Textbook of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry I Theory and Practical Course Codes BP405T and BP409P for Fourth Semester Bachelor in Pharmacy

is aimed to serve as a complete textbook for the fourth semester students of Bachelor in Pharmacy covering both theoretical and practical parts as per the latest syllabus prescribed by the Pharmacy Council of India (Course Codes BP405T and BP409P). This book will also help the BPharm students who are preparing for the GPAT.

The main objective of this book is to provide the students knowledge of basic understanding of the plant tissue culture techniques, cultivation, collection, processing and storage of crude drugs and the role of pharmacognosy in various systems of medicine. This book also gives the information on oral vaccines, hallucinogens, teratogens, natural allergens, and fibers. Upon completion of the study of this book, the students will be able to know the organoleptic, microscopic, physical, and chemical evaluation of crude drugs. The students will also be able to understand the importance of novel medicinal agents from marine sources as well as plant tissue cultue.

This book gives a comprehensive treatment of basic concepts of historical development and scope of pharmacognosy, classification of crude drugs and primary and secondary plants metabolites. This book strikes a balance between essential and advanced areas of knowledge apart from general topics. The subject matter is comprehensive and written in an easy to follow language, is suitably illustrated with welllabelled diagrams and contains valuable tables in both the theoretical and practical parts.

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Preface

It is a pleasure for the students of the 4th semester (2nd year) of B Pharm to get acquainted with the first edition of **Textbook of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry I** as per the new PCI regulation. This book has both theoretical and practical parts for the convenience of students and teachers.

The theoretical part of this book is designed to provide basic knowledge on the historical development and scope of pharmacognosy, the sources, and classification of crude drugs and their quality control studies such as organoleptic, microscopic, physical, and chemical method, etc. This book will help in understanding the basic concepts of primary and secondary plants metabolites, cultivation, collection, processing and storage, plant tissue culture, and edible vaccines. In the theoretical part of this book, basic bits of knowledge of plant products such as hallucinogens, teratogens, natural allergens, and fibers are discussed. The role of pharmacognosy in various systems of medicine such as modern medicine and traditional systems of medicine, namely Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy, and Chinese systems of medicine are also discussed in this book.

The experimental part of this book is designed to provide basic practical knowledge on the determination of leaf constant parameters such as stomatal number and index, vein islet number, vein islet termination, and palisade ratio. Using this book will also help in understanding basic practical knowledge on the determination of the size of starch grains, calcium oxalate crystals, fiber length and width, and starch grains by the Lycopodium spore method. The determination of ash value, extractive value, foreign matters, moisture contents, swelling index, and foaming index are also discussed in the practical part of this book.

The subject matter is illustrated with well-designed diagrams and tables. This book will be beneficial for the students as well as the professors.

Suggestions and criticisms are welcome.

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Syllabus

PHARMACOGNOSY AND PHYTOCHEMISTRY I

Theory Course Code: BP 405T

Scope: The subject involves the fundamentals of Pharmacognosy like scope, classification of crude drugs, their identification and evaluation, phytochemicals present in them and their medicinal properties.

Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the student shall be able

- 1. to know the techniques in the cultivation and production of crude drugs
- 2. to know the crude drugs, their uses and chemical nature
- 3. know the evaluation techniques for the herbal drugs
- 4. to carry out the microscopic and morphological evaluation of crude drugs

COURSE CONTENTS

• Introduction to pharmacognosy:

- a. Definition, history, scope and development of pharmacognosy
- b. Sources of drugs: Plants, animals, marine and tissue culture
- c. Organized drugs, unorganized drugs (dried latex, dried juices, dried extracts, gums and mucilages, oleoresins and oleo-gum-resins).
- **Classification of drugs:** Alphabetical, morphological, taxonomical, chemical, pharmacological, chemo- and sero-taxonomical classification of drugs
- Quality control of drugs of natural origin:
 - × Adulteration of drugs of natural origin. Evaluation by organoleptic, microscopic, physical, chemical and biological methods and properties.
 - Quantitative microscopy of crude drugs including lycopodium spore method, leaf constants, camera lucida and diagrams of microscopic objects to scale with camera lucida.

UNIT I

45 Hours

10 Hours

UNIT II

- Cultivation, collection, processing and storage of drugs of natural origin:
 - $\, \varkappa \,$ Cultivation and collection of drugs of natural origin
 - ⊨ Factors influencing cultivation of medicinal plants.
 - $\, \varkappa \,$ Plant hormones and their applications.
 - ¤ Polyploidy, mutation and hybridization with reference to medicinal plants
- Conservation of medicinal plants

UNIT III

• Plant tissue culture

- ⊨ Historical development of plant tissue culture, types of cultures, nutritional requirements, growth and their maintenance.
- ¤ Edible vaccines

UNIT IV

- **Pharmacognosy in various systems of medicine:** Role of pharmacognosy in allopathy and traditional systems of medicine namely, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy and Chinese systems of medicine.
- Introduction to secondary metabolites: Definition, classification, properties and test for identification of alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, tannins, volatile oil and resins

UNIT V

Study of biological source, chemical nature and uses of drugs of natural origin containing following drugs

- Plant products:
 - ¤ Fibers: Cotton, jute, hemp
 - ¤ Hallucinogens, teratogens, natural allergens
- **Primary metabolites:** General introduction, detailed study with respect to chemistry, sources, preparation, evaluation, preservation, storage, therapeutic used and commercial utility as pharmaceutical aids and/or medicines for the following primary metabolites:
 - ⊭ *Carbohydrates:* Acacia, agar, tragacanth, honey
 - × *Proteins and enzymes:* Gelatin, casein, proteolytic enzymes (papain, bromelain, serratiopeptidase, urokinase, streptokinase, pepsin).
 - × Lipids (waxes, fats, fixed oils): Castor oil, chaulmoogra oil, wool fat, bees wax
 - × *Marine drugs:* Novel medicinal agents from marine sources

10 Hours

10 Hours

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08 Hours

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Practical Course Code: BP409P

4 Hours/Week

- 1. Analysis of crude drugs by chemical tests: (i) Tragaccanth (ii) Acacia (iii) Agar (iv) Gelatin (v) starch (vi) Honey (vii) Castor oil
- 2. Determination of stomatal number and index
- 3. Determination of vein islet number, vein islet termination and paliside ratio.
- 4. Determination of size of starch grains, calcium oxalate crystals by eye piece micrometer
- 5. Determination of fiber length and width
- 6. Determination of number of starch grains by Lycopodium spore method
- 7. Determination of ash value
- 8. Determination of extractive values of crude drugs
- 9. Determination of moisture content of crude drugs
- 10. Determination of swelling index and foaming