Section - I

Unit -1 Bioprocess Microbiology – I

- 1.1. Introduction: Scope of Biotechnology and Industrial Microbiology : Nature of Biotechnology and Industrial Microbiology; Characteristics of Industrial Microbiology; Patents and Intellectual Property Rights in Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology; The Use of the Word 'Fermentation' in Industrial Microbiology; Organizational Set-up in an Industrial Microbiology Establishment
- 1.2. Screening for Productive Strains and Strain Improvement in Biotechnological Organisms: Sources of Microorganisms used in Biotechnology; Selection from naturally occurring variants; Manipulation of the genome of industrial organisms in strain improvement
- 1.3. Metabolic Pathways for the Biosynthesis of Industrial Microbiology Products: The Nature of Metabolic Pathways; Industrial Microbiological Products as Primary and Secondary Metabolites; Trophophase-idiophase Relationships in the Production of Secondary Products; Role of Secondary Metabolites in the Physiology of Organisms Producing Them; Pathways for the Synthesis of Primary and Secondary Metabolites of Industrial Importance; Carbon Pathways for the Formation of Some Industrial Products Derived from Primary Metabolism; Carbon Pathways for the Formation of Some Products of Microbial Secondary Metabolism of Industrial Importance.
- 1.4. Overproduction of Metabolites of Industrial Microorganisms: Mechanisms Enabling Microorganisms to Avoid Overproduction of Primary Metabolic Products Through Enzyme Regulation; Derangement or Bypassing of Regulatory Mechanisms for the Over-production of Primary Metabolites; Regulation of Overproduction in Secondary Metabolites; Empirical Methods Employed to Disorganize Regulatory Mechanisms in Secondary Metabolite Production
- Unit -2 Bioprocess Microbiology II
 - 2.1. Growth Kinetics : Introduction; Kinetics of batch culture; Disadvantages of batch culture ; Advantages of continuous culture ; Growth kinetics for continuous culture; Material balance for CSTR: Rate of product formation, Growth kinetics, biomass and product yields, YX/S and YP/S, Biomass balances (cells) in a bioreactor, Material balance in terms of substrate in a chemostat, Modified chemostat, Fed batch culture
 - 2.2. Industrial Media and the Nutrition of Industrial Organisms : The Basic Nutrient Requirements of Industrial Media; Criteria for the Choice of Raw Materials Used in Industrial Media; Some Raw Materials Used in Compounding Industrial media; Growth Factors; Water; Some Potential Sources of Components of Industrial media, Carbohydrate sources, Protein sources; The use of plant waste materials in Industrial Microbiology media: Saccharification of Polysaccharides, Starch, Cellulose, hemi-celluloses and lignin in plant materials
 - 2.3. Sterility in Industrial Microbiology : Introduction; The basis of loss by contaminants; Physical and Chemical Methods of Achieving Sterility : Hot plates; High temperature sterilization; Dry heat sterilization; Sterilisation with filtration; Microwave sterilization; Electron beam sterilization; Chemical sterilization; Batch sterilization; Continuous sterilization; The sterilization of the fermentor and its accessories; Media sterilization; Viruses (Phages) in Industrial Microbiology
 - 2.4. Bioprocess Scale-up: Introduction; Scale-up procedure from laboratory scale to plant scale(Scale-up for constant KLa, for shear forces, constant mixing time); Bioreactor design criteria ; CSTR chemostat versus tubular plug flow; Dynamic model and oxygen transfer rate in activated sludge; Aerobic wastewater treatment; Fermentation economics

Section II

Unit- 3 Biochemical Engineering

- 3.1. Bioreactor : Introduction; Background; Bioreactor for batch type fermentation : The Aerated Stirred Tank, Anerobic Batch, Airlift bioreactors, Bubble column, Surface or Solid State; Bioreactor Configurations for Fedbatch Cultivation and Continuous fermentations; Calculation for bioreactor: Heat transfer; Design equations for CSTR fermenter; Monod model for a chemostat ; Temperature effect on rate constant; Scale-up of stirred-tank bioreactor
- 3.2. Dissolved Oxygen Measurement and Mixing: Introduction; Measurement of dissolved oxygen concentrations; Oxygen transfer rate (OTR); Respiration quotient (RQ); Agitation rate studies; Gas and Liquid System (Aeration and Agitation): Introduction; Aeration and agitation; Effect of agitation on dissolved oxygen; Air sparger; Oxygen transfer rate in a fermenter; Mass transfer in a gas-liquid system; Gas hold-up; Agitated system

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and mixing phenomena; Characterisation of agitation; Types of agitator; Gas–liquid phase mass transfer (Oxygen transport, Diameter of gas bubble formed D0)

- 3.3. Material and Elemental Balance: Introduction; Growth of stoichiometry and elemental balances; Energy balance with example of continuous ethanol fermentation; Conservation of mass principle with example of Acetic acid fermentation process
- 3.4. Fermentation Process Control: Introduction; Bioreactor controlling probes; Characteristics of bioreactor sensors; Temperature measurement and control; DO measurement and control; pH/Redox measurement and control; Detection and prevention of the foam; Biosensors
- Unit 4 Downstream Processing, Scale up and Economics

15 hours

- 4.1. Extraction of Fermentation Products: Solids (Insolubles) Removal: Filtration, Centrifugation, Coagulation and flocculation, Foam fractionation, Whole-broth treatment; Primary Product Isolation: Cell disruption, Liquid extraction (Continuous extraction column process, rotating disk contactors), Dissociation extraction, Adsorption (Ion-exchange, Langmuir isotherm, Freundlich isotherm and Fixed-bed), Precipitation; Purification: Chromatography, Carbon decolorization, Crystallization; Product Isolation: Crystalline processing, Drying
- 4.2. Membrane Separation Processes: Introduction; Types of membrane; Membrane processes; Nature of synthetic membranes; General membrane equation; Cross-flow microfiltration; Ultrafiltration; Reverse osmosis; Membrane modules.
- 4.3. Advanced Downstream Processing in Biotechnology: Introduction; Protein products; Cell disruption; Protein purification; General problems associated with conventional techniques; Fluidised bed adsorption; Design and operation of liquid fluidised beds; Interfaced and integrated fluidised bed/expanded bed system
- 4.4. Immobilized Enzymes and Immobilized Cells: Advantages of immobilized biocatalysts in general; Methods of immobilizing enzymes; Methods for the immobilization of cells; Practical Application of Immobilized Biological Catalyst Systems; Bioreactors Designs for Usage in Biocatalysis; Immobilised cell reactor(ICR) experiments and ICR rate model
- List of Experiments
 - 1. Amylase Production: Screening, Optimization, production and Purification (affinity chromatography)
 - 2. Protease Production: Screening, Optimization, Production and Purification (Salt precipitation, ion exchange chromatography)
 - 3. Immobilization of enzyme
 - 4. Estimation aeration efficiency
 - 5. Reverse micelle formation
 - 6. Screening of Organic acid producer microorganism
 - 7. Screening of Antibiotic producer microorganism
 - 8. Operation of fermentation
 - 9. Sterility testing

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