of different cultivated mushrooms, Postharvest handling and packing