SEMESTER – II						
ELECTIVE – II						
RURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY						
17PMIE21	Hrs/ Week: 6	Hrs/ Sem: 4	Credit: 4			

# **Objectives:**

- To impart knowledge on various biotechnological commercial processes and its usefulness.
- To provide hands on exposure to various biotechnological commercial processes such as biogas production, composting methods, mushroom production, spirulina cultivation and ornamental fish cultivation.

# **Unit-I: Biogas technology.**

Introduction and binary – anaerobic digestion – microbes involved – factors influencing methane – production – stages of methane generation – waste used in methanogensis – various bioreactors used for methane generation – advantages and disadvantages. Visit in biogas production units with field demonstration.

# **Unit-II: Composting technology.**

Historical background – waste availability- factors influencing – methods – biomaturity – encrichments of compost and crop productivity. Vermiculture technologies: History – species – life cycles – methods – different types of waste suitable for vermicomposting. Utilization of vermicompost for crop production. Visit to vermicompost industries with field demonstration.

# **Unit-III: Mushroom technology.**

Bioconversion of organic wastes into protein – oyster mushroom technology, paddy mushroom, milky mushroom and button mushroom technology, post harvest technology. Mushroom farming and prospects. Visit to mushroom farms with field demonstration.

# Unit- IV: Spirulina cultivation technology.

Biology of *spirulina* – cultivated methods, post harvest technology and single cell protein formulation. Visit to *Spirulina* industries with field demonstration.

#### Unit-V: Ornamental fish culture.

Present status and importance- popular varieties – artificial and live feeds – breeding techniques of egg layers- gold fish, angel fish, fighter and barbs – live bearers – guppy, molly, platy and sword tail – economics . Visit to ornamental fish farms with field demonstration.

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SEMESTER – II						
ELECTIVE – II						
VERMI TECHNOLOGY						
17PMIE21	Hrs/ Week: 6	Hrs/ Sem: 4	Credit: 4			

### **OBJECTIVES:**

To impart advanced level knowledge in vermicomposting

#### **UNIT-I:**

Earth worm classification – Morphology and anatomy. Biology of *Lampitomaruitii*. Vermicomposting - Definition, introduction and scope- The nature of earthworms-soil environment-basic environmental requirements.

### **UNIT-II:**

Vermicomposting materials and their classification. Physical, chemical and biological changes brought by earth worm in soil structure-carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous transformations

#### **UNIT-III:**

Veermicomposting methods - Optimal conditions for Vermiculture - temperature, moisture, pH, soil type, organic matter,

### **UNIT-IV:**

Vermicomposting in Homes, Maintenance of vermicomposting beds. Harvesting the worms. Earth worm predators, parasites and pathogens. - Vermi wash.

### **UNIT-V:**

Composting - Vermicomposting - Required conditions - Advantages - Application of vermicomposting, Field sampling- passive methods.

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MUSHROOM TECHNOLOGY					
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### **UNIT I:**

Mushroom Technology - Introduction, History and Scope –Morphology of mushroom -Vegetative characters - Formation and development of Basidiocarp, structure of basidiocarp - *Agaricus*. Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms. Medicinal and nutritive value of edible mushrooms. Food preparation- soup, cutlet, vegetable curry, samosa, omlette and pickle. Mushroom research centres in India.

### **UNIT II:**

Cultivation of button mushroom (*Agaricusbisporus*), milky mushroom (*Calocybeindica*), oyster mushroom (*Pleurotussajor-caju*) and paddy straw mushroom (*Volvariellavolvcea*). Preparation of Pure Culture and spawn cultivation methods.

### **UNIT III:**

Cultivation technology - Substrates, bed, polythene bag preparation, spawning - casing - Cropping - Mushroom production - Harvest - Storage methods and marketing. Post harvest technology: Storage-Freezing, dry Freezing, drying, canning,.

# **UNIT IV:**

Structure and construction of Mushroom House- Layout of traditional and green house method. Methods of Mushroom cultivation: Bed Method, Polythene Bag Method. Methods of Composting-Long method of composting (LMC) & Short method of composting (SMC).

# **UNIT V:**

Diseases: Common pest, microbes (Bacteria, Fungus and Virus). Diseases of Mushrooms: Brown black disease, yellowing of oyster mushrooms, Bacterial soft rot, fungal brown blotch, wet bubble, dry bubble, cob web, green blotch. Principles of insect pest control: Principles and methods of pest management -chemical control.