SEMESTER-III

COURSE 7: GENETIC ENGINEERING

Theory Credits: 3 3 hrs/week

I. LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

1. Learn about the history and tools of genetic engineering
2. Learn about vectors used in genetic engineering
3. Learn about Hybridization techniques
4. Learn about vectors and their screening techniques
5. Learn about gene editing tools

II. Syllabus

UNIT-I

1. Basics, history, scope, and recent developments in Genetic Engineering; guidelines; strategies in plant and animal genetic engineering.
2. Molecular tools in genetic engineering- Restriction enzymes: Endo & Exonucleases. Modifying enzymes
3. Ligation (cohesive & blunt end ligation) – linkers & adaptor.

UNIT-II

1. Cloning vectors: plasmid - definition, properties and types. pUC19 & pBR322- phage vectors (λ & M13),
2. Cosmid vectors, Shuttle and expression vectors; YAC (S.cerevisiae as a model)& BAC (E.coli);
3. Screening and selection of recombinants; Gene transfer methods

UNIT-III

1. Hybridization techniques: Probes (radioactive & non-radioactive), detection.
2. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) – Principle , Applications and types of PCR
3. Labeling of DNA- Nick translation, Random priming method & labeling by primer extension.

UNIT-IV

1. Construction of genomic & c DNA libraries.
2. Vector engineering & codon optimization, strategies of gene delivery, invitro translation
3. Expression in bacteria, yeast, insects, plant & mammalian cells

UNIT-V

1. Chromosome engineering, targeted gene replacement,
2. gene editing, gene regulation & silencing. Site-directed mutagenesis.
3. DNA sequencing – Maxam Gilbert (chemical) & Sanger’s, Nicolson sequencing, Pyrosequencing. Gene therapy, Human Genome Project.

III . Skills Outcome

On Successful Completion of this Course, Student shall be able to

1. Learn about problems in genetic engineering
2. Learn about restriction digestion
3. Learn about isolation of Plasmid
4. Learn about activity of enzymes