



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Department of Applied Botany

MSc BOTANY

BOS506 - SEED TECHNOLOGY

Course outcome:

- The course has basic concepts related to seed structure and germination
- Students will know the seed quality and seed health testing methods
- Various seed processing methods have practical applications. They will know the various methods used in seed processing
- Seed certification and production and marketing procedures will familiarise them with the essential requirements in seed production
- With this, they can be employed in seed production companies
- Students can also establish seed production units and generate employment

Teaching hours: 10/unit

Unit I:

Significance of Seed Technology

Seed germination: Structure of monocot and dicot seeds; factors affecting germination; Seed dormancy- types, significance, mechanism, endogenous and exogenous factors regulating dormancy, Orthodox and recalcitrant seed

Unit II

Seed quality and health Testing: Implications of seed health testing, ISTA and its role in seed testing. Seed sampling, purity analysis, moisture determination, viability, vigour, incubation tests, bioassays and biochemical procedures, factors affecting incubation test results

Unit III

Seed processing: seed drying – methods, types of driers, seed cleaning and upgrading-equipment and their functions; functions of scalper, debearder, scarifier, huller, seed cleaner and grader. Screen cleaners, specific gravity separator, indented cylinder, velvet-spiral-disc separators. Seed treatments- methods of seed treatment, seed treating formulations and equipments, seed disinfestations, identification of treated seeds. Seed Packaging and labelling.

Unit IV

Seed certification- objectives of seed certification; seed certification agency/organization and staff requirement; quarantine regulations- import and export, Field Inspection- principles, phases and procedures; reporting and evaluation of observations; pre and post-harvest control tests for genetic purity evaluation (grow-out tests), seed inspection, seed legislation- Seed Act, Seed Rules, seed law enforcement, seed quality regulation in India.

Unit V

Seed production and Marketing: Management of seed production: general principles of seed production, location of seed production, cropping, selection of cultivars, cultural practices, Longevity and storage of seeds, impact of storage fungi on seeds, transgenic seeds, hybrid seeds. Seed marketing management.

Suggested Readings

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