Introduction

Basics in plants and types

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Importance of plants



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- ·Plants provide food
- ·Plants are used in medicines
- •Plants give us building materials
- ·Plants are used in our clothing
- ·Plants provide fuel
- Plants provide us with beauty and pleasure

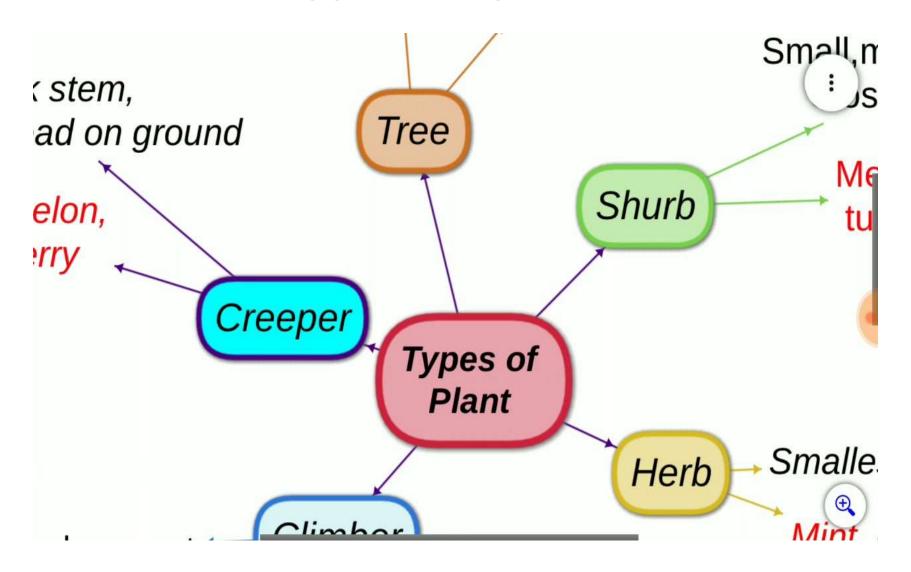








Types of plants



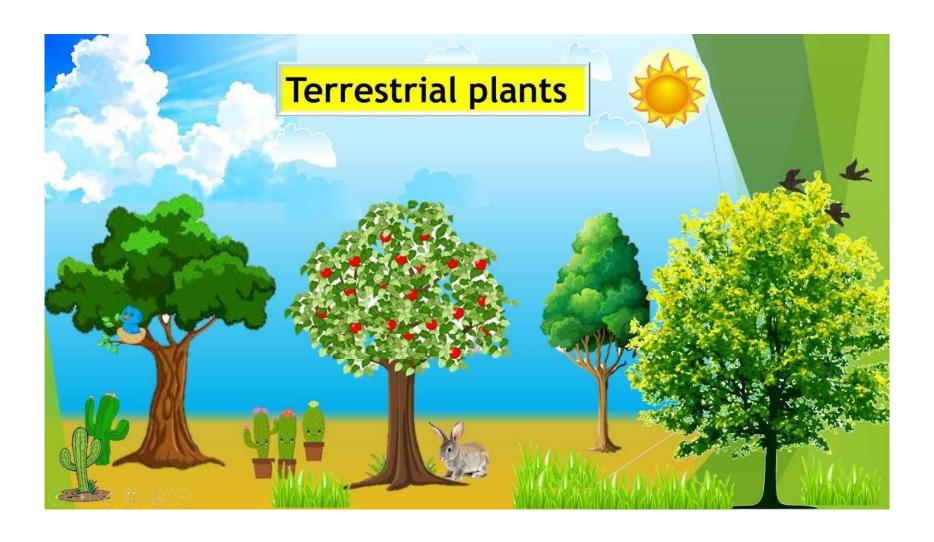
Plant classification

- Based on:
- I. The environment where they live.
- II. How the plants live?
- III. Their life cycle.

Plant types I .The environment where they live.

- 1. A terrestrial plant is a plant that grows on land.
- 2. An aquatic plant (living in water)
- 3. An **Epiphytic plant** (living on trees)
- 4. Lithophytic (living in or on rocks).

Terrestrial plants



Aquatic plants



Epiphyte



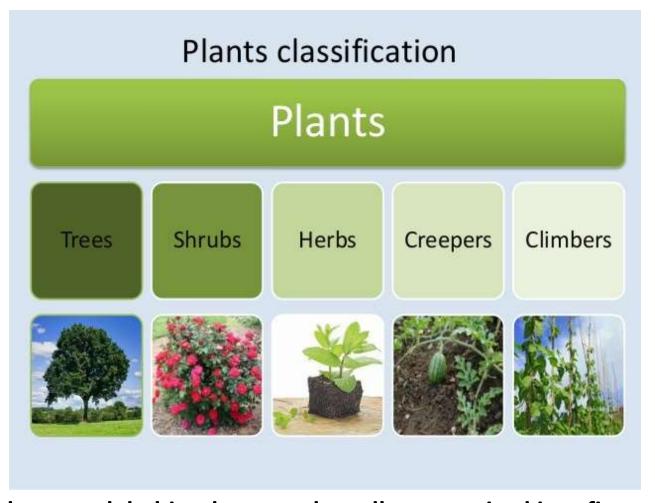
Lithophytes





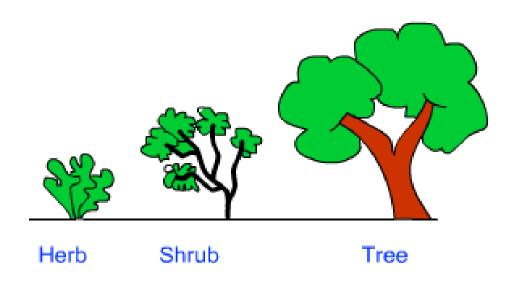


Plant types II. How plants live?



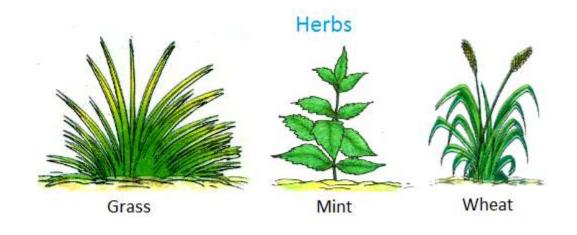
Based on the growth habit, plants are broadly categorised into five groups. Herbs, Shrubs, Trees, Climbers and Creepers.

Plant types



Herbs

- The herb is a short-sized plant with soft, green, delicate stem without the woody tissues.
- Tomato, wheat, paddy, grass and bananas.



Herbs



Tomato



Wheat and paddy

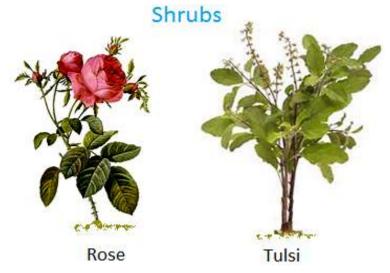


Bananas



Shrubs

- Shrubs are medium-sized, woody plants taller than herbs and shorter than a tree.
- Their height usually ranges between 6m to 10m tall.
- Rose, Jasmine, Lemon, Tulsi, Henna



Shrubs Rose and Jasmine





Shrubs



Orange and Lemon

Trees

- Trees are big and tall plants.
- They have very thick, woody and hard stems called the trunk.
- This single main stem or the trunk gives rise to many branches that bear leaves, flowers and fruits.
- The life-span of the trees are very large. i.e., for several years.
- Banyan, Mango, Neem, Cashew, Teak, Oak

Trees

Trees.



poplar



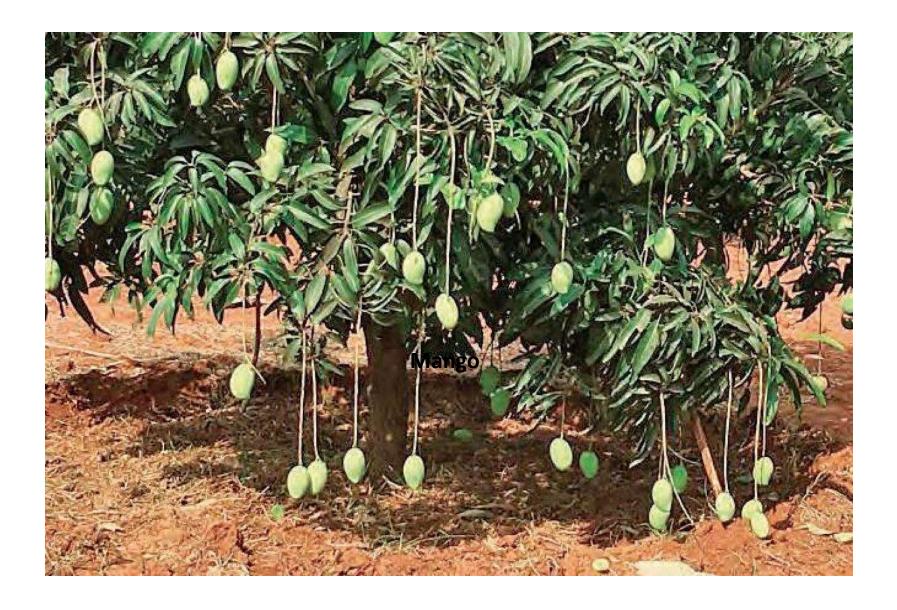
Apple tree



Oak tree



Orange tree



Mango



Neem

Creepers

- Creepers, as the name suggests, are plants that creep on the ground.
- They have very fragile, long, thin stems that can neither stand erect nor support all its weight.
- Watermelon, Strawberry, Pumpkin, Sweet potatoes.



Creepers

Pumpkin, Watermelon and strawberry







Climbers

Climbers are much more advanced than creepers.

Climbers have a very thin, long and weak stem which cannot stand upright, but they can use external suppo to grow vertically and carry their weight.

Pea plant, Grapevine, Sweet gourd, Money plant, etc.



Climbers

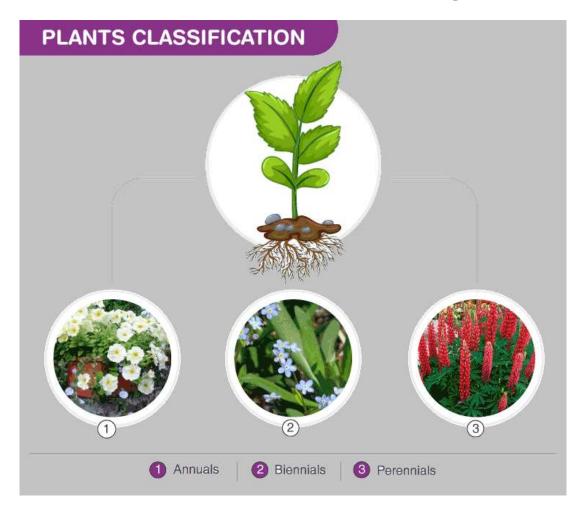
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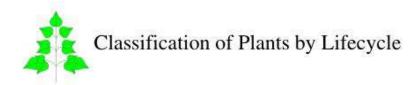




Plant classification Based on their life span



Classification based on life cycle



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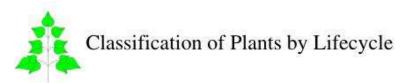
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Perennials: Complete lifecycle in more than two

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Annuals



Annuals

- · Plants which complete their lifecycle in one year.
- Some examples of annuals are:
 - Corn
 - Wheat
 - Annual flowers

Biennials

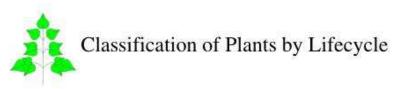


Classification of Plants by Lifecycle

Biennials

- Plants which complete their lifecycle in more than one year, but less than two.
- Energy is stored by the plant during its first year and used during the reproductive stage in the second year.
- Some examples of biennials are:
 - Celery -- Parsley
 - Asparagus --Sugar beets

Perennials



Perennials

- Plants which grow for more than two years.
- The plant continues to develop during and after the reproductive phase.
- Some examples of perennials are:
 - Bermuda grass
 - All shrubs
 - All trees

Annuals

- Annuals are plants that complete their life cycle in one year.
- They germinate, grow, bear fruits and die off within an year.
- Generally, all herbs and plants belonging to the grass family exhibit this type of life cycle.
- Mustard, watermelon, corn, lettuce, wheat, rice are a few examples of annual plants.

Biennials

- Biennials are plants that complete their life cycle in two years.
- They germinate, develop a root system. stem and leaves in the first year.
- Later in their second year, they yield flowers and bear fruit.
- A few herbs are also classified as biennials, including spinach, carrot, cabbage, petunias radish, onions, etc.

Perennials

- Perennials are plants which complete their life cycle in more than two years.
- Once they grow, they start to bear flowers, produce fruits, seeds and the cycle continues for a longer period of time.
- They do not die after bearing fruits but renew their parts, season after season.
- Along with a few shrubs, trees are all classified into perennials.
- For Eg., tomatoes, ginger, banana, mango, coconut, palm, banyan,
 etc



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PLANT NURSERY



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- 5. The graft union should be healthy and the size of scion and rootstock should be equal.
- 6. After shifting and transporting, seedling should not show

PROVISIONS MENTIONED IN BIS SPECIFIC TO PLANT NURSERY.

TABLE: PROVISIONS IN BIS SPECIFIC TO PLANT

India GAP requirements-

related to plant nursery

Item

Level

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Propagatio		in plant nursery followed, in raising	b) Documentation should be
n		seedlings in the open or protected	maintained to verify the claim
		conditions?	
		b) Is the source of technology	
		documented?	
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		c) Is a record of approved products	maintained to verify the claim
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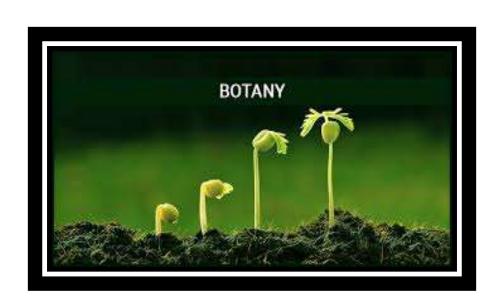
Compliance (following a rule)

criteria

PRESENT STATUS OF ADOPTION OF NURSERY ACT BY DIFFERENT STATES IN INDIA

- 1. At present, there is no legislation to regulate production and sale of seedling and vegetative propagules by nurseries.
- A mechanism to ensure the quality of planting material needs to be developed through registration and quality control.
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QUALITY PROPAGULES PRODUCTION



WHAT ARE PROPAGULES?

- Propagule is the plant material used for the purpose of plant propagation.
- Propagules may be stem, root, leaves, bulbs, cuttings, grafts, layers, seeds etc.

STEPS TO PRODUCE QUALITY PROPAGULES.

The following are the steps to produce quality propagules:

Seeds/Vegetative propagules:

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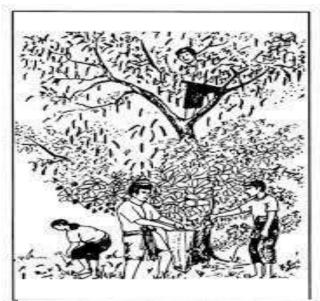
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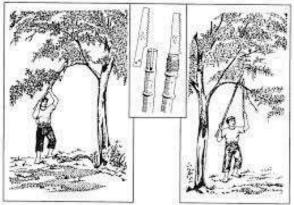
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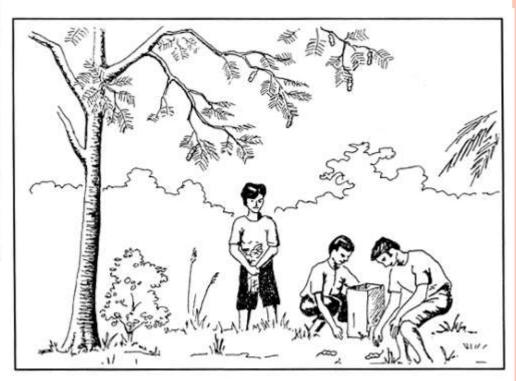
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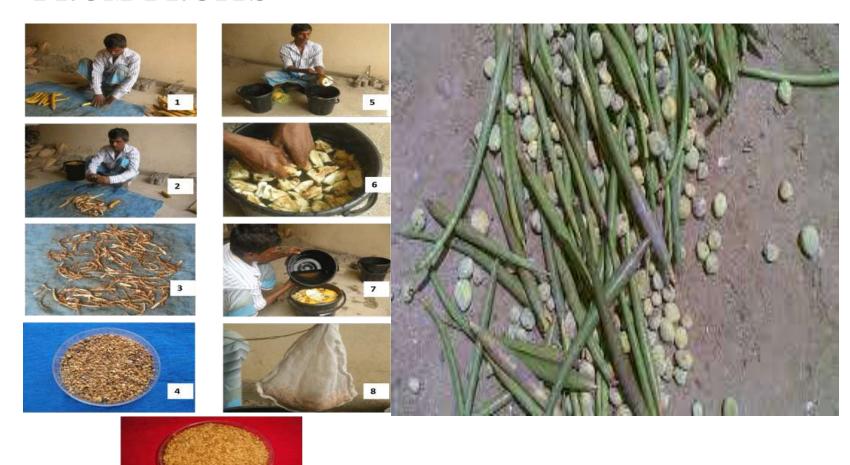
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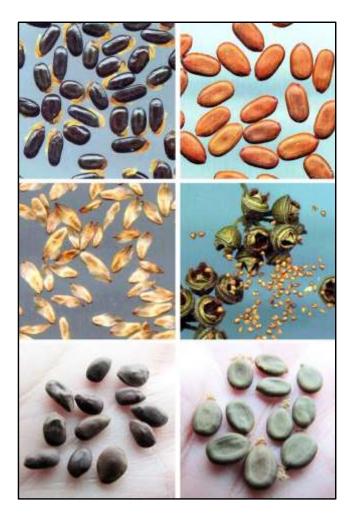
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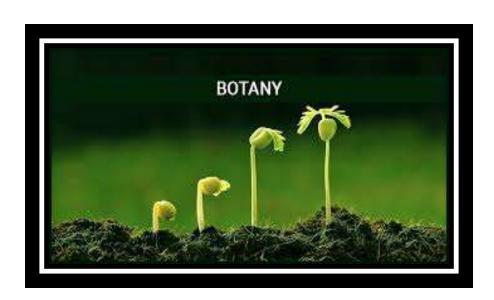
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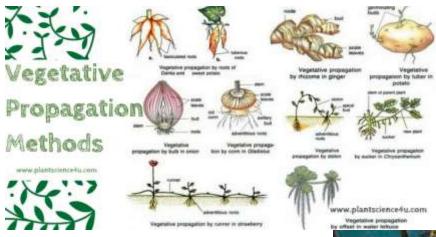
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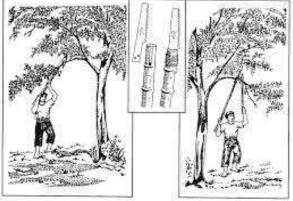
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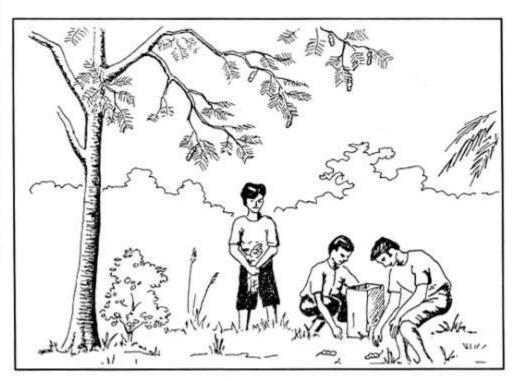
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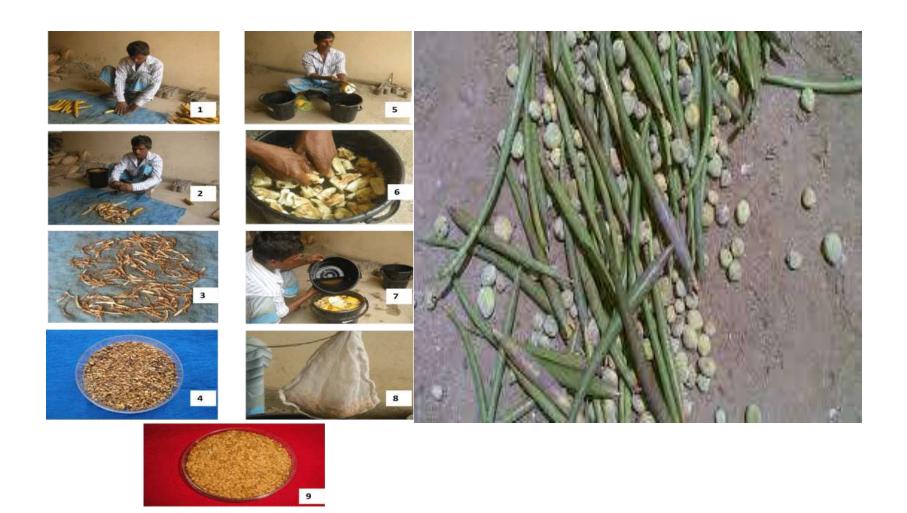
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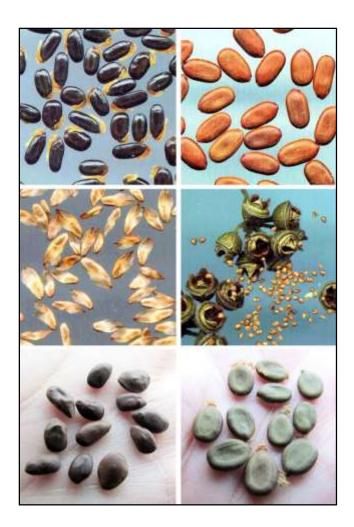
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Introduction

- For carrying out day-to-day routine cultural operations in the nursery, various tools, implements and accessories are required.
- Some tools are simple and are used for simple operations, whereas for carrying out specific operations, special types of equipments are required.

TOOLS FOR LAND PREPARATION AND OTHER BASIC WORKS

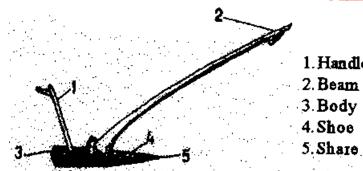
Kudali:

It is a simple but important tool used for digging of soil, pits or any basic digging work prior to preparation of nursery beds.

It has a metal (iron) blade attached to a wooden handle. It is operated manually.

Garden fork:

Garden fork is used for breaking of soil clods and separation of medium size soil during preparation of nursery bed or fields.





3. Body

4. Shoe



Weeding fork:

It loosens the soil and helps in weeding also.

It consists of a long handle with a blade of handle teeth. It is drawn manually with the help of handle to collect the weeds and cops of plants etc.



Crow bar:

It is an iron rod with one end pointed and other as a wedge shaped.

It is used for digging out large or hand boulders from and digging of pits.

It is also used for breaking hard soil pan



Hand leveler:

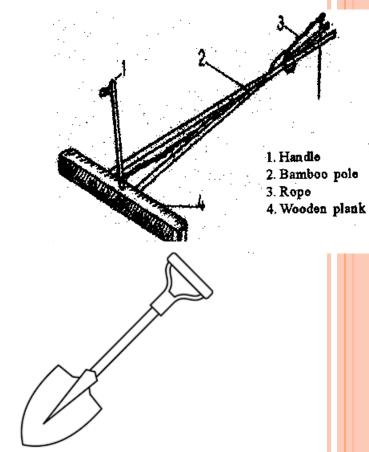
It consists of narrow rectangular metal blade attached to long wooden handle

Shovel:

It has iron blade of spoon shape and wooden handle and is used for within field transport of dug out soil required for leveling of field for preparation of nursery beds.

Trowel (Khurpi):

It is of shovel shape but small in size with iron blade and wooden handle. It can be made in many shapes as per local designs and requirements. It is used for hoeing, weeding and nursery plants and also for transplanting seedlings.





Pick-Axe:

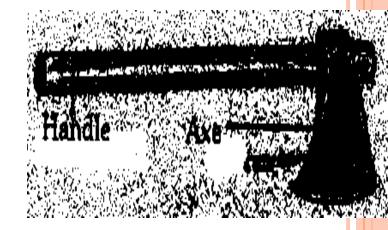
It is made of carbon steel. Pick axe has two edges with provision of axial hole for attachment with handle. One edge of pick —axe is pointed and another is broadened. Pick axe is used for digging hard, compact and stony soils

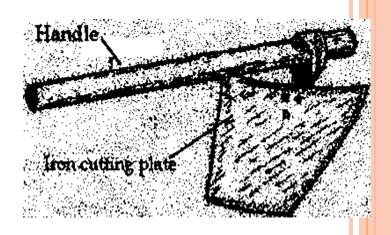


Iron blade, fastened to wooden handle. It is used for felling trees and cutting branches.

Spade:

It is used for lifting and turning the soil.
Also used for digging the pit, preparing
channel for irrigation and drainage lines.





Hoe-cum-Rake:

It is of rectangular shape metal blade with fork like fore edge.

It is used for digging, hoeing, earthing, leveling and collecting weeds

Furrow opener:

It is used for opening narrow and shallow furrow after sowing seeds in nursery.

Bill Hook (Darat):

It is made of iron curved at the far end or used for cutting hardy branches of plant and other woody shrubs in the field.

Sickle: It is used for cutting grass and leafy vegetables.





Wheel-Barrow:

It is manually operated small trolly, used for carrying nursery plants, compost, fertilizes, leaf litter, horticultural produce, stones etc. from one place to another place. It can be designed into different shapes according to requirement.



Cultivator:

It is a tractor drawn implement used for tilling the soil efficiently.

A hand driven small cultivator is more popular. It can plough upto ½ to 1 feet depth.

Secateurs:

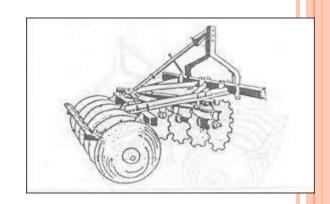
Secateurs are considered as the most important tool for a propagator or a nurseryman.

It is used for removing scions, lopping off the rootstock, preparation of scion sticks, removal of undesirable shoots/sprouts from the stock and training and pruning operations. The blades of secateurs should be of high quality carbon blade for giving smooth cuts to the stock and scions.



Disc harrow:

It is used for pulverizing the soil. It is also used for turning crop residues, weeds and other debris in the soil. It is used for deep ploughing and turning of soil.



GRAFTING AND BUDDING TOOLS

Knife:

- 1. Knives having combined blade for grafting and budding purposes.
- A grafting/budding knife has a straight 7.5cm long blade and strong long handle.
- It has a spatula at the end of a handle, which is used for lifting the bark during budding operation.
- 4. Sometimes knife has two parallel double blades, used specially for lifting or removing the patch of a bud from the budwood.
- Generally these knives have either a folding or fixed blade. The blade of knife should be made from high carbon steel and should always be very sharp.

Pruning saw:

- 1. Several types of saws are required for performing different operations involved in propagation of horticultural plants.
- 2. The commonly used are crescent saws, tapered saws and straight saws.
- 3. All of them have long and widely set teeth to facilitate pruning or cutting of green wood.
- Its blades should be narrow so that it can pass through the narrow or closely spaced branches.

Grafting machines

Many machines have been developed and commercially used for the preparation of scion sticks and bud wood for budding and grafting operation in many developed countries.

Ladders:

 In propagation work, ladder is required for operations like cutting of bud wood, training of vigorous plants, performing layering operations and top working of declining plants. In general, step ladder or straight ladder or hook ladders are used for such operations in the field of propagation

Tying and wrapping materials:

• It is essential to hold scion and stock firmly together to have successful graft/bud union. For this purpose a suitable tying or wrapping material is required. Generally polyethylene tapes/strips, waxed string and cloth, raffia fibro and rubber strips are used for this purpose. In addition, adhesive tapes similar to surgical adhesive tapes but lighter in weight are also used by commercial nursery men.

Grafting wax:

• Wax is used by propagator to seal the graft union for preventing moisture loss and desiccation of cells at cut surface and to prevent the decay of wood by way of checking the entry of pathogens (Fig.16.5). Waxes are of two types i) Hot wax ii) Cold wax.

Labels:

Labels are used for proper labeling of plants, before sale. Labels may be made of paper, card board, wooden, celluloid, aluminum and plastic etc.

Pots:

Pots of different shapes and sizes are used in nursery.

They may be of clay, metal or plastic usually 10cm, 15cm or 20cm for single specimen.

Pots are of different types, tube pots, ¼ size,1/2 size,3/4 size and full size, thali and urn.

These are used for potting ornamental plants, fruit plants, saplings etc. Iron pots/ plastic pots are used for irrigation purpose also.

Spray-pumps:

To spray protective material i.e. insecticides/pesticides/fungicides to eliminate the infection of pathogens or insects, spray pumps are very important tools.

Pumps are of different shapes, size and types.

Commonly used sprays are knap-sack sprayer, rocker sprayer, foot sprayer, hand sprayers or power sprayers.

Depending upon the volume of nursery and specific purpose different types of sprayers are put in operation.

Chain saw:

• It operates using fuel (petrol/kerosene). It aid to cut wood logs of bigger size and lopping of branches and shoots.

Chain weeder:

It is operated by petrol/diesel/kerosene. It is used to slash the weeds on large scale.

Rose can:

A tubular pipe with rose i.e. fitted into the can through which water is sprinkled over the nursery beds until the germination of seeds and to avoid splashing of seeds from the nursery beds due to loose pipe irrigation and flood irrigation.

Iron pan:

• It is made of iron and used for transporting pot mixtures, potted plants through head load from one place to another for short distance.

Hose pipe:

• This is available in convenient length. Irrigation to nursery plants is made possible to any extent.

Pruning shear:

• It is made of iron fitted with wooden handle. It is used to prune unwanted branches, collection of scion, trimming of the edges and hedges and topiary work.

Scythe:

• It is long knifed, fitted with wooden handle. It is used for slashing of weeds.

Introduction

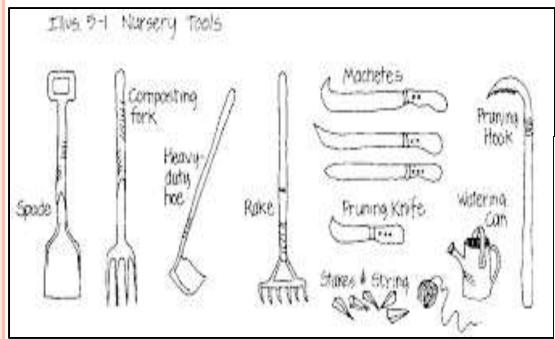
- For carrying out day-to-day routine cultural operations in the nursery, various tools, implements and accessories are required.
- Some tools are simple and are used for simple operations, whereas for carrying out specific operations, special types of equipments are required.

TOOLS FOR LAND PREPARATION AND OTHER BASIC WORKS

TOOLS

• Axes, crow bar, wheel barrows, boxes, plastic buckets, watering cans, wire cutters, digging forks, hammer, nails, hoes, hand pruning knives, budding knives, respiratory masks, sprayers, saws, scissors, secateurs, budding and grafting knives, budding and grafting tape, germination trays, khurpis, iron pan, spade, fork etc.

PLANT NURSERY TOOLS





CONTAINERS

- Containers made up of polythene (bags, pots, root trainers), clay (pots) or iron material.
- Polybags are the cheap containers.
- Root trainers are user friendly, easy to handle and transport.
- A root trainer container is an aid to the cultivation of young <u>plants</u> and <u>trees</u> in nurseries.

 Many <u>pot</u> designs train the roots.
- One example is a truncated plastic cone in which a <u>seedling</u> is planted.
- There is a drainage hole at the bottom and the main <u>tap root</u> tends to grow towards this.

Pots







POLY BAGS







ROOT TRAINERS







SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Plant nursery

Unit – 2: Necessities for nursery

Lesson 1: Nursery beds



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- IV. Seedbed treatment
- v. Precautions to be taken during preparation

I. INTRODUCTION

• What is a nursery bed?

Plant nursery seedbed is a land, which is made free from weeds, stumps, stones, pebbles etc and it is used for sowing of seeds to raise seedlings and multiplication of different plants through asexual means.

II. Types of nursery seedbeds

Based on preparation nursery beds three types.

- 1. Flat or Level seedbed
- 2. Raised seedbed
- 3. Sunken seedbed

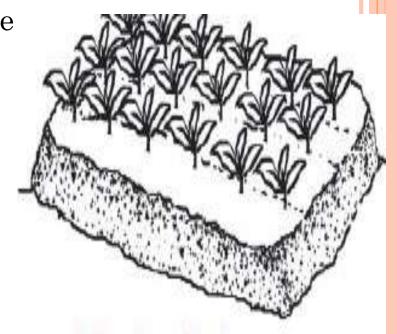
1. FLAT/LEVEL SEEDBED

- 1. This type of bed is prepared during non-rainy season (summer and winter) so that there is no water logging.
- 2. Usually a flat bed is 1-meter wide and has length according to the slope of the bed.
- 3. Irrigation channels are prepared between the rows of the beds through which each bed is connected. These also acts a drainage channels in case of heavy rain or excess irrigation.
- 4. Adequate drainage provision is made and preference for sandy or sandy loam soil is given when preparing a flat bed.

2. RAISED SEEDBED

- Raised type seedbed is prepared during the rainy season.
- 2. This type of bed is prepared about

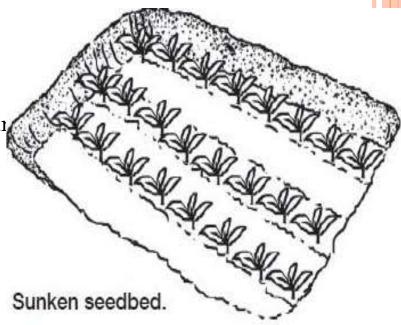
 15cm high from the ground level. The width is kept at 1 1.5 meters and length 3 5 meters. This enables good drainage during rains and checks water stagnation.
- A space of 3 4 cm is left between two beds in order to carry out cultural practices smoothly.



Raised seedbed.

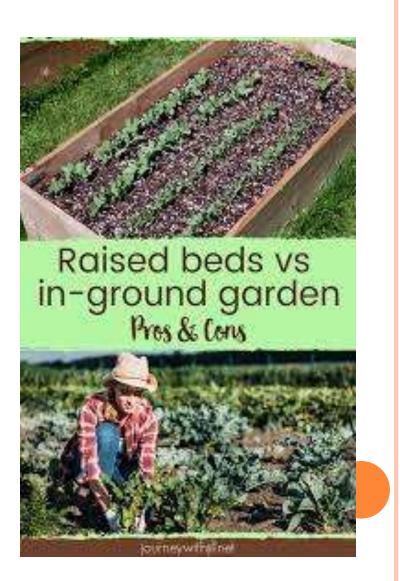
3. SUNKEN SEEDBED

- 1. The soil of the bed is prepared in dry and windy areas.
- In dry areas, the bed is kept 10 15 cm. below the ground level, which helps in conserving water.
- Sunken bed facilitates the deposition of irrigation water or rain water for a longer time.
- In case of water scarcity, this type of bed helps to conserve the moisture.
- 5. Such a bed can be easily irrigated during dry season.
- 6. A sunken bed provides protection to the seedling high wind conditions as they are covered.



RAISED BEDS VS SUNKEN BEDS RAISED BEDS VS FLAT SEEDBEDS





III PREPARATION OF SEEDBED



SEEDBED PREPARATION

- Soil of seedbed needs to be loose, smooth and without large clumps. Large clumps, uneven depth would make plant depth random.
- <u>Loose soil</u> provides <u>aeration</u> and <u>space</u> for root growth
- Seedbed preparation is done by secondary tillage through use of harrow and cultivators.

STEPS IN SEEDRED PREPARATION

- Removal of debris: e.g. Insect eggs, disease spores, stones etc. are removed
- Leveling: it is done for achieving even drainage
- Breaking up the soil: Compacted soil broken up by digging followed by disking.
- Soil improvement: Compost, decomposed organic matter are added
- Fertilizing: If soil is deficient in any nutrients it can be added manually.

IV SEEDED TREATMENT

- For raising healthy seedlings, soil must be treated for making it pathogen and pest free.
- Methods of treatment:
- Soil solarization: most suited
- Formalin solution treatment
- 3. Application of fungicide: e.g. Captan, Thiram
- Use of insecticides: e.g. Chloropyriphos @ 2ml/liter of water
- 5. <u>Fumigation</u>: use of methyl bromide

SOIL SOLARIZATION





V. Precautions to be taken during preparation

- 1. The nursery bed is used for germination of seeds and for rooting of cuttings in the soil.
- 2. Nutrition, sufficient moisture and aeration are important factors that effect the growth.
- Nursery bed must be prepared in fertile soil rich in organic matter content, having adequate drainage and aeration.
- 4. Excess irrigation in sunken or flat beds may lead to rotting of seeds, seedlings and damping off incidence.
- 5. Watering of the bed depends on the type of soil. Sandy soil needs frequent watering. Soil having more water retention capacity do not require frequent irrigation.
- 6. Soil borne infections caused by nematodes, insect-pest and pathogens may be avoided by treating the soil either by physical (solarisation) or chemical (formalin, fungicide, insecticide, bio agents) way.
- 7. The width of the nursery bed must not be more than 1 meter and the length must be according to the slope of the soil, so that when irrigated, the water reaches every corner of the bed and the whole bed gets irrigated.



Unit 2

Lesson 5

Sowing methods of seeds and planting material

Introduction

 Sowing or seeding is an art of placing seeds in the soil to have good germination in the field.
 A perfect seeding gives correct amount of seed per unit area, correct depth at which seed is placed in the soil and correct spacing between row-to-row and plant to plant

Methods of sowing

There are different methods of sowing such as

- 1. Traditional method
- 2. Broadcasting
- 3. Dibbling
- 4. Drilling
- 5. Seed dropping behind the plough.
- 6. Transplanting
- 7. Hill dropping
- 8. Check row planting

1. Traditional Method

- 1. A funnel-shaped tool is used to sow the seeds traditionally.
- 2. The funnel is filled with seeds and the seeds pass through two or three pipes with sharp ends.
- 3. These ends enter into the soil and the seeds are placed there.

2. Broadcasting

 Broadcasting is the most common and oldest methods of seed sowing, where the seeds are just spread on the soil. Then seeds may or may not be covered with soil. Broadcasting may be done manually with hands or through mechanical spreader.

3. Dibbling

- 1. Holes are made in the seedbeds and the seeds are placed in it.
- 2. The seedbeds are then covered. The holes are made at definite depths.
- A dibbler is used for dibbling. It is a conical instrument that makes proper holes in the seedbed.
- 4. This method is usually used to sow vegetables

4. Drilling

- The seeds are dropped into furrow lines in a continuous flow and are then covered with soil.
- 2. This is done either mechanically or manually.
- The proper amount of seeds are sown at proper depths and proper spaces.
- 4. Drilling can be done in the following ways:
- a) Sowing behind the plough
- b) Bullock-drawn seed drills
- c) Tractor-drawn seeds drills

5. Seed dropping behind the plough

- 1. This method is commonly used in villages to sow a variety of food crops such as maize, peas, wheat, barley, and gram.
- Seeds are dropped in furrows behind the plough by a device known as malobansa.
- 3. It comprises of a bamboo tube with a funnel-shaped mouth.
- 4. It needs two men to drop the seeds. One handles the bullocks and the plough and the other drops the seeds.
- 5. However, this method consumes a lot of time and is labour-intensive.

6. Transplanting

- 1. In this process, the seedlings are first planted in nurseries and then planted in the prepared fields.
- 2. It is usually done to grow vegetables and flowers.
- 3. A transplanter is used for the purpose.
- 4. But, this process is time-consuming.

7. Hill dropping

- In this method, seeds are dropped at fixed spacing and not in a continuous stream. Thus the spacing between plant to plant in a row is constant.
- In case of drills, the seeds are dropped in continuous stream and the spacing between plant to plant in a row is not constant

8. Check row planting

- 1. The seeds are planted along straight parallel furrows.
- 2. A check row planter is used for the method.
- 3. The row-to-row and plant-to-plant distance is uniform.
- 4. A machine used for check row planting is called check row planter

Precautions while Sowing the Seeds

There are a few necessary precautions, which need to be followed while sowing the seeds.

- The seeds should be disease-free.
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- Seeds should be sown such that all the crops should get an equal amount of light, nutrients, and water.
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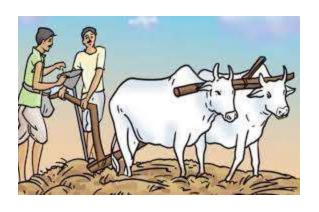
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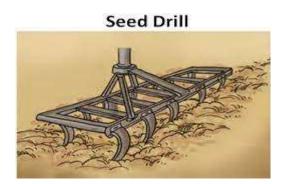
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UNIT 2

Lesson 5 Sowing methods of seeds and planting material













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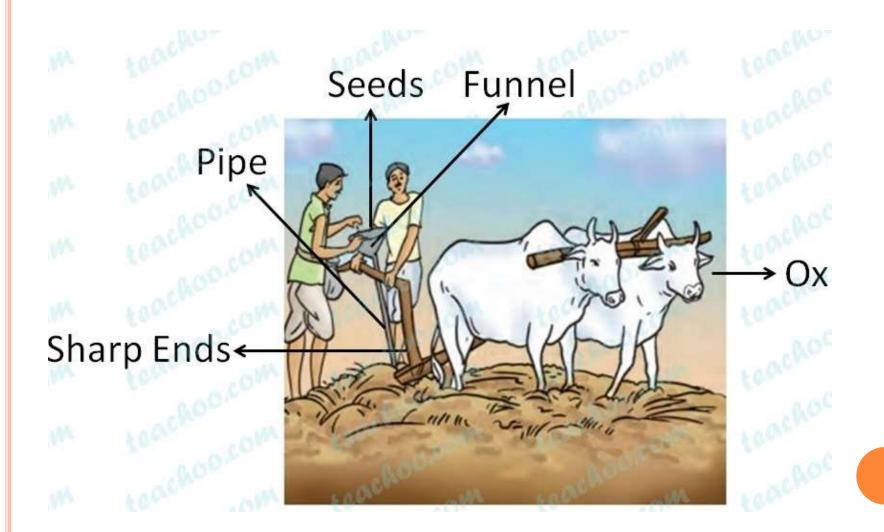
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TRADITIONAL METHOD OF SOWING SEEDS



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- 2. Broadcasting may be done manually with hands or through mechanical spreader

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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

1. Advantages of Manual Broadcasting:-

- Manual method is cheap.
- It takes less time than other methods.
- This method is suitable only for small seeded and crops where plant to plant distance is small or does not matter.

2. Disadvantages of Broadcasting

- In this method the Seed distribution is uneven.
- Some of the Seeds are not be covered by soil.
- The density and depth of seeds are uneven.
- The germination of seed is Non-uniform.
- Crop stand is affected by uneven distribution.

3. DIBBLING

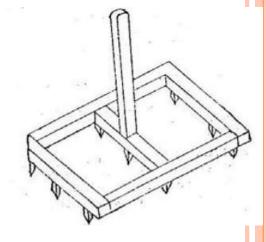
- Dibbling is the process in which seeds are placed in holes or pits made on seed beds, at equal predetermined distances and depths, and cover them with soil.
- 2. This procedure is done by dibbler, planter or manually.
- 3. Dibbler is a conical instrument used to make proper holes in the field.
- 4. Small hand dibblers are made with several conical projections made in a frame.

DIBBLING





Dibbler



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DIBBLING

- 1. Advantages of Dibbling:-
- Less seeds are required.
- Germination is rapid and uniform.
- Seedling vigor is good.
- 2. Disadvantages of Dibbling:-
- It is time consuming.
- More labor is required
- This method is costly.

4. DRILLING

- Drilling consists of dropping the seeds in furrow lines in a continuous flow and covering them with soil.
- 2. In this method the seed is dropped into holes either manually (or) using a
 - machine (seed drill or seed-cum fertilizer drill).
- 3. A **seed drill** is a device used in agriculture that sows **seeds** for crops by positioning them in the soil and burying them to a specific depth. ... The **seed drill** sows the **seeds** at the proper **seeding** rate and depth, ensuring that the **seeds** are covered by soil.
- 4. The number of rows planted may be one or more.
- 5. Drilling can be done by sowing behind the plough, bullock brawn seed drills or tractor drawn seed drills.

DRILLING- SEED DRILL



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

1. Advantages of Drilling

- The quantity of seed required is less.
- During drilling Manures, fertilizers and amendments can applied with seeds.

2. Disadvantages of Drilling

- More time consuming.
- More labor required.
- Cost is high.

5. Sowing Behind Country Plough

- 1. It is very common method used in villages.
- 2. It is used for seed like maize, gram, peas, barley etc.
- In this method a man drops seeds in the furrow behind the plough.
- 4. Sowing can be done with a device called malobansa.
- It consists of a baboo tube provided with a funnel shaped mouth.
- 6. One man drops the seed through the funnel and other handles the plough and the bullocks.
- 7. It is a slow and laborious method.

5. Sowing Behind Country Plough



6. TRANSPLANTING

- 1. In this process, the seedlings are first planted in nurseries and then planted in the prepared fields.
- 2. It is usually done to grow vegetables and flowers.
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TRANSPLANTING





7. HILL DROPPING

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HILL DROPPING - MANUAL



HILL DROPPING - MECHANICAL



8. CHECK ROW PLANTING

- It is a method of planting, in which row to- row and plant
 –to –plant distance is uniform.
- 2. In this method seeds are planted precisely along straight parallel furrows.
- 3. The rows are always in two perpendicular directions.
- A machine is used for check row planting called check row planter.

CHECK ROW PLANTING





PRECAUTIONS WHILE SOWING THE SEEDS

There are a few necessary precautions, which need to be followed

while sowing the seeds.

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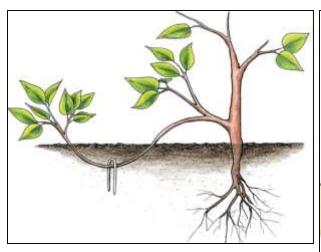


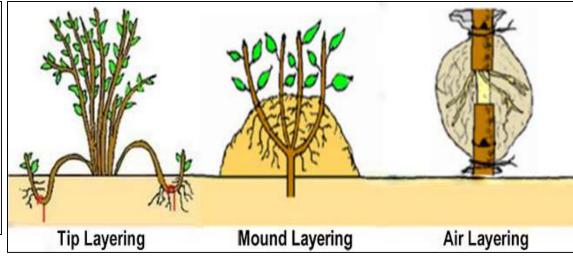


Unit 2

Lesson 4

 Outlines of vegetative propagation techniques to produce planting material





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- 1. What is propagation?
- 2. Propagation types
 - 1. Sexual propagation(Seed propagation)
 - 2. Asexual propagation(vegetative propagation)
 - 3. Micropropagation (tissue culture)

What is propagation?

Propagation is defined as multiplication (or) production of plants.

Propagation-types

Propagation is done by two techniques.

- 1. Sexual means of propagation (seed propagation)
- 2. Asexual means of propagation (vegetative propagation)

1. Sexual means of propagation (seed propagation)

I. Sexual propagation(seed propagation)

- Sexual propagation is also called seed propagation since new plants are developed from seeds.
- It's an old, easy, simple and effective technique for ornamentals or flowering plants, vegetables, fruits and medicinal plants.
- 3. This type of propagation allows for diversity in plant species and creates new varieties of plants.

1.1. Advantages of Sexual Plant Propagation

There are many advantages of sexual propagation.

Six important advantages are:

- Easy and cheap: It is the easiest and least expensive method of plant propagation.
- 2. Long life span: Seedling trees are harder and have longer life span.
- 3. Difficulty: Plants which are difficult to propagate by vegetative method e.g. papaya, coconut, etc. can only be

- 4. Root stock and scion production: The rootstocks and scion, for budding and grafting are obtained by means of sexual propagation.
- 5. Resistant to diseases: Sexually propagated plants are more resistant to pests and disease.
- 6. **Polyembryonic varieties** (give rise to more than one seedling from one seed) can be propagated by seed.

1.2. Disadvantages of Sexual Plant Propagation

- 1. Late bearing: Seedlings take more time to bear fruits.
- 2. Cannot improve the quality: Quality of existing plants cannot be improved by sexual propagation.
- 3. Plants propagated sexually are large in size, thus the cost of manuring, pruning and spraying increases.
- 4. Due to cross pollination and segregation, there is no assurance about genetic purity of plant.
- 5. Identification of sex in seedling is not possible.

Asexual reproduction

2. Asexual (or) Vegetative propagation

- Asexual propagation is also called vegetative propagation since vegetative parts of the plant are used for developing a new plant.
- Vegetative parts of plants such as leaves, stems, and roots are used for propagation.
- These plants may be taken from single mother plant or other plants.
- 4. The vegetative methods most often used to produce trees are cuttings, layering, grafting and micro-propagation.

Vegetative propagation - Types

Asexual propagation or vegetative propagation is of two types.

- 1. Natural vegetative propagation
- 2. Artificial vegetative propagation

Natural vegetative propagation

- Natural vegetative propagation occurs when plants grow and develop naturally without any human interference. New plants develop from the roots, stem and leaves of the parent plant.
- **1. Roots**: New plants emerge out of swollen, modified roots known as tubers. Buds are formed at the base of the stem.
- **2. Stem**: Runners grow horizontally above the ground.

 Buds are formed at the nodes of the runners.
- **3. Leaves**: Leaves of few plants get detached from the parent plant and develop into a new plant.
- **4. Bulbs**: Bulbs have an underground stem to which the leaves are attached.
 - These leaves are capable of storing food.
 - The centre of the bulb contains an apical bud that produces leaves and flowers.
 - Shoots are developed from the lateral buds.

Artificial vegetative propagation

In this method plant propagation involves human interference.

The most common types of artificial vegetative propagation are:

- 1. Cutting
- 2. Grafting
- 3. Layering
- 4. Division
- 5. Budding
- 6. Suckering
- 7. Tissue culture/ micro propagation

Cutting

- Cutting is an artificial vegetative propagation.
- In this process of cutting the vegetative part of the plant (leaf, stem, and root) is cut and then planted again to regenerate the whole plant.
- On the basis of plant part used and relative positions on a plant cutting is 4 types.
 - i. Stem cutting
 - ii. Root cutting
 - iii. Leaf cutting
 - iv. Leaf bud cutting

Stem cutting

- A stem cutting is any cutting taken from the main shoot of a plant or any side shoot growing from the same plant or stem.
- The shoots with high carbohydrate content usually root better.
- Broadly there are four types of stem cuttings.
 - a). Hard wood cutting
 - b). Semi-hard wood cutting
 - c). Soft wood cutting
 - d). Herbaceous cutting.

a). Hard wood cutting

- Cutting from mature and lignified stem of shrubs and trees are called as hardwood cuttings.
- Hardwood cuttings are prepared during dormant season, usually from one-year-old shoots of previous season's growth.
- Eg. A number of deciduous fruit plants like grape, kiwifruit, pomegranate, mulberry, plum, olive,

gooseberry etc.

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b). Semi-hard wood cutting (green wood cutting)

- Semi-hard wood cuttings are those made from woody, broad-leaved evergreen species with partially matured wood.
- These types of cuttings are mostly used in evergreen fruit plants.
- Eg.Mango, guava, lemon, jackfruit some shrubs and shrubby ornamental plants.

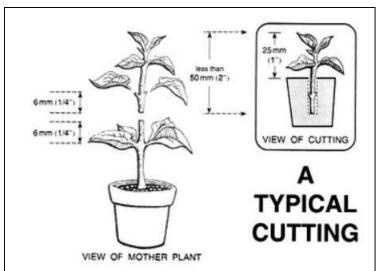
c). Soft wood cutting

- In this method cuttings are prepared from the soft succulent new spring growth species which are 4 to 6 months old.
- Eg. Ornamental plants, Lilies etc

d). Herbaceous cutting

- In this method cutting is taken from succulent herbaceous green house plants.
- Only 2 to 3 months old tender shoots are used.
- Eg. Chrysanthemum, Cactus etc.

A typical stem cutting





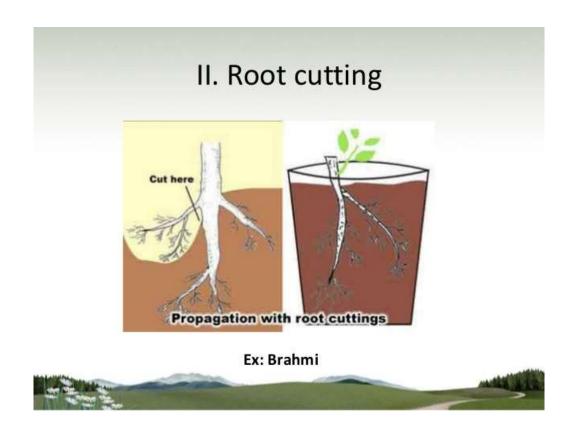


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ii). Root cutting

- Propagation by means of root cuttings is also a simple and cheap method
 of vegetative propagation in species, which are difficult-to-propagate by
 other methods.
- In general, the plants, which produce suckers freely, are easily propagated by root cuttings.
- For preparation of root-cuttings, roots which are of 1cm thickness and
 10-15 cm long are cut into pieces.
- The best time for taking root cutting is late winter or early spring, when roots are well supplied with stored food material.
- Eg. Apple, pear, peach

Root cutting



iii) Leaf cutting

- Certain plants with thick and fleshy leaves have the capacity to produce plantlets on their leaves.
- In leaf s, the leaf blade with or without petiole and axillary bud is used for starting a new plant.
- Advetitious roots and shoots form at the base of the leaf and form a new plant.
- Eg. Bryophyllum, Begonia etc

Leaf cutting

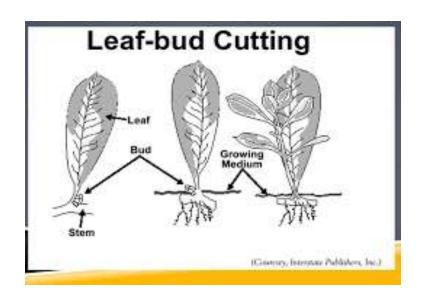




iv). Leaf bud cutting

- A leaf bud cutting consists of a leaf blade, petiole and a short piece of stem with attached axillary bud of actively growing leaf.
- Leaf bud cutting should preferably and be prepared during growing season because buds if enter into dormancy may be difficult to force to active stage, thereby inhibit the rooting in such cuttings.
- Eg. Black rasberry, Black berry, lemon etc.

Leaf bud cutting





Grafting

- Grafting involves cutting a twig of one plant (scion) and joining it with the stem of another plant (root stock) in such a manner that they form a unit and function as one plant.
- It is a bit of a complex process but allows to bring the desired character to new plants. We have to follow sterile conditions while doing the process.

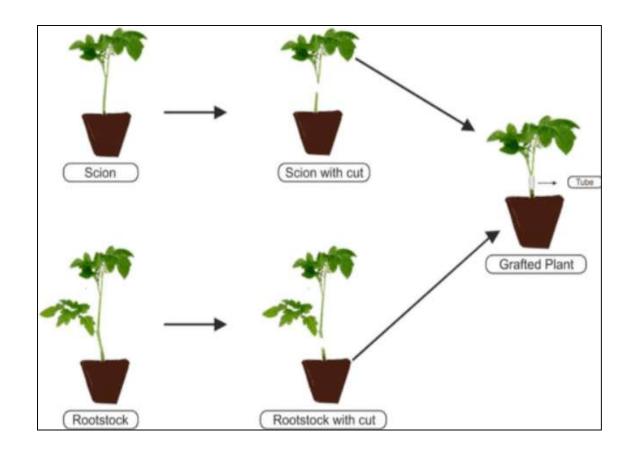
Grafting types

Grafting is of three main types (Detached scion grafting, Approach grafting, Repair grafting).

They are again subdivided into several types. The main grafting types are:

- Cleft grafting
- Bark grafting
- Whip or tongue grafting

Grafting



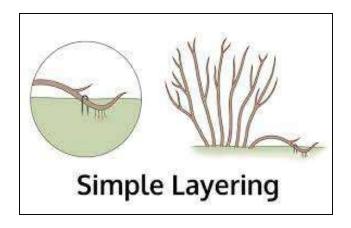
Layering

- In this technique, the attached and bent branch of the plant is covered with soil and allowed to root.
- After the emergence and development of roots that specific part of the plant is cut and allowed to grow as a new plant. Layering are of different types:
- 1. Simple layering: Eg. grapes
- **2. Compound layering**: Eg. Grapes
- 3. **Tip layering**:.Eg. blackberries, raspberries
- 4. Mound layering: apple, pear, quince, currants, gooseberry and other fruit crops.

a). Simple layering

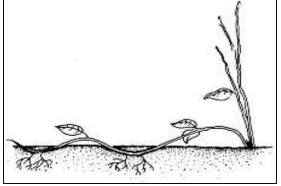
Bend the low growing and flexible stem of the plant to be layered to the ground and cover the part touching the ground with soil.

Eg. Grapes



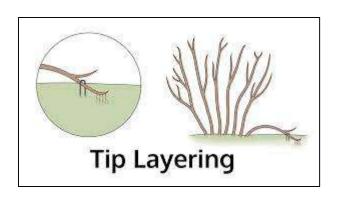
b). Compound layering

- It is a modification of simple layering in which one-year-old branch is alternatively covered and exposed along its length.
- The stem is girdled at different points in the underground part.
- Eg.: Muscadine grape



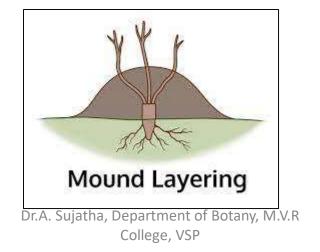
c). Tip layering

- In this method, insert the new shoot tip in a hole in the ground, which is 3 to 4 inches deep.
- Cover the shoot with soil, leaving 3 to 4 leaves above the soil.
- Eg. Blackberries, Raspberries



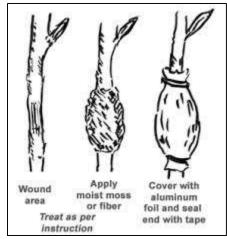
d). Mound layering

- It is a method of propagation in which the shoots of plants are cut back to the ground and soil or rooting medium is mounded around new sprouts/shoots to stimulate roots to develop at their bases.
- Eg. Apple, Pear, Gooseberry and other fruit crops.



e). Air layering

- Monocot plants: In these plants the stem of the plant is slit below a node and the slit is kept open using a toothpick.
- But for dicot plants, 1 inch ring of the bark of the plant is removed.
- Cover the wound with wet sphagnum moss and wrap it up with plastic then aluminum foil.
- When a good amount of roots appear,
 cut the plant below the moss ball and plant them.
 - Eg. :Croton house plants, Oleander, Rubber plant.



3.3.4. Division

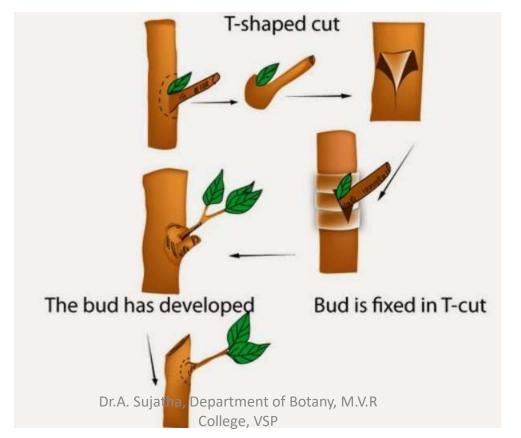
- This is a suitable technique for perennials (plants that live for more than two years).
- It involves dividing the plant by digging and moving it to an already prepared site.
- This helps the plant to rejuvenate and reduce water and nutrient competition.

Division



Budding

• In this method, a cut is made in the rootstock and a single bud with little or no wood is inserted into it in such a way that they unite and grow as a new plant.

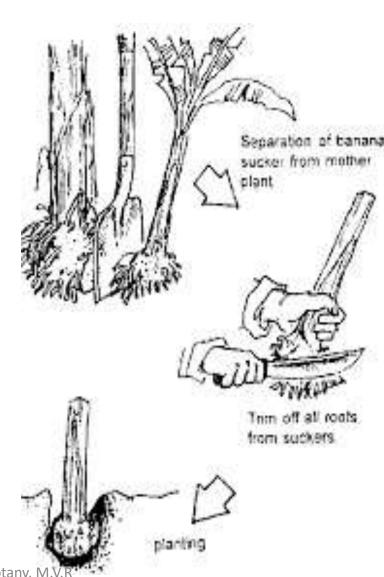


Methods of budding

- Methods of budding may be
- **T- budding or shield budding:** cut is in the shape of letter "T" Eg. Fruit trees (citrus) and ornamental plants (rose)
- 2. Inverted T- budding: In heavy rainfall areas, cut is made in the shape of inverted "T".
- **3. Patch budding**: A patch of bark is removed from the stock plant and is replaced with a patch of bark of the same size containing a bud from the desired plant. Eg: Pecan nut and walnut.
- **4. Ring budding**: A ring of bark is removed from the stock plant and is replaced with a ring of bark of the same size containing a bud from the desired plant. Eg: Ber plant.
- 5. Double budding and Top budding.

Suckering

- Suckers attach to a parent plant and form a dense, compact mat.
- Since too many suckers can lead to smaller crop size, excess numbers are pruned or cut out and removed.
- 3. Mature suckers are cut away from a parent plant and transplanted to a new area where they sprout new plant



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Advantages and Disadvantages of Asexual Plant Propagation

1. Advantages of Asexual Plant Propagation

- 1. Plants propagated by this method are **true to type** and uniform in growth, yield and quality of fruits
- 2. Some fruits such as banana, pineapple, seedless guava and seedless grape varieties can only be propagated through vegetative means
- 3. Vegetative propagated fruit tree comes into bearing earlier than seed propagated plants.
- 4. Plants produced are of manageable size and have uniform fruits making harvesting easy
- 5. Some diseases can be avoided in susceptible varieties by grafting

Disadvantages of Asexual Plant Propagation

- 1. Plants propagated by this method are not hardy and fall easy prey to adverse conditions of soil, climate, diseases, pests, etc.
- 2. It is difficult and more expensive method of propagation in some plants like papaya, coconut, etc.
- 3. Plants are generally not so vigorous and long lived as seedling plants and they require special skill for

Micro propagation Tissue Culture

What is micro propagation?

 Micro propagation is the artificial process of producing plants vegetatively through tissue culture or cell culture techniques.

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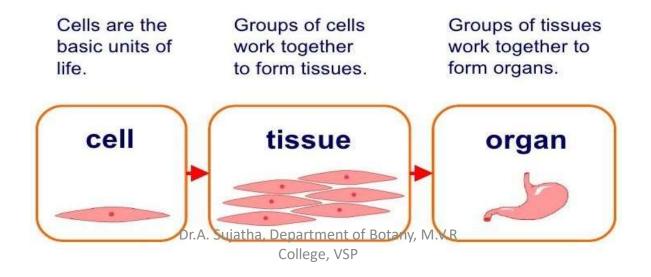
• Micro propagation refers to the *in vitro* multiplication and/or regeneration of plant material under aseptic and controlled environmental conditions to produce thousands or millions of plants for transfer to the field.

in vitro?

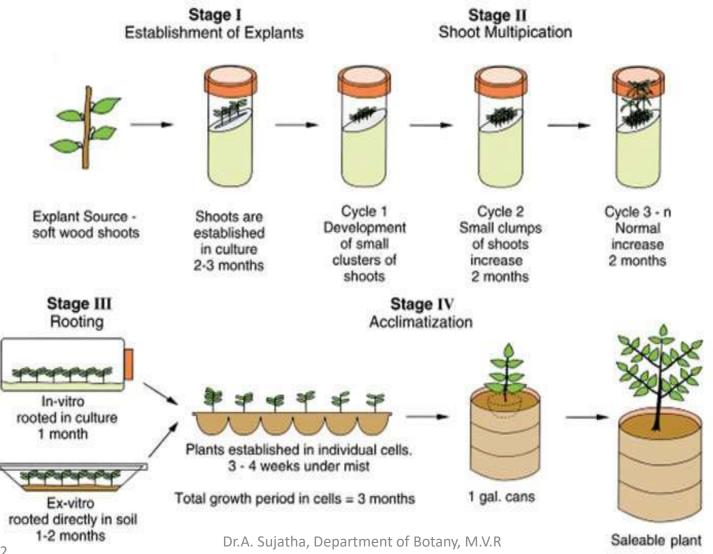
 Process taking place in a test tube, culture dish, or elsewhere outside a living organism.

What is a cell and tissue?

- **Cells** are the smallest, structural and functional unit of an organism, which is characteristically microscopic.
- Tissue is a group of cells that have similar structure and that function together as a unit.



Micro propagation - stages



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Micro propagation -Tissue Culture

- Plant Tissue Culture is a process that uses plant material in a growing medium to grow new plantlets under controlled and sterile conditions (*in vitro*).
- This is the most recent and advanced technique
- The plant material is miniature plant tissues called **explants** grown aseptically in test tubes.
- It is extensively used for commercial purposes to produce clones of plants or mass produce plants.
- It also provides several advantages over the other methods.

Plant tissue culture



Advantages of tissue culture technique

- 1. It allows for the production of clones or exact copies of the mother plant.
- 2. Plants with desired traits or characters can be grown using this technique.
- 3. It is beneficial in propagating plants without seeds.
- 4. It allows the production of plants in a shorter period of time compared to traditional techniques.
- 5. Plants that are difficult to grow by traditional methods can be grown by this method.
- 6. Disease-free plants can be produced.
- 7. Mass production of plants is possible with this technique.
- 8. Enhance productivity.
- 9. Easy transportation of plants.

Disadvantages of tissue culture

- Tissue Culture can require more labor and cost more money.
- There is a chance that the propagated plants will be less
 resistant to diseases due to the type of environment they are grown in.
- While the success rate is high if the correct procedures are followed, success with the tissue culture is not a guarantee.
- There is still a chance that the process triggers a secondary metabolic chemical reaction, and the new explants or cells' growth gets stunted, or even die off.

- 6. Repairing of damaged portion of plant is possible by asexual methods through grafting.
- 7. Inferior quality crown of the existing plants can be improved.
- 8. It is possible to grow multiple varieties on the same plant.
- Number of plant per hectare is more due to its small canopy and restricted growth
- 10. Vegetative propagation helps in rapid multiplication with modern techniques like tissue culture.

- 4. Hybridization in these plants is not possible because there is no variation in the progeny; these methods are not suitable for development of a new variety
- 5. The required propagation structures for this method are: green house, mist chamber with cooling pad, polytunnels/screen house, tissue culture room with temperature and light control.
- 6. The required hardware are root trainers, other containers, grafting machine, secateurs, cutting knife, scissors and retriculite. Botany, M.V.R

