CSIR NET UNIT 5 Syllabus

DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

CSIR NET UNIT 5 explores basic concepts of development, including potency, commitment, and differentiation, along with topics like gametogenesis, fertilization, early development, morphogenesis, organogenesis in animals and plants. The unit also covers programmed cell death, aging, and senescence.

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A) Basic Concepts of Development	 Potency, commitment, specification, induction, competence, determination, and differentiation Morphogenetic gradients Cell fate and cell lineages Stem cells Genomic equivalence and cytoplasmic determinants Imprinting Mutants and transgenics in the analysis of development
B) Gametogenesis, Fertilization, and Early Development	 Production of gametes Cell surface molecules in sperm-egg recognition in animals Embryo sac development and double fertilization in plants Zygote formation, cleavage, blastula formation, embryonic fields, gastrulation, and formation of germ layers in animals Embryogenesis, establishment of symmetry in plants Seed formation and germination
C) Morphogenesis and Organogenesis in Animals	 Cell aggregation and differentiation in Dictyostelium Axes and pattern formation in Drosophila, amphibia, and chick Organogenesis – vulva formation in Caenorhabditis elegans, eye lens induction, limb development, and regeneration in vertebrates Differentiation of neurons, post-embryonic development - larval formation, metamorphosis Environmental regulation of normal development Sex determination
D) Morphogenesis and Organogenesis in Plants	 Organization of shoot and root apical meristem Shoot and root development Leaf development and phyllotaxy Transition to flowering, floral meristems, and floral development in Arabidopsis and Antirrhinum

E) Programmed Cell Death, Aging, and Senescence **Study Tips For CSIR NET UNIT 5**: Create concept maps for developmental processes, understand key signaling molecules in gametogenesis, use model organisms for analysis, and relate environmental factors to organogenesis. Practice identifying stages in embryonic development for effective preparation.

