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राजपिपला, जि॰ नर्मदा Rajpipla, Dist. Narmda Established by Tribal Development Department, Govt. of Gujarat

School of Science B.Sc. (Zoology) Programme

Subject Code & Name: BS03MDZOO3 Zoo-Geography and Adaptations

Teaching and Evaluation Scheme:

Teaching Scheme				Examination Scheme Component Weightage (%)			
I.	Т	P	Total	TH	PWE	TH	PWE
2	0	1	4	35	15	35	15

Programme Name	B.Sc. (Zoology)	
Semester	III	
Course Code	BS03MDZOO3	
Course Title	Zoo-Geography and Adaptations	
Course Content Type (Th./Pr.)	Theory & Practical	
Course Credit	4	
Sessions+ Lab. Per Week	3 + 2	
Total Teaching/Lab. Hours	45 Theory Hours+ 30 Practical Hours	
* 2 Laboratory = 1 Session		

Learning Objectives

This course combines the study of the geographic distribution of animals (zoogeography) with their adaptive strategies to survive in different environments.

- 1. To study the distribution of animals in different regions of the world.
- 2. To understand about physiological adaptations animals in different habitats.
- 3. To learn the ecological adaptations of Animals.

To get practical knowledge about zoogeography and adaptations with examples.

Learning Outcomes

On the Completion of this course, students will able:

- 1. To understand the principles and methods of zoogeography and how animals are distributed globally.
- 2. To explore the environmental and evolutionary factors that affect the geographic range of species.
- 3. To study animal adaptations (physiological, morphological, and behavioral) to various habitats and ecological challenges.
- 4. To examine case studies of specific animals and ecosystems for better understanding of adaptation and distribution patterns.
- 5. To integrate knowledge of zoogeography and adaptations in evolutionary biology.





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UNIT	TOPIC/SUB-TOPIC	TEACHING HOURS
Ι	 Animal Distribution: Pattern of distribution: Cosmopolitan, Discontinuous, Endemic distribution, Isolated distribution and Bipolar distribution. Barriers and means of dispersal. Barrier and dispersal in Marine, Fresh water and Terrestrial environment. Zoogeographical regions: Palearctic, Nearctic, Neotropical, Oriental, Australian and Ethiopian regions - their Climatic and faunal peculiarities. Wallace line, Continental Drift. Biodiversity and hotspots of Biodiversity in India. 	15
II	 Physiological Adaptations Thermoregulation: Ectothermy vs Endothermy, behavioral and physiological mechanisms for temperature regulation. Water Regulation: Osmoregulation in aquatic and terrestrial environments. Excretory Adaptations: Special adaptations to excrete metabolic waste efficiently in different habitats. Metabolic Adaptations: Hibernation, estivation, and energy storage mechanisms. Case Studies: Adaptations of desert and polar animals to extreme temperatures. 	15
III	 Ecological Adaptations: Terrestrial adaptations: Limbs, body shape, and modifications for movement. Aquatic adaptations: Primary and Secondary: Body shape, gill structures, and buoyancy mechanisms. Arboreal adaptations: Limb modifications for climbing and grasping. Fossorial (Borrowings) adaptations: Limb modifications for burrowing. Volant Adaptations: Active flight and Passive Flight, Structural modifications of endoskeleton. 	15



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Unit - IV Practical (s)

30 Hours

- 1. Study of Palearctic and Nearctic regions and identified specific fauna of respective regions through Map and multimedia.
- 2. Study of Neotropical and Oriental regions and identified specific fauna of respective regions through Map and multimedia.
- 3. Study of Australian and Ethiopian regions and identified specific fauna of respective regions through Map and multimedia.
- 4. To study Biodiversity and hotspots of Biodiversity in India through multimedia.
- 5. To study Metabolic Adaptation.
- 6. To study Aquatic Adaptation in Fish and Mammals.
- 7. To study Terrestrial adaptation.
- 8. To study Fossorial Adaptation.
- 9. To study Arboreal adaptation.
- 10. To study Volant adaptation in birds.

Textbooks

- 1. A Text-Book of Zoogeography by Frank E. Beddard, Forgotten Books Pub. 2018
- 2. Concepts of Zoogeography and Wildlife by Dr. Umesh Bharti and Dr. Ravneet Kaur, 2020
- 3. Concepts of Ecology (Environmental Biology) by N. Arumugam, Saras Publication
- 4. Ecology, Toxicology and Evolution N. Arumugam, Saras Publication
- 5. Developmental Zoology, Ecology, Animal Physiology & Evolution by N. Arumugam, A. Mariakuttikan, Saras Publication
- 6. Wildlife Conservation and Management by N. Arumugam, T.C. Mahesh, Saras Publication

Reference Books

- 1. A Text-Book of Zoogeography by Frank Evers Beddard · 2015
- 2. Adaptation to Environment Essays on the Physiology of Marine Animals1976
- 3. A Text-Book of Zoogeography by R. Lydekker 1985
- 4. Zoogeography: The Geographical Distribution of Animals by P.J. Darlington
- 5. Animal geography by Wilma George
- 6. Dynamic Zoogeography: With Special Reference to Land Animals by Udvardy, Miklos D F
- 7. Animal Adaptations Evolution of Forms and Functions by R. K. Saxena, Sumitra Saxena 2015
- 8. Behavioral Adaptations of Desert Animals, Giovanni Costa. 2012
- 9. Fundamentals of World Zoogeography by S. K. Tiwari,
- 10. Ecology and Human Adaptation
- 11. Ecology and Zoogeography by Dr. Pathan Amjad khan Rudra Publication.





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L:: Lecture, T:: Tutorial, P:: Practical

CCE:: Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation

(CCE Theory includes Mid Semester Examination, Assignment, MCQ quizzes, Seminar, Reflective notes, class participation, case analysis and presentation, slip tests (announced/surprised), attendance etc. or any combination of these)

PWE:: Practical Work Examination(PWE includes Laboratory practical work, project work, viva simulation exercise work etc.)

SEE:: Semester End Evaluation

