

CHAPTER – 1
HUMAN REPRODUCTION

Points to remember

- Gametogenesis – Formation of gametes within reproductive organs (ovaries in female and testes in male).
- Insemination – Transfer of sperm into the female genital tract.
- Fertilisation – Fusion of male and female gametes.
- Implantation – Embedding of blastocyst in the endometrium of uterus.
- Gestation – Embryonic development.
- Parturition – Delivery of the baby.

Human male reproductive system

A pair of testes.

Accessory sex organs.

External genitalia.

Testes

Located in pelvic region outside the abdominal cavity within a pouch – **scrotum**.

Testis is divided into 250 compartments called testicular lobules.

Each lobule contains 1 – 3 highly coiled seminiferous tubules in which sperms are produced.

It contain 2 types of cells:

1. Spermatogonia (male germ cell) which produce sperms.
2. Sertoli cells – gives nourishment to the germ cells.

Region outside the seminiferous tubules:

- a) Contain small blood vessels.
- b) Leydig cells – produce androgens (testosterone).

Accessory ducts

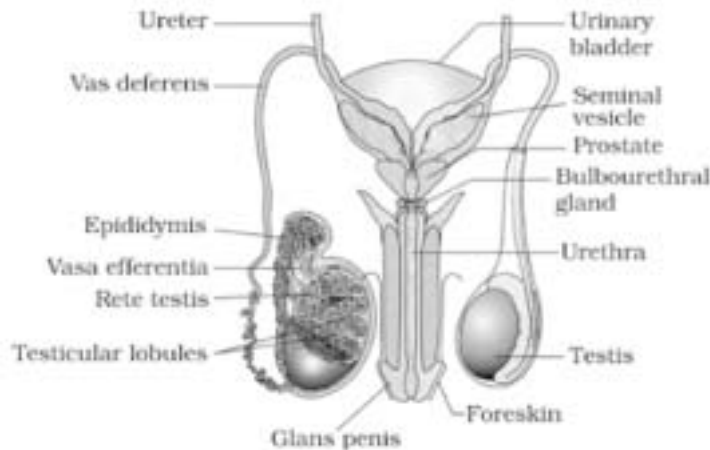
1. Rete testes
2. Vasa efferentia
3. Epididymis
4. Vas deferens

Accessory glands

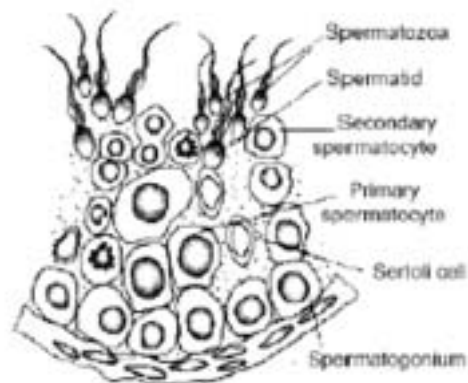
1. Seminal vesicle
2. Prostate gland
3. Bulbo-urethral gland (Cowper's gland)

1. Seminal plasma(Semen).
2. Rich in fructose, Ca and certain enzymes.
3. Secretions also help in lubrication of penis.
4. External genitalia – Penis.

Human male reproductive system



Seminiferous tubule



Female reproductive system

1. A pair of ovaries.
2. A pair of fallopian tubes, a uterus, cervix and vagina.
3. External genitalia.
4. Mammary glands.

Ovaries

Located in the abdominal cavity one on each side near the kidney.

It is an almond shaped body attached to the pelvic body wall and uterus by ligaments.

Fallopian tube

It extends from the periphery of each ovary to the uterus.

The part of fallopian tube closer to the ovary is funnel shaped and is called infundibulum.

The edges of the infundibulum possess finger like projections called fimbriae, helps in collecting the ovum during ovulation.

The wider part of fallopian tube is called ampulla.

The last part of fallopian tube that joins the uterus is called isthmus.

Uterus

Pear shaped muscular structure attached to pelvic wall and supported by ligaments.

3 layered wall

1. Outermost perimetrium.
2. Middle myometrium (The contractions of myometrium are responsible for the expulsion of the baby during parturition).
3. Innermost endometrium undergoes cyclic changes during menstrual cycle.

Uterus opens into vagina through a narrow cervix.

Vagina

Is a muscular tube like structure that opens to outside.

It is partially covered by a membrane called hymen.

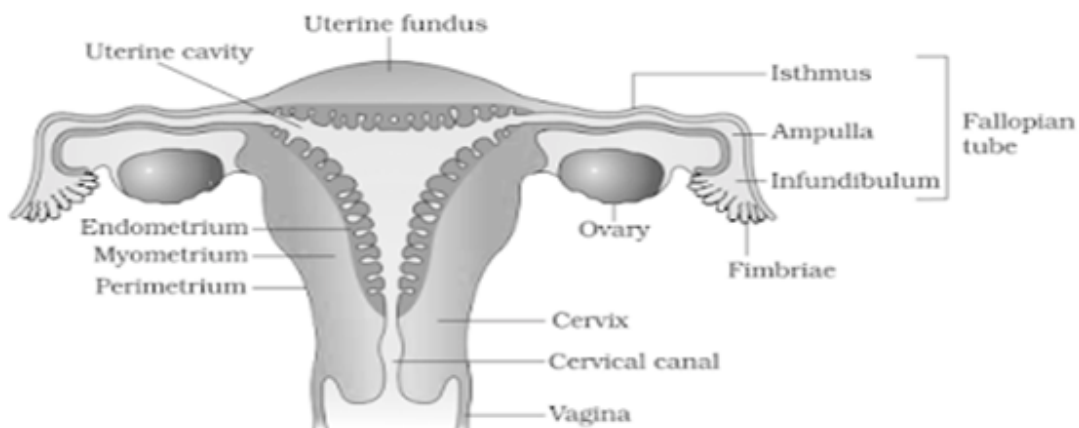
The cervix and the vagina together constitute the birth canal.

The functions of vagina are to:

Receive the male gametes during insemination

Serve as the birth canal during parturition

Human female reproductive system



External genitalia

It includes Mons pubis, labia majora, labia minora, clitoris and hymen.

Hymen is the membrane that partially covers the vaginal opening.

It is torn during first intercourse.

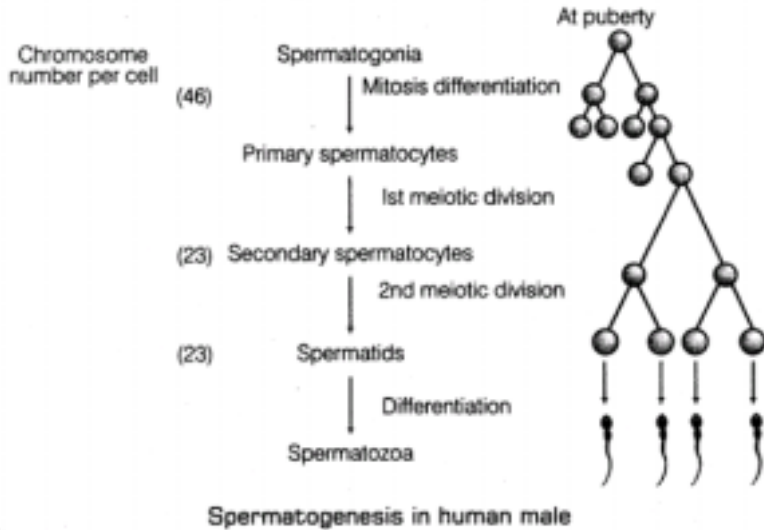
It is not an indicator of virginity.

It can also be broken by sudden fall or active participation in some sports like horse riding, cycling etc.

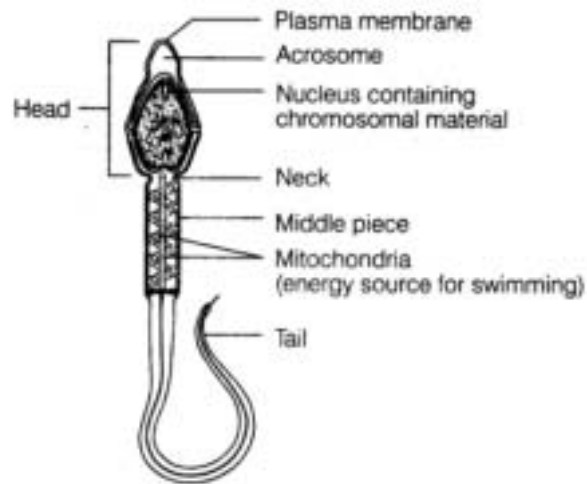
Mammary glands

Mammary lobe → Alveoli → Mammary tubule → Mammary duct → Mammary ampulla
 → Lactiferous duct → Milk is ejected out

SPERMATOGENESIS



STRUCTURE OF SPERM



Structure of a sperm

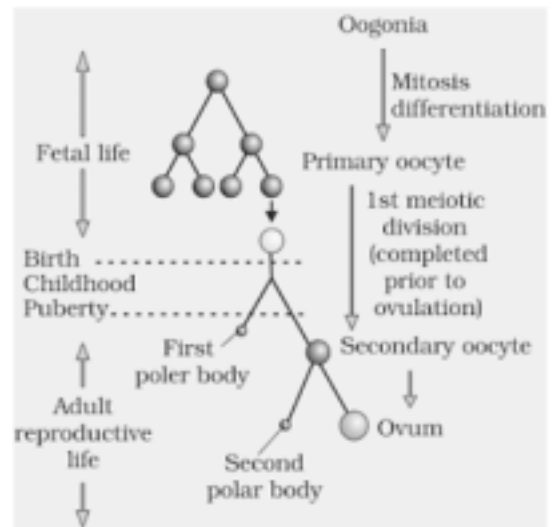
Head consists of nucleus and Acrosome

Neck contain 2 centrioles

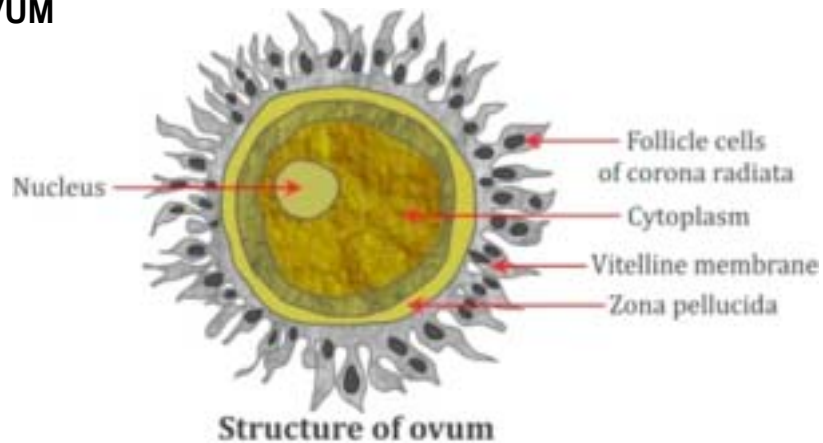
Middle piece with mitochondria

Tail helps in motility

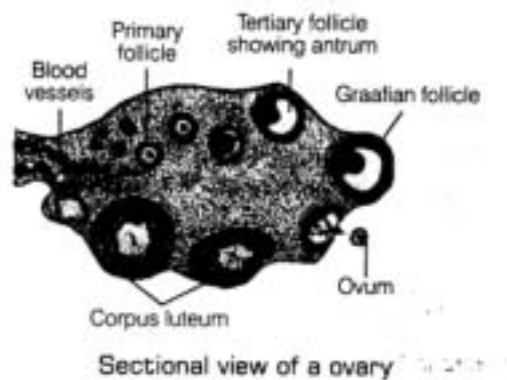
Oogenesis



STRUCTURE OF OVUM



C.S of ovary

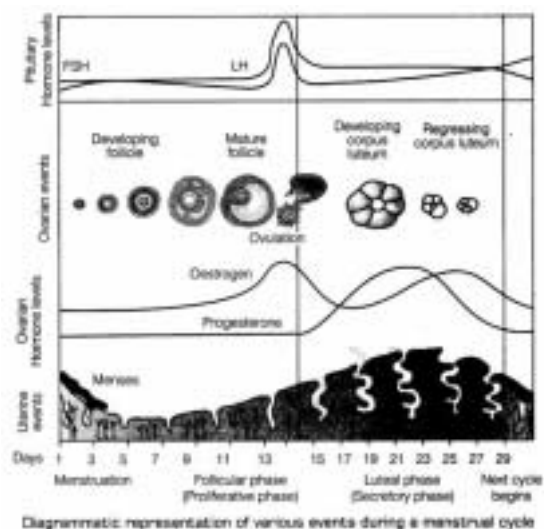


MENSTRUAL CYCLE

4 phases

1. Menstrual phase – It lasts for 3-5 days. Breakdown of endometrium, blood vessels etc. (Menstruation is absent during pregnancy).
2. Follicular phase – 4-13 days. Formation of mature Graafian follicle, endometrium regenerates.
3. Ovulatory phase – 14th day. Peak level of LH (Luteinising hormone) induces the rupture of Graafian follicle and release of ovum.
4. Luteal phase – Formation of Corpus luteum.

Corpus luteum secrete large amount of progesterone for the maintenance of endometrium during pregnancy.



FERTILISATION

Fertilisation takes place in ampullary – isthmic junction of fallopian tube.

Only one sperm fertilises with one ovum. When a sperm comes in contact with zona pellucida of the ovum, it induces changes in the membrane that blocks the entry of other sperms

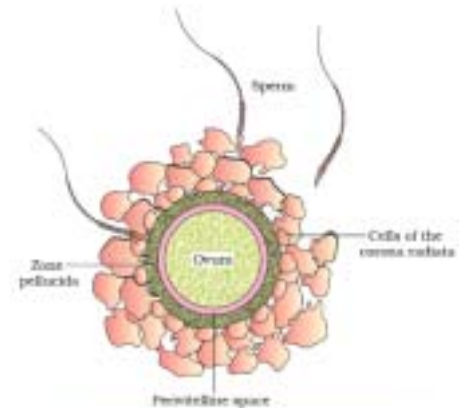


Figure 3.10 Ovum surrounded by few sperms

STAGES OF EMBRYOGENESIS

Gametes → Fertilisation → Zygote → Morula → Blastula → Gastrula → Organogenesis

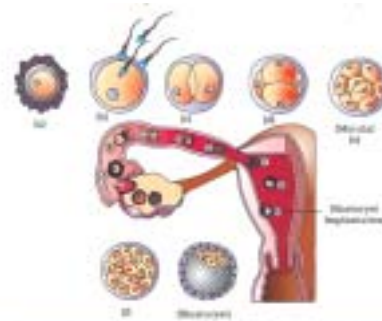


Figure 3.11 Stages of ovum, fertilisation and growth of growing embryo through fallopian tube

CLEAVAGE

The zygote undergoes successive mitotic divisions called cleavage, as it moves through the fallopian tube towards the uterus.

The daughter cells are called blastomeres.

Morula – At the 8 – 16 celled stage, the embryo is a solid sphere called a morula.

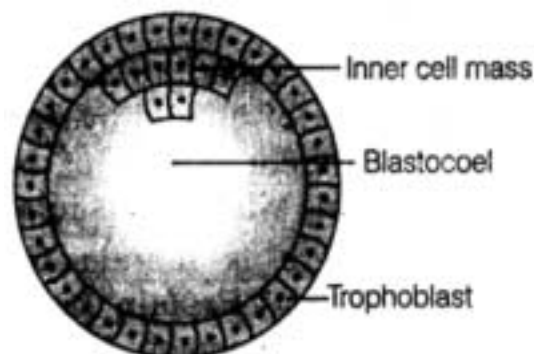
Blastocyst

Cell divisions continue in the morula and the blastomeres become arranged along the periphery leaving the central cavity called blastocoel.

The embryo at this stage is called a blastocyst.

Functions:

Trophoblast – Helps in implantation



Inner cell mass – Formation of embryo

Implantation

The blastocyst gets embedded in the endometrium. The process is called implantation.

Umbilical cord – The structure that connects the placenta with the foetus.

PLACENTA

The chorionic villi and the uterine tissue become interdigitated to form the structural and functional unit called placenta.

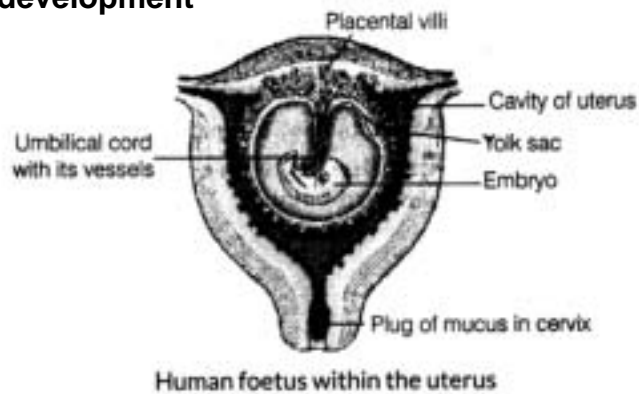
It secretes hormones like hCG, hPL, estrogens and progesterone.

It supplies oxygen and nutrients to the embryo and also removal of carbon dioxide and excretory products produced by the embryo.

hCG – human chorionic gonadotropin

hPL – human placental lactogen.

Pregnancy and embryonic development



Embryonic Development	Changes
1 st month	Formation of Heart
2 nd month	Limbs and Digits
3 rd month (First trimester)	Most of organ systems
5 th month	Hair on head, foetus shows movement
6 th month (Second trimester)	Body covers with fine hair, eyelids separate, eye lashes
End of 9 th month	Fully developed foetus

Parturition

Vigorous contractions of the uterus at the end of pregnancy causes delivery of the foetus.

Hormones – Relaxin , Oxytocin

Foetal ejection reflex (Neuro endocrine mechanism) starts from fully developed foetus and the placenta induce mild contractions.

Oxytocin induces stronger contractions of the uterine muscles which leads to expulsion of the baby from the uterus through the birth canal.

Lactation

The mammary glands start producing milk towards the end of pregnancy.

Hormone – Prolactin

Colostrum (Yellow milk)

The milk that comes out of the mammary glands of the mother just after child birth. It is rich in nutrients and antibodies (IgA) to develop resistance to the new born babies.

Important Functions

Sertoli cells – Provide nutrition and shape to the developing spermatozoa.

Leydig cells – Synthesis and secrete androgens (Testosterone)

Scrotum - Provide a temperature 2–2.5°C lower than body temperature.

Fimbriae – Helps in collecting ovum during ovulation.

Colostrum – Milk comes out of mammary glands during initial few days of lactation. It contains several antibodies (IgA) to develop resistance in the new born babies.

Acrosome – Contains enzymes help in dissolving membranes of ovum for fertilisation.

CHAPTER – 2
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

RCH (Reproductive and Child Health Care Programmes)

1. Creating awareness among the people about various reproduction – related aspects.
2. Providing facilities and support for building up a reproductively healthy society.

Reasons for population explosion

1. Decline in death rate
2. Decline in Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR)
3. Decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)
4. Increase in the number of people in the reproductive age

Consequences of population explosion

Absolute scarcity of basic requirements like food, shelter, clothing etc.

Steps for birth control

The most important step to control population is to motivate smaller families by using contraceptive methods.

Other steps include:

1. Raising of marriageable age to 18 for females and 21 for males.
2. Incentives given to couples with small families.

Programmes launched by Govt of India in order to attain reproductive health

1. Family Planning Programme in 1951
2. Reproductive And Child Health Care Programme in 1997

Features of an ideal contraceptive

1. User friendly
2. Easily available
3. Effective
4. With no side effects
5. Non interfering with the sexual desire

ILL EFFECTS

1. Nausea
2. Abdominal pain
3. Irregular menstrual bleeding
- 4 .Breast cancer

Birth control methods

NATURAL	BARRIER	IUD	ORAL	SURGICAL	IMPLANTS
1.Periodic Abstinence 2.Coitus Interruptus 3.Lactational amenorrhoea	1.Condoms 2.Diaphragms 3.Cervical caps 4.Vaults	1.Lippe's loop 2.Cu – T 3.Cu – 7 4.Multiload 375 5.Progestasert 6.LNG - 20	Pills(Saheli)	1.Vasectomy 2.Tubectomy	1.Progesterone 2.Oestrogen Combination beneath the skin

Copper releasing IUD's - Cu – T, Cu – 7 , Multiload 375

Hormone releasing IUD's - Progestasert, LNG – 20



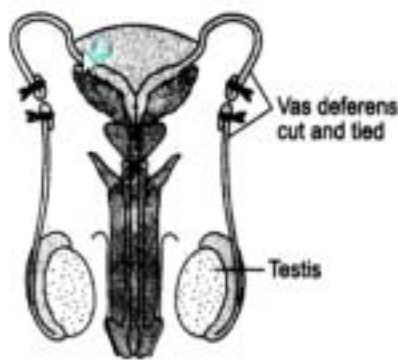
Figure 4.3 Implants



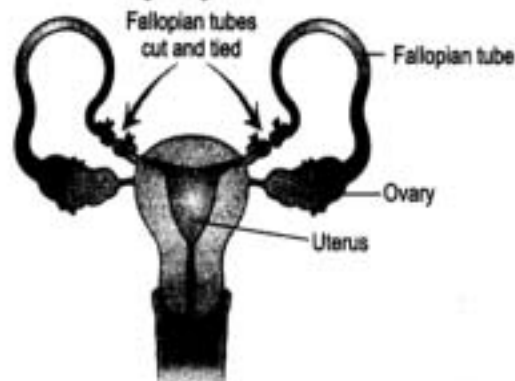
Sterilisation Methods:

Vasectomy

Tubectomy



Vasectomy in male



Tubectomy in female

STD's

Diseases	Causative agent	Type of microbe
1.AIDS	Human immuno deficiency virus	Virus
2.Hepatitis B	Hepatitis virus	Virus
3.Genital Herpes	Herpex simplex virus	Virus
4.Syphilis	Treponema pallidum	Bacteria
5.Gonorrhoea	Neisseria gonorrhoeae	Bacteria
6.Chlamydiasis	Chlamydia trachomatis	Bacteria
7.Trichomoniasis	Trichomonas vaginalis	Protozoan

PREVENTIVE MEASURES OF STD:

1. Avoid sex with multiple partners
2. Using condoms during intercourse
3. Seeking medical help

MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY (MTP)

MTP has been legalised by government in 1971, with strict conditions to avoid its misuse of illegal female foeticides. It is essential where pregnancy could be harmful to mother or foetus or both. MTP are safe during first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Infertility

Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)

1. Test Tube Baby Programme

In this method, ova from donor female and sperms from the husband are allowed to fuse under simulated conditions in the lab called IVF (In Vitro Fertilisation)

Embryo Transfer (ET)

1. a) ZIFT (Zygote Intra Fallopian Transfer) – Zygote or embryo upto 8 blastomeres is transferred into the fallopian tube
b) IUT (Intra Uterine Transfer) – Embryos with more than 8 blastmeres are transferred into the uterus.
2. Gamete Intra Fallopian Transfer (GIFT)
Transfer of an ovum collected from a donor female into another female, who cannot produce ova, but can provide suitable conditions for fertilisation and further development of the foetus upto parturition.
3. Intra Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
The sperm is directly injected into the ovum to form an embryo in the lab and then ET is carried out.
4. Artificial Insemination (AI) – This method is used when the male partner fail to inseminate the female or due to very low sperm count.
Intra Uterine Insemination (IUI) – Semen collected from the husband is artificially introduced into the vagina or into the uterus

AMNIOCENTESIS

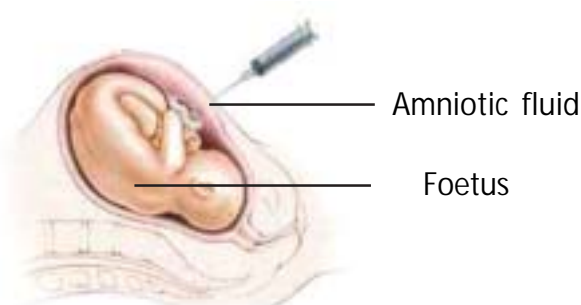
It is a prenatal diagnostic technique in which a sample of amniotic fluid from the womb of a pregnant women is taken during the early stages of development and the cells are cultured and analysed.

Uses:

Chromosomal abnormalities, sex of the foetus and developmental disorders could be detected.

Misuse:

Destroying the normal female foet



PRINCIPLES OF INHERITANCE AND VARIATION

Mendel's Laws of Inheritance:

- 1. Genetics** is the branch of biology, which deals with inheritance and variation.
- 2. Inheritance** -characters or traits are transferred from one generation to the next.
- 3. Variation** is the degree by which progeny differs from each other and with their parents.

4. Gregor Johann Mendel- father of genetics

5. Mendel's Experimental Material

garden pea(*Pisum sativum*).

Reason for selecting Garden pea

- Easy availability
- Many varieties are available
- Can be cross-pollinated easily

Mendels law

Monohybrid cross

In this cross only one trait is considered

Phenotypic ratio-3:1

Genotypic ratio – 1:2:1

Phenotype – physical appearance of an organism

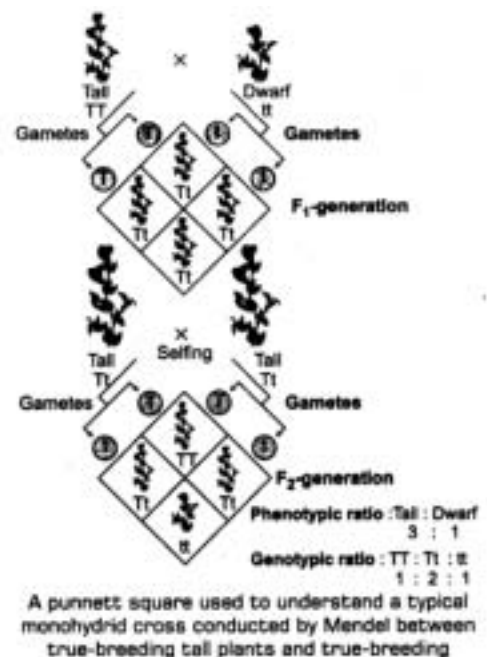
Genotype – allelic combination of an organism

Punnett square

- The production of gametes by the parents, the formation of the zygotes, the F_1 and F_2 - generations can be understood by a diagram called Punnett square developed by a British geneticist RC Punnett.
- The Punnett square is a graphical representation to calculate the probability of all possible genotypes of offsprings in a genetic cross.
- The $1/4 : 1/2 : 1/4$ genotypic ratio of $TT : Tt : tt$ is mathematically condensable to the form of binomial expression $(ax + by)^2$, that has the gametes bearing genes T or t in equal frequency of $1/2$.

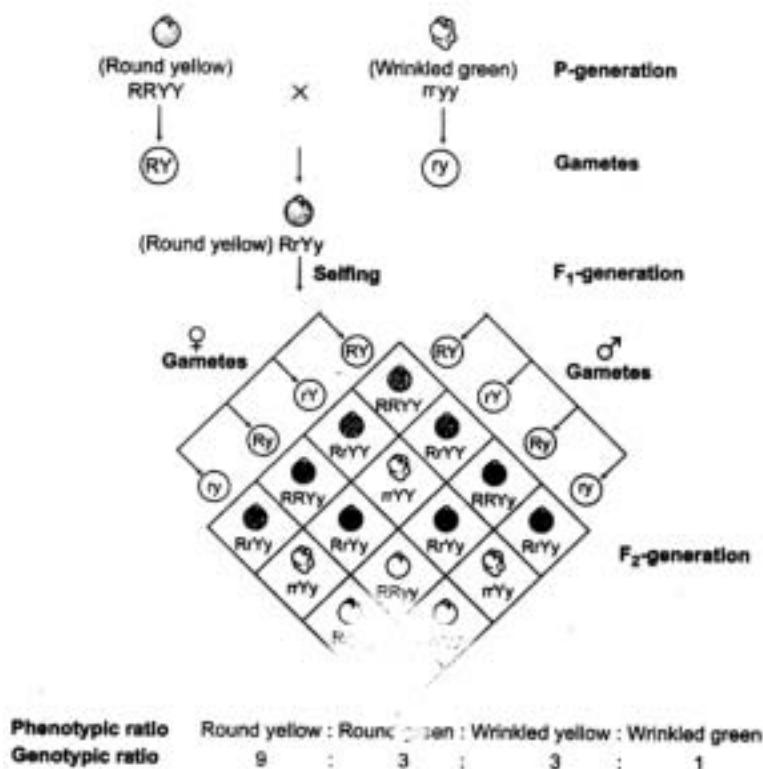
- The expression is expanded as $(\frac{1}{2} T + \frac{1}{2} t)^2 = (\frac{1}{2} T + \frac{1}{2} t) \times (\frac{1}{2} T + \frac{1}{2} t)$

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Dihybrid cross

In this cross two traits are considered



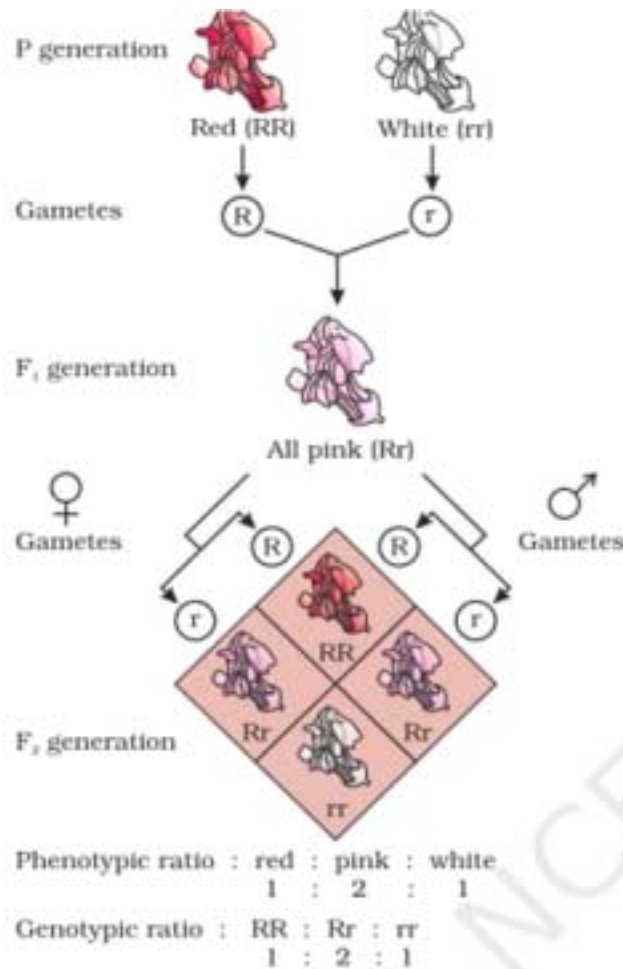
Eg 1:2:1:2:4:2:1:2:1

Mendel's law

- Law of dominance (first law)** when two alternate forms of a trait are present in an organism, only one factor expresses itself in F1-generation. While, the other factor (recessive) remains hidden. The expressed trait is called dominant and the hidden character is recessive
- Law of segregation (second law)** States that alleles of a pair segregate from each other during gamete formation.
- Law of independent assortment (third law)** It is based on dihybrid cross, which states that when two pairs of contrasting traits are combined in a hybrid, segregation of one pair of characters is independent of the other pair of characters

Incomplete dominance is a phenomenon in which the F1: – hybrid shows characters intermediate of the parental genes.

Example, inheritance of flower colour in the dog flower



Codominance is a phenomenon in which two alleles are able to express themselves independently when present together.

example ABO blood groups in human. In AB group both A and B alleles are expressed.

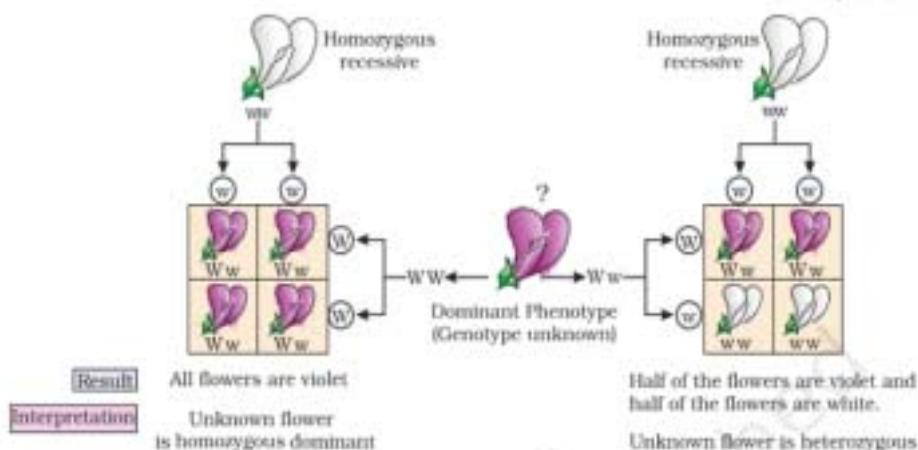
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Allele from Parent 1	Allele from Parent 2	Genotype of offspring	Blood types of offspring
I^A	I^A	$I^A I^A$	A
I^A	I^B	$I^A I^B$	AB
I^A	i	$I^A i$	A
I^B	I^A	$I^A I^B$	AB
I^B	I^B	$I^B I^B$	B
I^B	i	$I^B i$	B
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Test cross-

A cross is made of unknown dominant genotype with the recessive parent.



Pleiotropy

It is the phenomenon in which a single gene exhibits multiple phenotypic expressions.

For example seed shape and size of starch grains controlled by same gene

Polygenic inheritance

In this, traits are controlled by three or more genes

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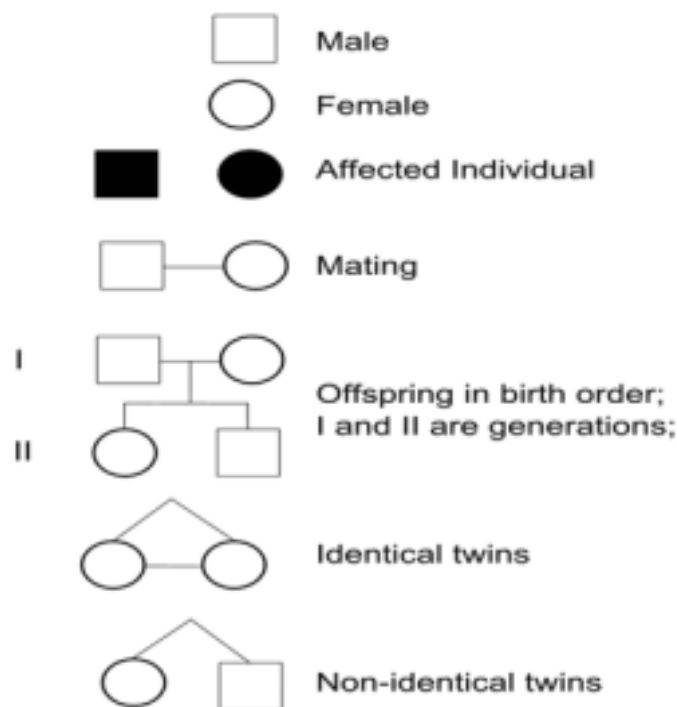
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Pedigree analysis

Pedigree Analysis is a tabular representation of a family history by taking a particular disease or character



Sex Determination in Different Organisms

1) XX - XY type

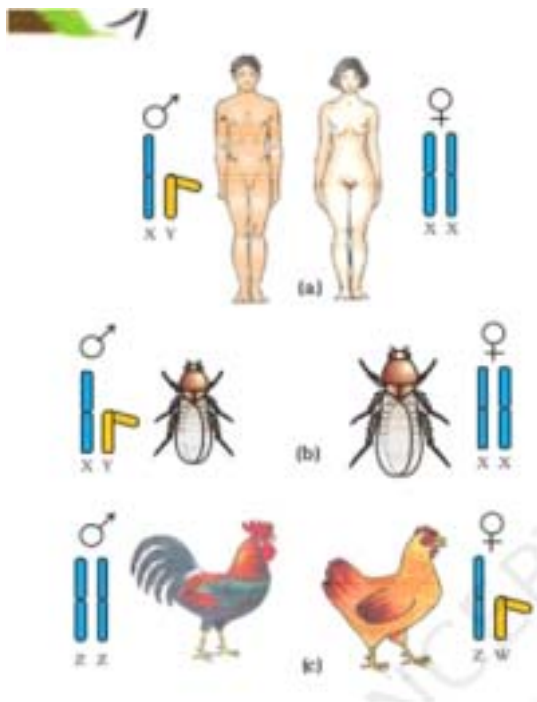
In this type females have 2 X chromosomes. The males have one X and one Y chromosomes. Thus the presence or absence of Y chromosome decide whether the child will be male or female. eg-Drosophila and man

2) ZZ - ZW type

The males are represented as ZZ (homomorphic) and females are heteromorphic, that is ZW. eg- Birds and Reptiles

3) XX - XO type

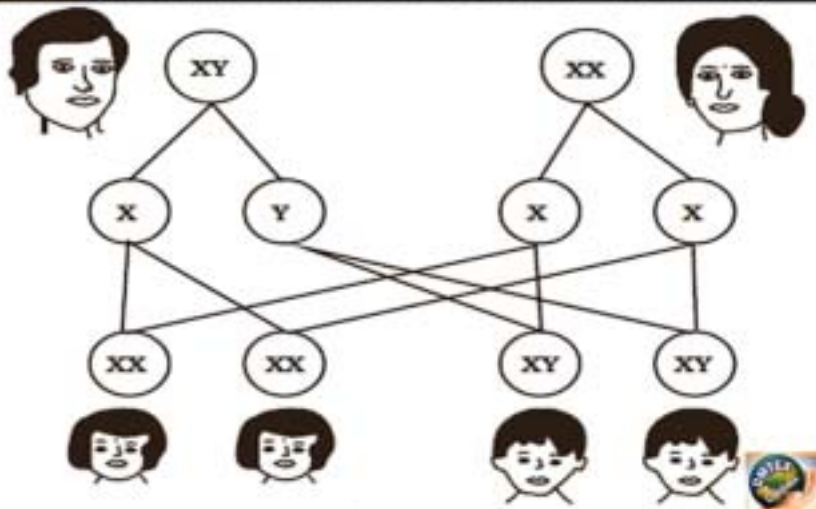
The females have two sex chromosomes, XX, while the males have only one sex chromosome X. Therefore, the males are labelled as XO. eg: roundworms and insects.



sex Determination in Humans

Humans have 22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes. All the eggs possess only X chromosomes. The male gametes produced by human males are of two types, that is, they either contain X chromosome or Y chromosome.

• In human beings the gametes from the male parent decides the sex of the baby.



Genetic Disorders

Disorders that arise due to abnormality in individual's DNA. Below are some examples of genetic disorders

Hemophilia

It is a **sex linked recessive disease**. It is a disorder in which a person's ability of blood clotting is lost.

Sickle Cell Anemia

It is an **autosomal recessive disease**. In this amino acid glutamine (GAG) is replaced by valine (GUG) at the sixth position of the α -chain of hemoglobin. The patient's RBCs become sickle shaped and thus reduce the oxygen supply to different parts of the body.

Phenylketonuria

It is an **autosomal recessive** disease. The individuals suffering from the disease lack an enzyme known as **phenylalanine hydroxylase** that converts the amino acid phenylalanine into amino acid tyrosine. Due to this, phenylalanine accumulates in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) causing brain problems.

Chromosomal Disorders

Disorders that arise due to abnormal arrangement of chromosomes. This leads to change in chromosome number.

Aneuploidy

This occurs when there is loss or gain of one or more chromosomes at the time of gamete formation. eg Turner's syndrome (45).

Polyploidy

Polyploidy is a condition in which a nucleus contains more than two sets of homologous chromosomes. : Down syndrome.

Down's Syndrome

The trisomy at 21st chromosome i.e. addition of 1 chromosome in 21st pair.

Symptoms: Short stature, mentally retarded, low muscle tone etc.

Klinefelter's Syndrome

When an ovum containing 2 X chromosomes is fertilized with the sperm containing single Y chromosome. The individual will have 47 chromosomes instead of 46 chromosomes.

Symptoms: The child is male genotypically but possesses features of a female child. The child will have low testosterone level in the body, weaker muscles, fatter around the belly etc.

- **Turner's Syndrome**

- When an ovum without X-chromosome is fertilized by a sperm carrying X-chromosome, a zygote with XO, that is, with single X chromosome is formed. **See Fig. 5**

Symptoms: low set ears, females with rudimentary ovaries, short fingers and toes, delayed growth, swelling of hands and feet.

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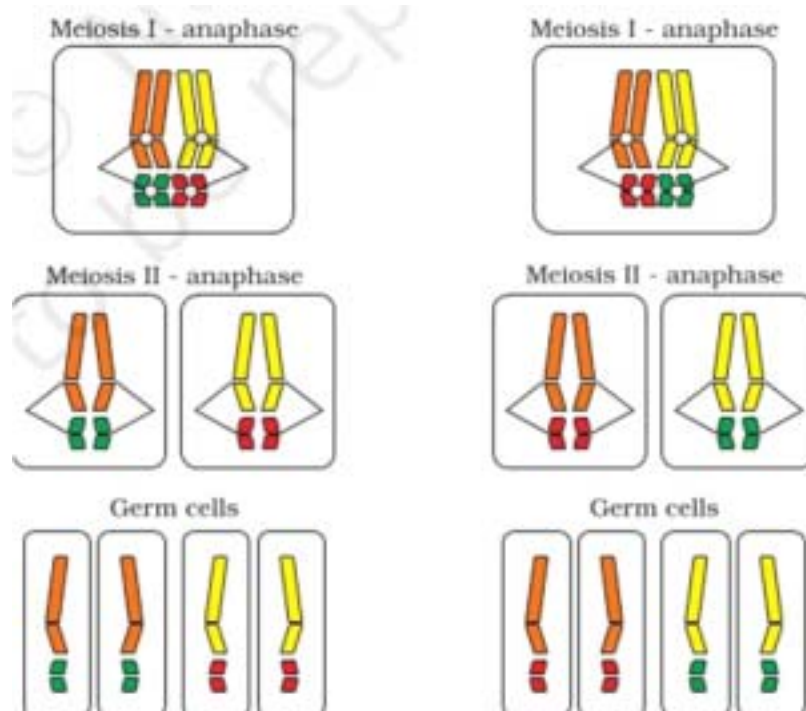
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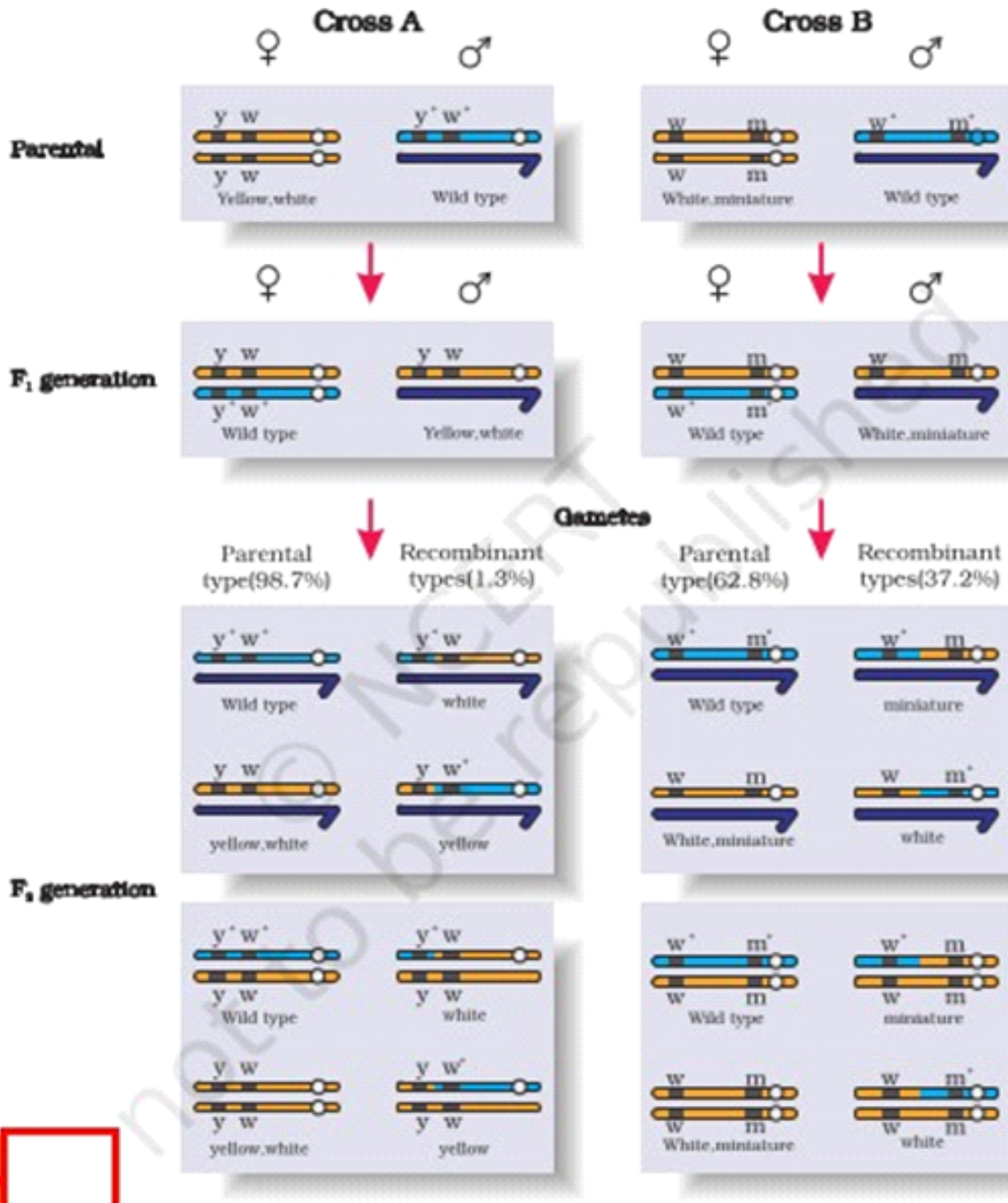
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CHAPTER – 4
MOLECULAR BASIS OF INHERITANCE

1. DNA is the genetic material in majority of organisms.

2. **Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)** and **Ribonucleic acid (RNA)** are the two types of nucleic acid found in living systems. Nucleic acids are polymers of nucleotides.

3. **DNA acts as a genetic material** in most organisms, whereas RNA acts as a genetic material in some viruses.

4. **RNA** mostly functions as **messenger, adapter**, or as a **catalytic molecule**.

DNA	RNA
(a) The sugar present in DNA is 2-deoxy-D – (-) -ribose.	(a) The sugar present in RNA is D- (-)-ribose.
(b) DNA contains cytosine and thymine as pyrimidine bases and guanine and adenine as purine bases.	(b) RNA contains cytosine and uracil as pyrimidine bases and guanine and adenine as purine bases.
(c) DNA has double strand α -helix structure.	(c) RNA has a single stranded α -helix structure.

5. STRUCTURE OF DNA

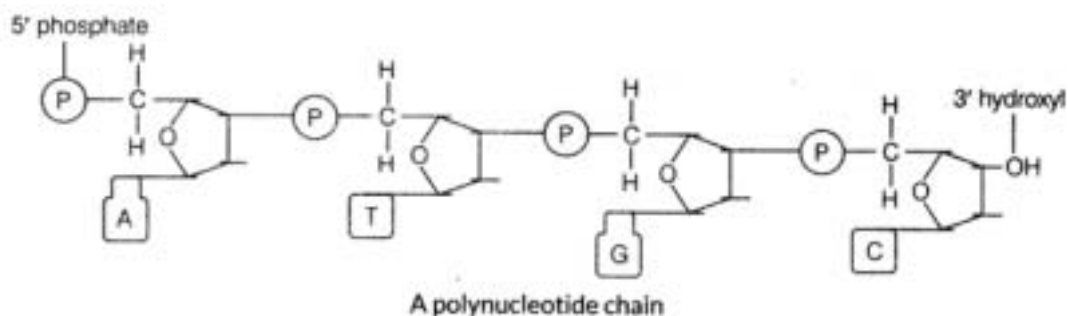
DNA is a polymer nucleotides

A nucleotide has three parts, i.e. **a nitrogenous base**, a **pentose sugar** and **phosphate group**.

- (ii) Nitrogenous bases are **purines(A and G)** and **pyrimidines(C,U,T)**.
- (iv) A nitrogenous base is linked to the pentose sugar through a **N-glycosidic linkage** .
- (v) Phosphate group linked to nucleoside through **phosphodiester linkage**, a corresponding nucleotide is formed.

Sugar+nitrogen base=Nucleoside

Nucleoside+phosphate =Nucleotide

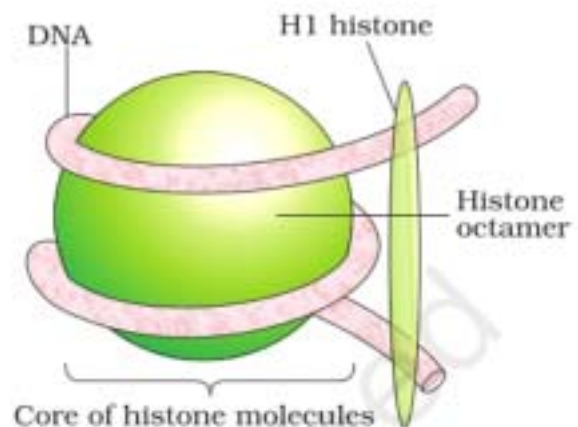


8. Salient Features of Double-helix Structure of DNA

- (i) DNA is a long polymer of deoxyribonucleotides.
- ii) The two chains have **anti-parallel**
- ii) Adenine bond with thymine by 2 H- bond (A=T) Guanine bonds with cytosine by three H—bonds(G C).
each turn consist of 10 bp
- iv) the distance between a base pair in a helix is about 0.34 nm.

PAKAGING OF DNA

- (i) In prokaryotic cells DNA is held with some proteins in a region called as nucleoid.
- (ii) In eukaryotes, there is a set of positively charged proteins called **histone** which is organized to form 8 molecules unit called **histone octamer**. Negatively charged DNA is wrapped around the histone octamer to form **nucleosome**. Histones are rich in the basic amino acids lysines and arginines. Single nucleosome contains about 200 base pairs. Chromatin is the repeating unit of nucleosome. The nucleosomes in chromatin can be seen as beads-on-string. This structure in chromatin is packaged to form chromatin fibres that further coils and condense to form chromosomes at metaphase stage.



TRANSFORMATION EXPERIMENT-GRIFFITH

S-strain $\xrightarrow{\text{Injection}}$ Mice \longrightarrow Mice die

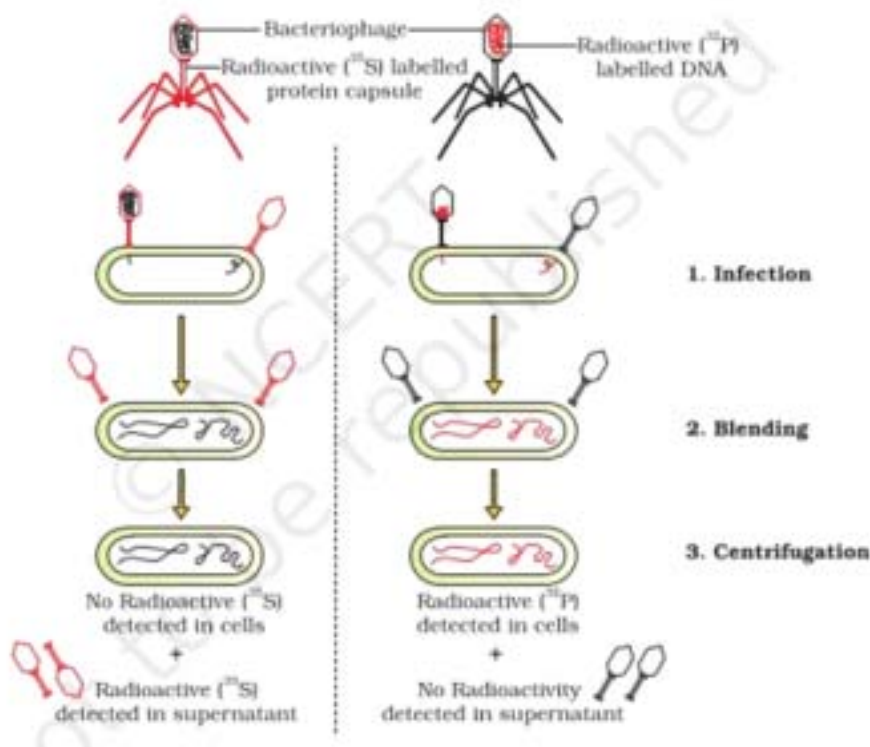
R-strain $\xrightarrow{\text{Injection}}$ Mice \longrightarrow Mice live

S-strain $\xrightarrow{\text{Injection}}$ Mice \longrightarrow Mice live
(Heat-killed)

S-strain $\xrightarrow{\text{Injection}}$ Mice \longrightarrow Mice die
(Heat-killed)
+
R-strain
(live)

- (i) There are 2 strains of streptococcus bacteria S and R. The S-strain virulent (with smooth polysaccharide coat) while R-strain non virulent.
- (iii) Mice infected with S-strain (virulent) die from pneumonia but mice infected with R-strain do not develop pneumonia.
- (iv) Heat-killed S-strain bacteria injected into mice did not kill them. On injecting mixture of heat-killed S and live R bacteria, the mice died. He recovered living S-bacteria from dead mice.
- (vi) From this experiment, he concluded that **Some transforming principle transferred from heat-killed S-strain to R strain and transformed the R-strain to S strain.** Oswald Avery, Colin MacLeod and Maclyn McCarty, determine the biochemical nature of transforming principle.

12. HERSHEY AND CHASE EXPERIMENT



- (i) Radioactive phages were allowed to attach to E. coli bacteria.
- (ii) Agitating them in a blender
- (iii) Detect radioactivity in cell and supernatant

CONCLUSION

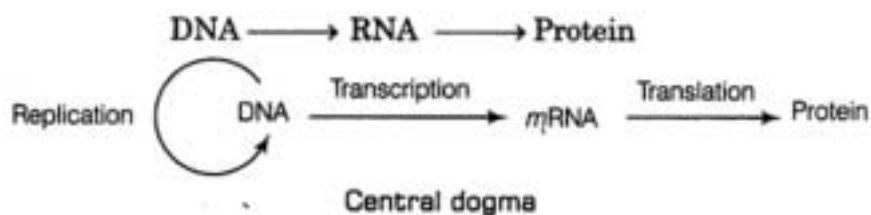
Bacteria which were infected with viruses that had radioactive DNA were radioactive, indicating that DNA was the material that passed from the virus to the bacteria. Bacteria that were infected with viruses that had radioactive proteins were not radioactive. This indicated that the proteins did not enter the bacteria from viruses. It proved that DNA is a genetic material that is passed from virus to bacteria.

Characteristics of a Genetic Material

- (a) It should be able to replicate.
- (b) It should be chemically and structurally stable.
- (c) It should provide scope mutation that are required for evolution.
- (d) It should be able to express itself in the form of 'Mendelian characters'.

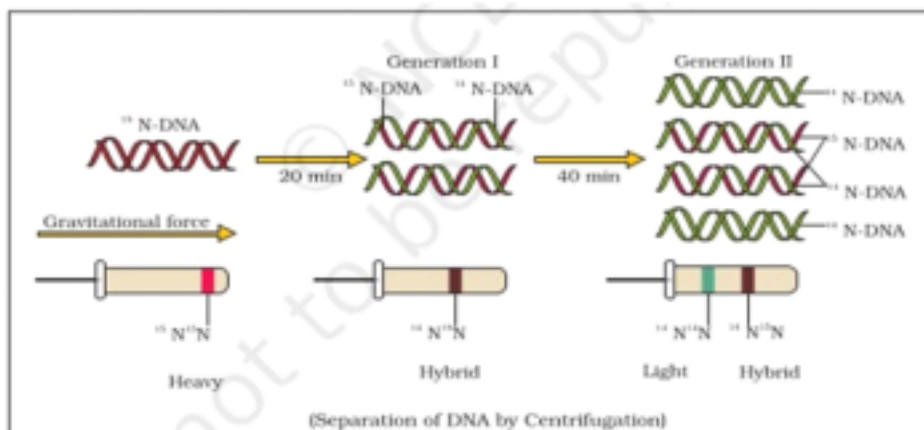
14. CENTRAL DOGMA OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Francis Crick proposed the central dogma in molecular biology, which states that the genetic information flows from



16. Experimental proof that DNA replicates semiconservatively,

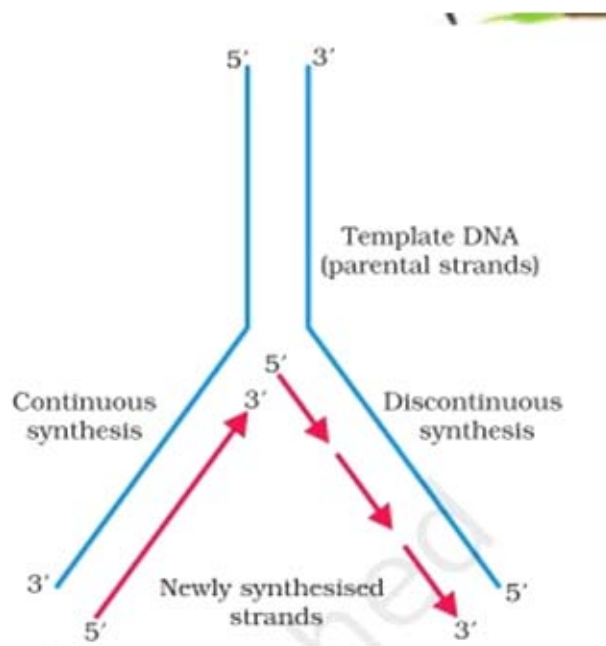
Matthew Meselson and Franklin Stahl performed the following experiments to prove this in 1958.



(i) *E. coli* was grown in a medium containing $^{15}\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$. ^{15}N got incorporated into newly synthesised DNA.

(ii) They then transferred the cells into a medium with normal $^{14}\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$. (iii) After one generation the DNA extracted had a hybrid or intermediate density. (iv) DNA extracted from the culture after another generation (after 40 min) was composed of equal amounts of this hybrid DNA and of light DNA..

17. DNA replication



STEPS

1. **Unwinding** of double stranded DNA into single strands by the enzyme **helicase**
2. **RNA Primase** synthesise **primer** at the 3' end of both template
3. **DNA Polymerase** polymerise the primer in 5' to 3' direction .In 3' – 5' template DNA synthesis is continuous (Leading strand)and in 5' – 3' template DNA synthesis is discontinuos.(Laging strand)
4. Discontinuosly synthesized DNA segments are called **Okazaki fragments**
5. Okazaki fragments are later joined by **ligase**

19. RNA world

RNA was the first genetic material.

(ii) DNA has evolved from RNA

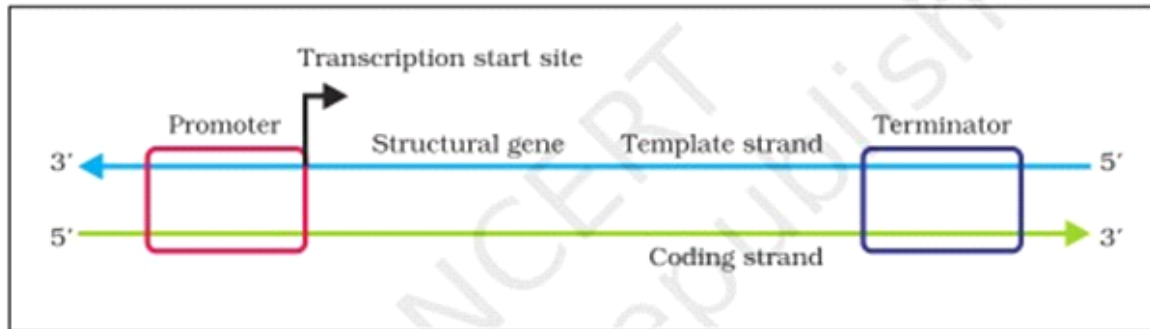
20. There are following three types of RNAs:

- (i) mRNA (messenger RNA) provides the template for transcription.
- (ii) tRNA (transfer RNA) brings amino acids and reads the genetic code.
- (iii) rRNA (ribosomal RNA) plays structural and catalytic role during translation.

TRANSCRIPTION

Trarription is the process of copying genetic information from one strand of the DNA. into RNA

A TRANSCRIPTION UNIT



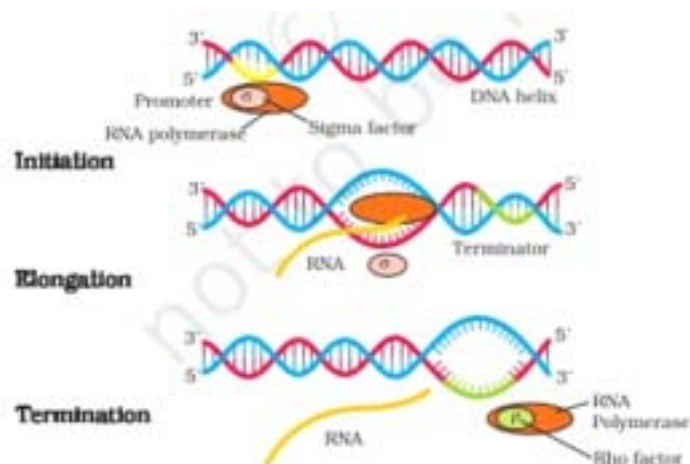
- (i) A transcription unit in DNA has three regions (a) **A promoter** (b) The **structural gene** (c) A **terminator**
- (ii) The **3' → 5' strand acts as a template**. The other strand which has the polarity 5' → 3' is **coding strand**.
- (iii) The **promoter is located towards 5' end** (upstream) of the structural gene.

it is the binding site for RNA polymerase (iv) The terminator is located towards 3'-end (downstream) of the coding strand and it usually defines the end of the process of transcription..

22. Transcription in prokaryotes occur in the following steps:

- (ii) RNA polymerase binds to promoter and initiates transcription (**initiation**).
- (iii) The enzyme polymerises RNA nucleotides on template strand (**Elongation**)
- (v) Once the polymerase reaches the terminator region, the nascent RNA and RNA polymerase. falls off. This results in **termination** of transcription.

transcription and translation take place in the same compartment, ,



TRANSCRIPTION IN EUKARYOTES

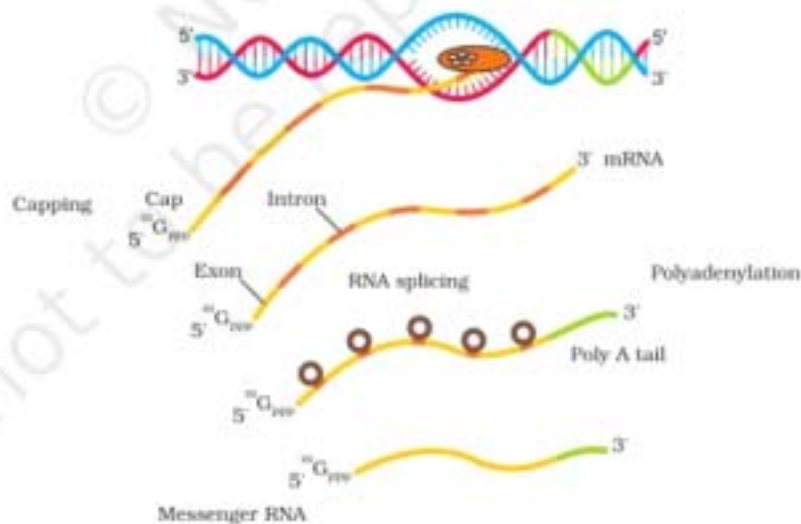
(i) There are at least three RNA polymerases in the nucleus (ii) Primary transcripts contain both the exons and the introns (iii) mRNA undergoes additional processing called as capping and tailing.

CAPPING

an unusual nucleotide methylguanine is added to the 5' end of mRNA.

TAILING

Many adenylate residues are added at 3' end



SALIENT FEATURES OF GENETIC CODE

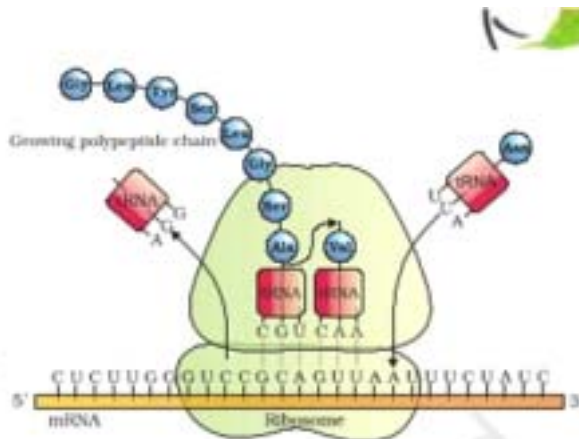
- i The code is triplet..
- ii. Codon is unambiguous and specific, code for one amino acid.
- iii. The code is degenerate. Some amino acids are coded by more than one codon.
- iv. The codon is read in mRNA in a contiguous fashion without any punctuation.

TRANSLATION

Translation is the process of polymerisation of amino acids to form a polypeptide. The order and sequence of amino acids are defined by the sequence of bases in the mRNA. Amino acids are joined by peptide bonds.

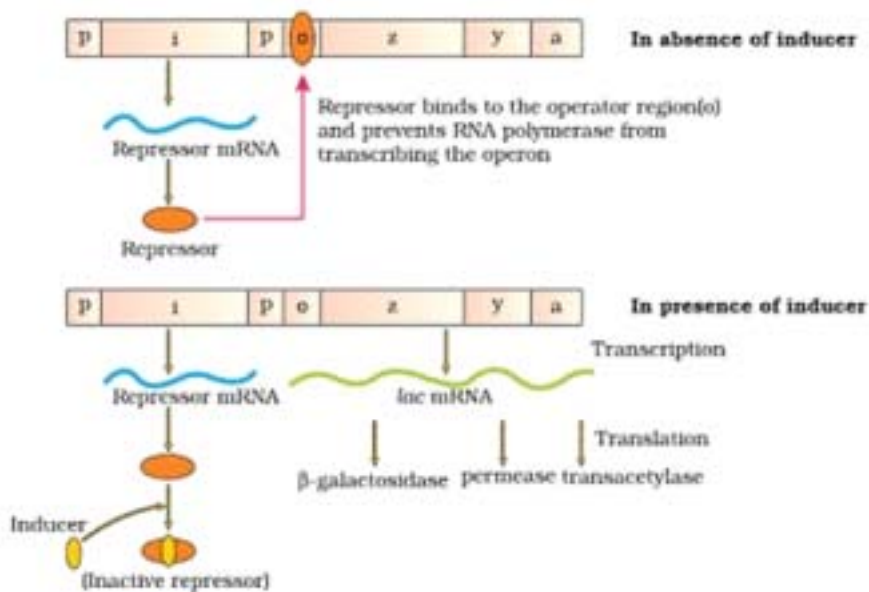
steps-

- Charging of t-RNA.(Binding of amino acid with tRNA)
 - Binding of charged tRNA in the 1st and 2nd (P and A) site on ribosome
 - Formation of peptide bonds between two charged tRNA.
 - Translocation of ribosome result in expulsion of 1st amino acid from ribosome and addition of subsequent amino acids
- The start codon is AUG.



The Lac Operon

Lac operon consists of one regulatory gene (i) and three structural genes (y,z and a). Gene i code for the repressor of the lac operon. The z gene code for beta-galactosidase, that is responsible for hydrolysis of disaccharide, lactose into monomeric units, galactose and glucose. Gene y code for permease, which increases permeability of the cell. Gene a encode for transacetylase.



Lactose is the substrate for enzyme beta-galactosidase and it regulates switching on and off of the operon, so it is called inducer.

.HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

Goal of HGP-

- Identify all the genes (20,000 to 25,000) in human DNA.
- Determine the sequence of the 3 billion chemical base pairs that make up human DNA.
- Store this information in data base.
- Improve tools for data analysis.
- Transfer related information to other sectors.
- To address the legal, ethical and social issues that may arise due to project.

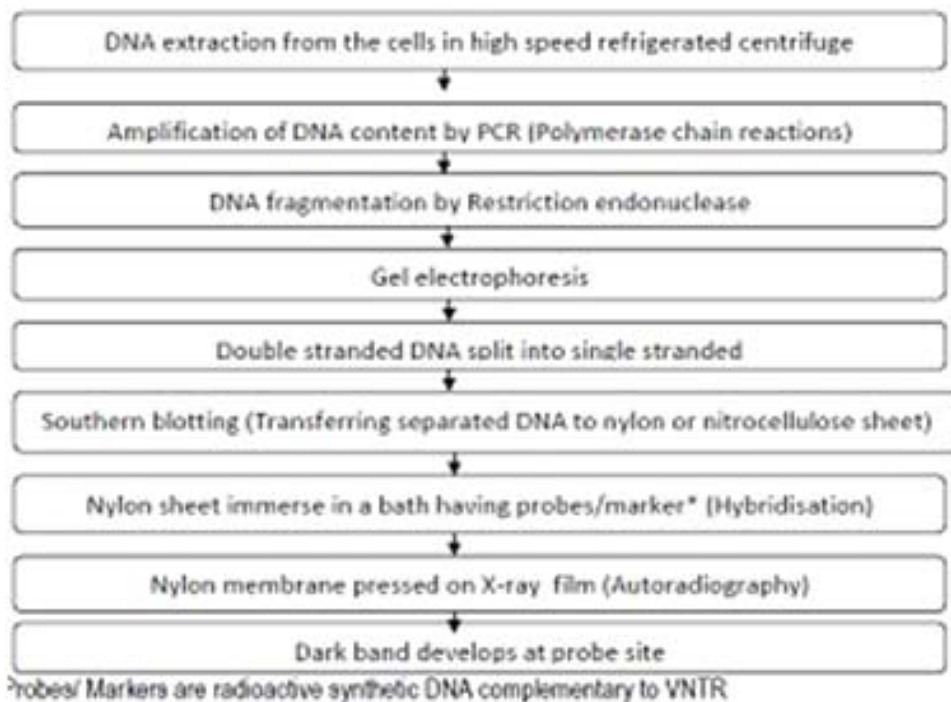
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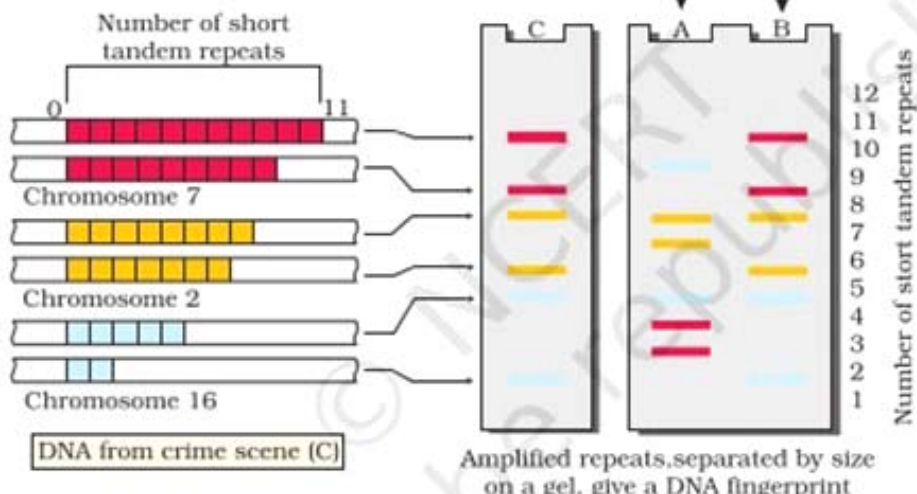
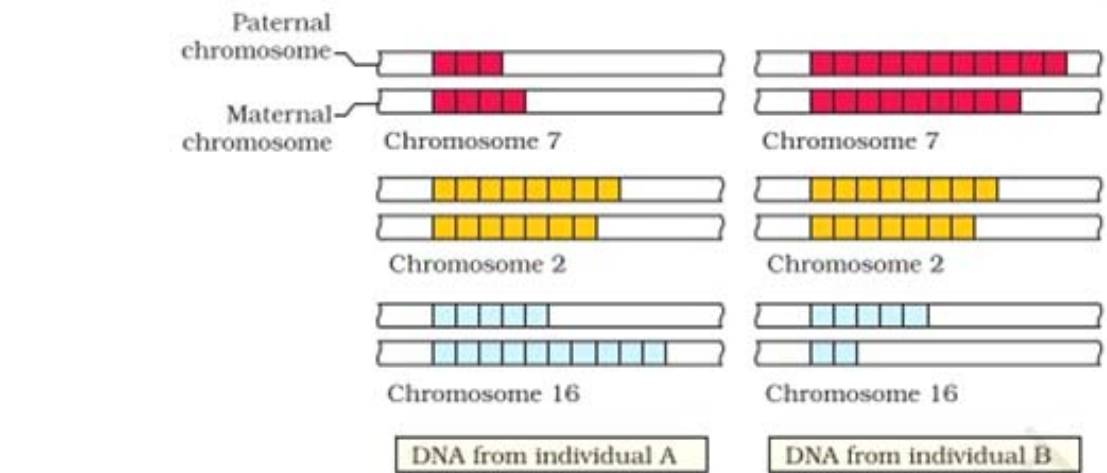
- Identifying all the genes that express as RNA called **Express sequence tags(EST)**.
- second is the sequencing the all set of genome that contained the all the coding and non-coding sequence called **sequence Annotation**.

Salient features of Human Genome:

- The human genome contains 3164.7 million nucleotide bases.
- The average gene consists of 3000 bases, largest known human gene being dystrophin at 2.4 million bases.
- Less than 2 per cent of the genome codes for proteins.
- Repeated sequences make up very large portion of the human genome.
- Chromosome 1 has most genes (2968), and the Y has the fewest (231).

DNA FINGER PRINTING





EVOLUTION - CHAPTER 5

THEORIES OF ORIGIN OF LIFE

1. Theory of Panspermia
Cosmozoic Theory
 - Early greekthinkers thought units of life called spores (Cosmozoa) were transferred to different planets including earth.
2. Theory of Spontaneous generation /
Theory of abiogenesis
 - Life came out of decaying and rotting matter like straw, mud etc. Louis pasteur disproved this theory with the swan necked flask experiment and put forwarded Biogenesis
3. Theory of Biogenesis
 - Living organisms are formed from pre existing life only
4. Chemical Evolution /
Organic evolution
 - Oparin & Haldane Proposed chemical evolution. First life form appeared from pre-existing non- living organic molecules (Eg: RNA, Protein etc) ie, Formation of organic molecules from inorganic constituents

Experimental Proof of Chemical Evolution

In 1953, S.L Miller created a similar conditions in a laboratory scale. Similar to the primitive earth. He created electric discharge in a closed flask containing CH_4 , H_2 , NH_3 and water vapour at 800°C . He observed formation of amino acids.

Diagrammatic representation of Miller's Experiment

Evolution of Life forms - A Theory

Charles Darwin strongly challenged the ideas of special creation theory and made a sea voyage in a ship called HMS Beagle round the world. He made most of the observations in Galapagos islands and arrived at the theory of National Selection, as a mechanism of evolution. Alfred Wallace, a naturalist who worked in Malay archipelago had also come to similar conclusion around the same time.

Evidences for Evolution

1. Paleontological evidence

Study of fossils is called paleontology

Fossils are the remains of hard parts of life - forms found in rocks

Importance of Fossil study

- ❖ It helps to study about extinct animals.
- ❖ It helps to study the evolutionary history of animals (phylogeny)
- ❖ It helps to study about geological time periods.
- ❖ It helps to study about connecting links

Archaeoptery x shows the feature of both reptiles and Birds Otherwise called Reptile Bird.

Reptilian Characters

1. Presence of Teeth
2. Presence of Claws
3. Presence of Scales
4. Presence of tail vertebra
2. Comparative anatomy and morphology

Avian Characters

1. Presence of Beak
2. Presence of wings
3. Presence of feathers
4. Presence of feathery tail

It discusses similarities and differences among organisms of today and those that existed years ago, to check the presence of common ancestry.

a) Homologous organ - All mammals share the same pattern of forelimbs. Though they perform different functions, they are anatomically similar. The structures are called Homologous organ and leads to divergent evolution.

Analogous organ - The pair of Organs is not anatomically similar, but performs the same function. It leads to convergent evolution.

Examples for Homologies organs & Analogous

Homologous Organs

1. Bones of Forelimbs of Whales, bats, Cheetah and human (all mammal)
2. Vertebrate hearts
3. Vertebrate brains
4. Thorn & Tendrils of Bougainvillea and Cucurbita

Analogous Organs

1. Eye of octopus and mammals
2. Flippers of penguins and Dolphins
3. Sweet potato and potato

Industrial Melanism :

In England it was noted that before industrial revolution, the number of white winged moths was more than that of dark melanised moth.

After Industrialisation, there increased the number of dark melanised moths.

After industrialization, the tree trunks became darker with deposits of soot and smoke and hence the number of dark moths increased in order to protect themselves from predators while the white winged ones were easily picked up by the predators.

Adaptive Radiation in Darwin Finches

- ❖ Darwin noticed that there were many varieties of small black bird finches in Galapagos Islands
- ❖ From the original seed eating varieties to become insect eaters and vegetarian finches.
- ❖ They differ in their beak shape, size and food habit.
- ❖ This process of evolution starting from a single point and radiating in different directions is called Adaptive radiation.

Examples for Adaptive Radiation

- ❖ Darwin Finches, Evolution of Australian marsupials and placental mammals.

Biological Evolution

According to Charles Darwin, Evolution took place by Natural selection.

The main points of Natural Selection (Survival of the fittest)

- ❖ Over production / Rapid multiplication
- ❖ Struggle for existence
- ❖ Variation
- ❖ Natural selection
- ❖ Inheritance of useful variation
- ❖ Speciation
- ❖ Two important concepts of Darwin theory of evolution are
 1. Branching descent
 2. Natural selection
- Use & Disuse Theory / Theory of acquired characters
- ❖ This theory was put forward by Lamarck
- ❖ He observed that evolution occurs due to the use and disuse of particular organs or body parts.

Eg : - Giraffe have developed long necks as a result of attempts to eat leaves high up on trees.

Mechanism of Evolution

- ❖ Darwin did not quite explain how evolution gave rise to different species of the same organism.
- ❖ Mendel explained about inheritable factors, which influenced the phenotype of an organism.
- ❖ Hugo DeVries based on his work on Evening primrose suggested that variations occurred due to mutations.

Mutations : Sudden heritable changes in the genotype of an organism

Saltation : Single step large mutation that causes speciation

Difference between Mutation & Variation

Mutation	Variation
● Random & Directionless	● Small & Directional
● Single step large mutations are called saltation	● May be useful (or) useless in function
● Inherited	● Useful variations are inherited
● Causes speciation & evolution	● Causes speciation & evolution

Hardy Wein berg Principle

The frequency of occurrence of alleles of a gene in a population remains constant through generation unless disturbances such as mutations, non-random mating etc. are introduced.

Sum total of all allelic frequencies is ?

Individual frequencies are represented as P and q such as in a diploid, where P and q represent the frequency of allele A and a. The frequency of AA is P^2 , that of aa is q^2 and that of Aa is $2pq$.

Hence, $P^2+2pq+q^2 = 1$, which is the explanation of $(p+q)^2$

Factors Affecting Hardy Wemberg Equillibrium

- Gene flow (or) gene migration
- Genetic drift (changes occuring by chance)
- Mutation
- Natural selection
- Genetic recombination

Founder Effect

The change in allele frequency is so prominent in the new sample of population that they become a different species and the original drifted population becomes the founder.

Evolution of Animals

Animals evolved about 500 million years ago.



Invertebrates (500 million years ago)



Jawless fisher (350 million years ago)



First Amphitions



Reptiles (250 million years ago)

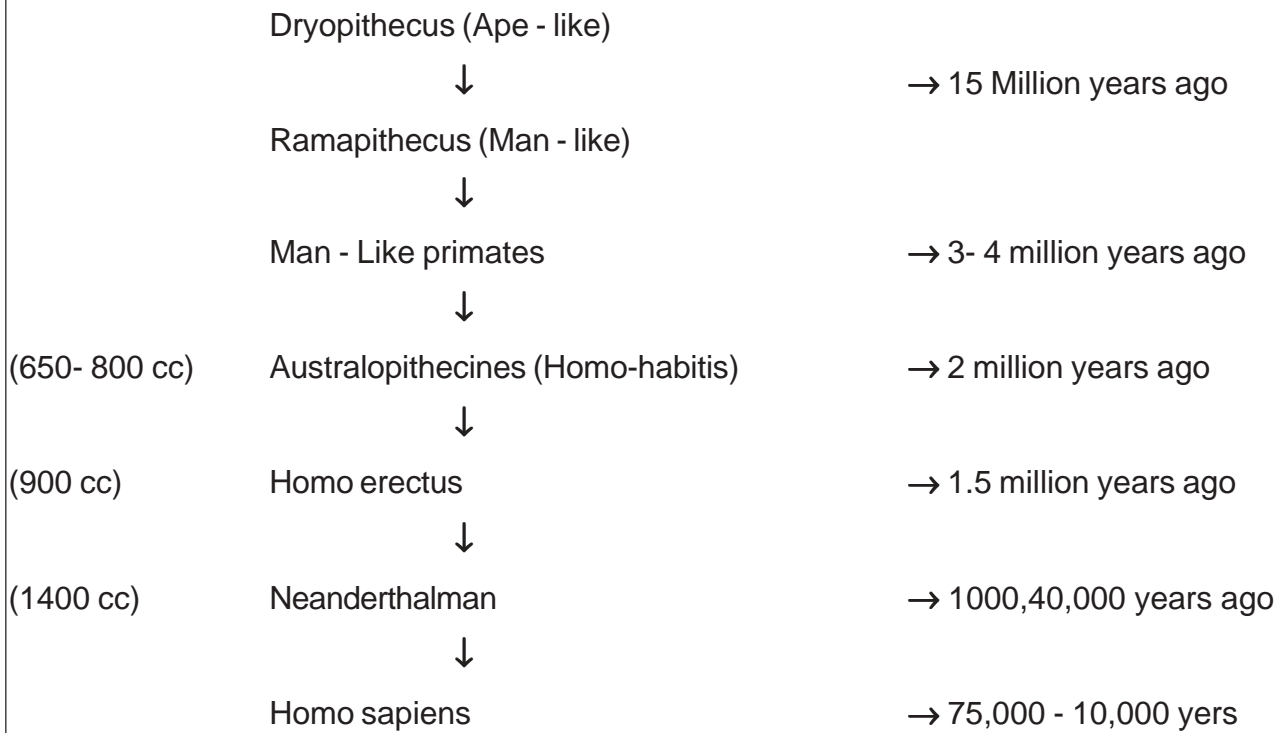


Dinosaurs disappeared (65 million years ago)



First shrew - like Mammals Appeared

Flow chart of Origin & Evolution of Man



CHAPTER – 6
HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASES

PATHOGENS

The disease causing Organisms are called pathogens and they enter the human body through various means, then multiply and interfere with normal vital activities.

Classification of Diseases based on the Pathogens, their mode of transmission prevention and control measures are discussed briefly.

BACTERIAL DISEASES

Pathogen	Way of spreading (Mode of Transmission)
Typhoid - Salmonella typhi	Contaminated food and water
Site of infection	Symptoms
Small intestine	High fever weakness stomach fever Headache, loss of appetite constipation and intestinal perforation and death may occur in severe cases.

Confirmatory Test - Widal Test

PNEUMONIA

- Pathogens** - Strep to coccus pneumonia and Haemophilus influenzae
- Spreads through** - Droplets / aerosolised person, sharing of glasses or utensils
- Site of infection** - Alveoli (gets filled with fluid, difficulty in breathing)
- Symptoms** - Fever, chills cough and Headache. In severe... lips and finger nails may turn gray to bluish in colour

Examples of Bacterial Diseases

Dysentery, Plague, Diphtheria

VIRAL DISEASES

Common Cold

- Pathogen** - Rhino Viruses
- Site of infection** - Nose and Respiratory passage
- Spreads through** - Droplets released from coughing or sneezing or contaminated objects
- Symptoms** - Nasal congestion and discharge, Sore throat, Cough, headache, tiredness

PROTOZOAN DISEASES

MALARIA

Pathogen - Different species of plasmodium P.vivax, P. malaria and falciparum, P. vivax

Vector - Female anopheles mosquito

Symptoms - High fever, recurring every 3 to 4 days with chill

Life cycle of plasmodium

Figure 8 1

- ❖ Plasmodium requires two hosts to complete its life cycle (digenetic parasite)
- ❖ When a female Anopheles mosquito bites a healthy human being, it releases plasmodium, which lives in its body as sporozoite (infectious stage)
- ❖ Multiplication of parasites (Asexual reproduction) occurs in the liver cells, finally burst out and releases sporozoites into the blood.
- ❖ Parasites enter RBCs and further multiply (asexual reproduction) and finally burst RBCs too
- ❖ Bursting of RBCs is followed by release of haemozoin, a toxic substance causes the fever and chills
- ❖ In the RBCs, only sporozoites change into gametocytes (sexual stage) gametocytes multiply
- ❖ When the diseased person is bitten by a female Anopheles mosquito, gametocytes are introduced into the mosquito
- ❖ Gametocytes fertilise and develop inside the intestine of mosquito to form sporozoite.
- ❖ Sporozoites are stored in the salivary glands of mosquito and are released into the healthy person who is bitten by this mosquito

AMOEBIASIS

Pathogen - Entamoeba histolytica

Vector - House Fly

Symptoms - Constipation, abdominal pain, cramps, stools with mucus and blood clots

FUNGAL DISEASES

RING WORMS

Pathogens - General-Microsporium, Trichophyton and Epidermophyton

Spreads Through - Towels, clothes, comb

Symptoms - Appearance of dry scaly lesions on various body parts with intense itching

Diseases caused by Nematodes

ASCARIASIS

Pathogen - Round worm, Ascaris

Spreads through- Water, vegetables fruits contaminated by feaces of infected person

Symptoms - Internal bleeding muscular pain, fever anaemia, blockage of inestinal passage

ELEPHANTIASIS (FILARIASIS)

Pathogen - Wuchereria (W. Malayi & W. Bancrofti)

Spreads through- Bite of female culex mosquito, vector

Symptoms - Chronic inflammation of the organs, usually the lymphatic vessels of lower limb, defermities of genital organs

Practices for personal and public Hygiene

- ❖ Keeping the body clean
- ❖ Consumption of clean drinking water, food, vegetables and fruits
- ❖ Proper disposal of waste
- ❖ Periodic cleaning and disinfection of water reservoirs, pools etc.
- ❖ Keeping hygiene in public catering
- ❖ Keeping contast with diseases persons should be avoid
- ❖ Mosquito eradication program
- ❖ Vaccination

IMMUNIM

The ability of body is to fight against the disease carrying organisms

Type of Immunity

- ❖ Innate (inborn)
- ❖ Acquired

Innate Immunity:

It is present from birth onwards. It is non-specific . It consists of 4 kinds of barriers.

1. Physical barriers

Skin, mucus coating of respiratory, gastro intestrial and urinogenital treat prevent entry of microbes in to the body.

2. Physiological barriers

Acid in stomach, saliva and tears antibacterial effect.

3. Cellular barriers

Leukocytes such as PMNL, Monocytes and macrophages phogocytic activity

4. Cytokine barriers

Spinal proteins called interferons are secreted by virus infected cells that prevent the further spread of viral infection

ACQUIRED IMMUNITY

It is produced in response to an encounter with a pathogen based on memory. It is pathogen specific

Primary Response

When a pathogen infects a person for the first time, low intensity immune response is produced

Secondary Response

When a pathogen attacks the person for the second time, intensified immune response will be produced and that prevents the disease

Acquired immunity is done by B-lymphocytes and T-lymphocytes

B-lymphocytes	T-lymphocytes
● Formed differential in bone marrow	● Help B-lymphocytes to produce antibodies
● Secrete, antibodies	● Involved graft rejection
● Humoral immune response	● Cell mediated immune response

Antibody

Structure of antibody diagram

ANTIBODY

They are specialised proteins with 4 peptide chains (2 light and 2 heavy), hence denoted as H_2L_2

Eg:- IgA, IgM, IgE etc.

They generate humoral immune response

Active Immunity	Passive Immunity
● Naturally acquired immunity	● Using ready made antibodies
● Produced in response to an antigen	● Colostrum provides IgA
<i>Eg:- Immunization</i>	

HOW DOES A VACCINATION HELP

- ❖ Vaccines are nothing but inactivated or killed pathogens
- ❖ These inactivated pathogens when introduced into the body produce a primary response

- ❖ Memory B & T cells are produced.
- ❖ Now when the pathogen again attacks the person, memory B and T cells generate a massive immune response and the pathogen is killed.

Allergy

Exaggerated immune response to certain antigens

Allergens - Allergy causing substances

Eg:- Dust, pollen grains etc

- ❖ Antibodies produced in allergic reaction is IgE.
- ❖ Chemicals released during allergic reactions are histamine and serotonin.
- ❖ Sneezing, Watery eyes and difficulty in breathing are the symptoms.
- ❖ Treatment with Antihistamines, adrenaline and steroids recommended.

Autoimmunity

Body generates immune response against its own cells.

Reasons - Genetic and other unknown reasons.

Eg:- Rheumatoid arthritis

LYMPHOID ORGANS

Primary Lymphoid organ (Bone Marrow, Thymus)

Immature Lymphocytes differentiated to form antigen sensitive lymphocytes

- Bone Marrow
Lymphocytes are produced
- Thymus
Maturation of T-lymphocytes

Secondary Lymphoid organs

Lymphocytes migrate here and attain majority

- Spleen, lymph nodes, tonsils, Peyer's patches and etc..

Spleen - Large, bean shaped organ known as reservoir of blood and phagocytic in function

Lymph nodes - Generation immune response with lymphocytes and destroy antigens
Largest lymphoid tissue in the body-MALT
(Mucosal associated lymphoid tissue)

AIDS (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome)

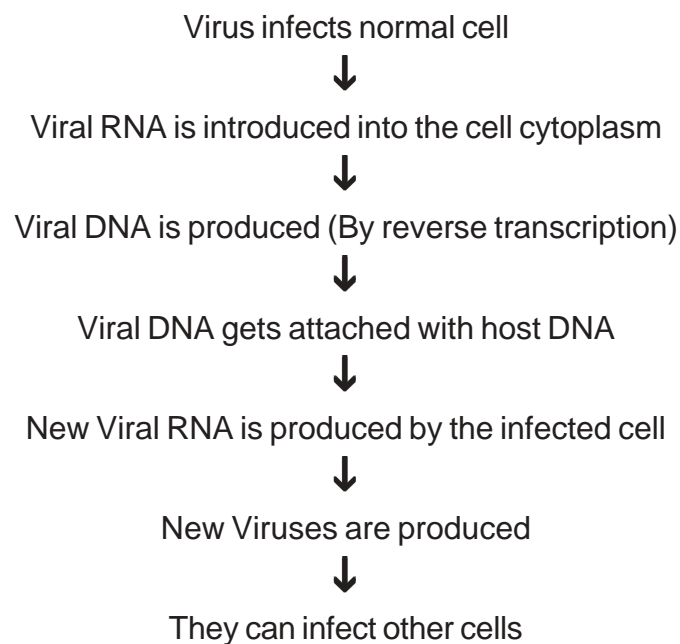
Pathogen - HIV (Human Immune deficiency Virus-RNA Virus)

Transmission of HIV occurs through (പകർച്ച രീതികൾ)

- ❖ Sexual contact with infected person
- ❖ Sharing of infected needles
- ❖ Transfusion of contaminated blood
- ❖ Infected mother to child through placenta

Symptoms may appear from few months to many years (5-10 yrs)

REPLICATION OF HIV VIRUS



Diagnosis of AIDS- ELISA test (Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay)

Treatment - No permanent cure sofar, Anti-retroviral therapy is recommended

Preventive Measures

- ❖ Ensuring use of disposable syringes
- ❖ Advocating safe sex
- ❖ Screening of blood before transfusion from blood bank
- ❖ Sex education & awareness programmes

CANCER

The cells which lose their contact inhibition will show uncontrolled cell division, leads to tumors.

Benign tumors	Malignant tumors
● Tumors remains at its origin site only	● Exhibits Metastasis
● Donot spread	● Spreads to other tissue
● May be changes to cancerons	● All become cancer cells

Metastasis

The property of cancerous cells to spread to other cells

Causes of cancer

- ❖ Carcniogens
- ❖ Oncogenic viruses
- ❖ Proto oncogenes

Diagnosis of cancer

Biopsy, Histopathological study, Radiography CT scan, MRI, Immunological and molecular biological techniques

Treatment of cancer

Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy

DRUG ABUSE / ALCOHOL ABUSE

Commonly abused drugs Opioids (Heroin)

Source:

From the latex of poppyplants (Papaver Somniferum)

Consumed by : Snorting (or) injection

Properties : White, bitter and odourless

Mode of Action : Binds to opioid receptors present in the CNS and gastro intestinal tract

Effect : Slows down body functions (depressant)

Cannabinoids

Source : Inflorescence of the plant cannabis sativa

Consumed by : Inhalation (or) Oral Ingestion

Mode of action : Binds to cannabinoid receptors in the brain

Effect : Affects the cardio Vast system.

Cocaine

Source : Cocoplant erythroxylic coca

Consumed by : snorting

Mode of action : Interference with transfer of neurotransmitter, dopamine

Effect : Stimulates the CNS, produces euphoria and increased energy

Drugs like barbiturates, amphetamines benzodiazepines, LSD (lysergic acid diethyl amides) are used as medicines for mental illness and insomnia

Nicotine is present in tobacco, which is smoked, chewed or snuffed

Mode of action : stimulates the adrenal gland to release adrenalin and non-adrenaline

Effects of smoking

- ❖ Increased carbon monoxide levels in blood, leading to oxygen deficiency
- ❖ Increased risk of diseases like bronchitis, emphysema coronary heart disease, gastric ulcer and cancer

Causes of drug / Alcohol abuse

- ❖ It normally starts in adolescence phase
- ❖ Many adolescents are motivated towards drugs due to curiosity experimentation.
- ❖ Peer pressure, academic stress, unstable family structure.
- ❖ Perception of consuming alcohol

Alcohol / Drug addiction

- ❖ Repeated use leads to addiction
- ❖ Addiction refers to psychological attachment
- ❖ Due to addiction the tolerance level of receptors in our body increases
- ❖ Dependence leads to manifestation of withdrawal syndrome

Effects of alcohol / Drug abuse

- ❖ Immediate effect - Vandalism violence and reckless behavior
- ❖ Drop in academic performance
- ❖ Lack of interest in personal hygiene
- ❖ Mental psychological and financial loss not only to the user but also to his family
- ❖ Damage to nervous system and liver cirrhosis

Use of anabolic steroids in Female person - Increases masculinity aggressiveness, depression and deepening of voice

In Males - Aggressiveness, depression, decreased sperm production, enlargement of breast premature baldness.

Some of the ways to Prevent Alcohol / Drug abuse

- 1 Avoid peer pressure
- 2 Education and counseling
- 3 Help from parents and peers
- 4 identifying danger signets
- 5 Seeking medical help - psychologists and rehabilitation programmes

CHAPTER – 7
MICROBES IN HUMAN WELFARE

1. Microbes in household products :

Lactobacillus convert milk into curd.

Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) :-

It improves the nutritional quality by increasing vitamin B₁₂.

Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Baker's Yeast) is used for making bread.

Propionibacterium sharmanii produce large amount of CO₂ in Swiss cheese.

2. Microbes in industrial products

a) Beverage		
Yeast	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	
b) Antibiotic		
Penicillin	Penicillium notatum	
c) Organic acids		
Citric acid	Aspergillus niger	Fungus
Acetic acid	Acetobacter aceti	Bacterium
Butyric acid	Clostridium butylicum	Bacterium
Lactic acid	Lactobacillus delbrueckii	Bacterium
Ethanol	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	Fungus
d) Enzymes		
Pectinase and Protease	Clear fruit juices	
Lipase	Removing oily stains	
Streptokinase	Clot bluster (To remove blood clots from blood vessels)	
E) Bioactive molecules		
Cyclosporin A	Trichoderma polysporum	Immuno suppressive agent
Statin	Monascus purpureus	Lowering blood cholesterol

3. Microbes in Sewage Treatment

It has two steps :-

a) Primary treatment :- Physical removal of particles through filtration and sedimentation.

b) Secondary treatment :- Biological treatment, reduces BOD of the effluent

4. Microbes in the production of Biogas

Methanobacterium (Methanogens) — found in anaerobic sludge, rumen of cattle, marshy places etc.

Cattle dung is used for biogas production.

5. Microbes as Biocontrol agents

- 1) Lady bird beetle – Control aphids
- 2) Dragon flies – Control mosquitoes
- 3) Bacillus thuringiensis
- 4) Trichoderma
- 5) Nucleopolyhedrovirus

6. Microbes as biofertilizers

- 1) Bacteria - Symbiotic bacterium Eg : Rhizobium
Free living Eg : Azospirillum, Azotobacter
- 2) Cyanobacteria - Fix atmospheric nitrogen
Eg : Nostoc, Anabaena, Oscillatoria
- 3) Fungi / Mycorrhiza

ABSORBS PHOSPHORUS

Resistant to root borne pathogens

Tolerance to salinity, drought etc.

Overall increase in the plant growth and development

ORGANIC FARMING

The non use of artificial fertilisers and chemical pesticides and the use of biopesticides and bio fertilisers in agriculture.

STP — Sewage Treatment Plan

IPM — Integrated Pest Management

KVIC — Khadi and Village Industries Commission

CHAPTER – 8

BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

The term biodiversity was coined by Edward Wilson

Biodiversity – can be defined as the totality of genes, species and ecosystems of a given region.

LEVELS OF BIODIVERSITY

1. Genetic diversity – Diversity of a genes within a species
2. Species diversity – Variety of species within a region
3. Ecological diversity – Variety of habitats, community types and abiotic environments present in a given area

LEVELS OF ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

1. á Diversity - Within community diversity
2. â Diversity - Between community diversity
3. ã Diversity - Over total landscape

Patterns of diversity:

- a) Latitudinal gradients

Species diversity decreases from equator towards poles.

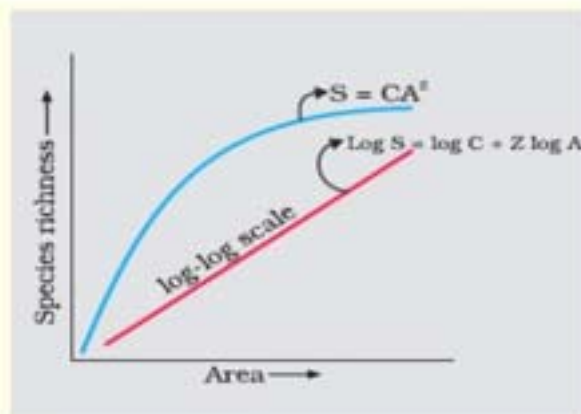
Tropics contain more species than temperate and polar regions. This is because :

1. Tropical latitudes have remained relatively undisturbed for millions of years.
2. Tropical environments are less seasonal, relatively more constant and predictable.
3. More solar radiation is available in the tropical region, so more productivity and therefore great species diversity.

The Amazonian rain forest (The Lungs Of The Planet) in South America has the greatest biodiversity on earth.

- b) Species – Area relationship

Alexander Von Humboldt has observed that within a region, species richness increased with increasing explored area, but only upto a limit.



Species Area Relationship

The graph shows a rectangular hyperbola.

On a log scale, the relationship becomes linear (straight line) and is described by the equation.

$\log S = \log C + Z \log A$, where

S = Species Richness

Z = Slope of the line (Regression Co-efficient)

A = Area

C = y- intercept

Loss of biodiversity

Some of the animals that have become extinct in recent times are given below :

Red Data Book provides data on endangered animals.

1. Steller's cow (Russia)
2. Thylacine (Australia)
3. Dodo (Maurities)
4. Quagga (Africa)

Causes of Biodiversity (4 Evil Quartet)

- 1.Habitat loss and fragmentation
- 2.Over – exploitation
- 3.Invasion of alien species
- 4.Co – extinctions

Effects of Loss of Biodiversity

- 1.Affect plant production
- 2.Ecosystem disturbances
- 3.Decrease of biomass and productivity

CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY

1. In situ conservation (On – site conservation) – outside natural habitat
The endangered species are protected in their natural habitat so that the entire ecosystem is protected.
2. Ex - situ conservation (Off – site conservation)

The endangered species are protected under the care of humans.

Biosphere Reserves

There are 425 biosphere reserves in the world. They are as follows :

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| 1.Nilgiri | 8.Agasthyamala |
| 2.Nanda Devi | 9.Kanchenjunga |
| 3.Nokrek | 10.Pachmarhi |

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| 4. Manas | 11. Similipal |
| 5. Sunderbans | 12. Dehang-Debang |
| 6. Gulf of Mannar | 13. Dibru Saikhowa |
| 7. Great Nicobar | 14. Achenankmar-Amarkantak |

Hot Spots

Biodiversity rich area, where rare or endemic species are more.

2 Hot Spots :

1. Western Ghats
2. Eastern Himalayas

Endemic species – Species confined to a region and not found anywhere else.

Endemic species are rich in hot spots.

IUCN – International Union For Conservation Of Nature and Natural resource

CRYOPRESERVATION

Method of conservation by storage of materials at ultra low temperatures for a very long periods. Gametes of threatened species can be preserved using this technique.

CONVENTIONS ON BIODIVERSITY

1. The Earth Summit

Convention on Biological diversity held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

- a) To take measures for conservation of biodiversity.
- b) Sustainable utilisation of the benefits from biodiversity.

2. The World Summit on Sustainable Development

This was held in 2002, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

190 Countries signed commitment to achieve a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at global, regional, and local levels by 2010.

Slogans for Biodiversity Conservation

“We together, for life together”

“Be active for active biodiversity”

“Conserve biodiversity and save earth”

WWF – World Wildlife Fund

IBWL – Indian Board for Wildlife