

## **CHAPTER-1**

## **NUTRITION IN PLANTS**

## **NOTES:**

**Nutrients:** components of food i.e. carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals which are essential for the growth and development of an organism. Nutrients are the substances which provide nutrition.

**Nutrition:** The process of taking in food and converting it into energy and other vital nutrients required for life.

**Autotrophs:** Auto means **self**; trophos means **nourishment**. It means the organisms which make food themselves from simple substances

**Heterotrophs:** Heteros means **other**; trophos means **nourishment**. It means the organisms which depend on others for their food.

**Autotrophic Nutrition:** Mode of nutrition in which organisms make food themselves from simple substances.

**Heterotrophic Nutrition:** mode of nutrition in which organisms depend on plants and other organisms for their food.

**Chlorophyll:** a green pigment present in the leaves of green plants which helps in the process of photosynthesis.

**Photosynthesis:** Photo means **light**; synthesis means **to prepare**. It is the process of manufacturing food by utilising sunlight, carbon dioxide, water and chlorophyll present in green leaves.

**Stomata:** tiny pores present on the surface of the leaves which are surrounded by guard cells through which carbon dioxide from the air is taken in.

**Algae:** slimy green patches in ponds or stagnant water bodies which are green in colour due to the presence of chlorophyll which enables to undergo photosynthesis process.

**Host:** organism that harbours another organism, inside or near their body, in a symbiotic relationship.

**Parasite:** organism that derives nutrients from another organism without benefiting the host.

**Insectivorous:** organism which depends or feed on insects for supplementing their want of nutrients.

**Saprotrophic nutrition:** mode of nutrition in which organism takes in nutrients from dead and decaying organic matter.

**Saprotrophs:** organisms with saprotrophic mode of nutrition.

**Symbiosis:** some organisms lives together and share both shelter and nutrients.

