



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4SECBOT201				
Course Title	MUSHROOM CULTIVATION				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding about structure of fungi.				
Course Summary	This SEC provides detailed tools and techniques about mushroom cultivation, its nutritional profile, various levels of management and its marketing so that students can earn through this acquired knowledge and skill.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I		Introduction to Mushrooms	03
	1	General characters and morphology of mushrooms	
	2	Scope and significance of mushroom cultivation	
	3	Identification of mushrooms - edible and poisonous.	
	4	Distinguishing characters of different types of Mushrooms such as button, oyster and milky mushrooms.	
II		Nutritional Value of Mushrooms	04
	5	Nutritional profile of mushrooms - Carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, fats and fibre.	
	6	Health benefits of Mushrooms-anti-tumour, antiviral and antibacterial effect, in therapeutic diet (brief study)	
	7	Common Indian mushrooms.	
III		Cultivation Methods of Mushrooms	07
	8	Pre requisites for Mushroom cultivation.	
	9	Preparation of Spawn - requirements, substrate selection, isolation of pure culture and nutrient media for pure culture. Maintenance and storage of spawn.	
	10	Cultivation of Oyster Mushroom (<i>Pleurotus sps.</i>) Specify	
	11	Cultivation of Milky Mushroom (<i>Calocybe indica</i>)	
IV		Pest and disease Management in Mushroom Culture	04
	12	Common pests and pest management in	
	13	Commonly identified Diseases and its management	
	14	Disease prevention and control measures	
V		Value Addition in Mushroom Culturing	12

	15	Post-harvest processing of mushrooms- refrigeration / instant packing, freeze drying, dehydration, canning	
	16	Value-added products from mushrooms – soup powder, biscuits, chutney powder, pickles.	
	17	Marketing strategies for mushroom products	
	18	Major problems in mushroom cultivation and solutions. self-employment schemes, Government aids	

Practicals			30
	1.	Hands-on training on mushroom mother spawn preparation	
	2.	Hands on training on Bedding and Bagging	
	3.	Training in Oyster mushroom cultivation	
	4.	Visit to a mushroom cultivation unit/house	

Suggested Readings:

1. Gupta S., Summuna B., Gupta M., Annepu S.K. (2018). Edible Mushrooms: Cultivation, Bioactive Molecules, and Health Benefits. In: Mérillon J M., Ramawat K. (eds) Bioactive Molecules in Food. Reference Series in Phytochemistry. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-54528-8_86-1
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2. Pandey R.K, S.K Ghosh, (1996). A Hand Book on Mushroom Cultivation. Emkey publications.
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4. Singh DP, Prabha R. (2017). Bioconversion of Agricultural Wastes into High Value Biocompost: A Route to Livelihood Generation for Farmers. Adv Recycling Waste Manag. 2: 1-5.
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