

**KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
**B. Sc (Sericulture)**  
**Semester – II**  
**D. SC - Seri - II**  
**Silkworm Biology & Rearing Technology**

Theory: 4 hours/week	4 credits	Theory { Internal marks: 20}
Practicals: 3 hours/week	1 credit	Theory {External marks: 80}
		Practical: External Marks – 25

**Objectives**

1. Acquire knowledge on various aspects of silkworm biology & development.
2. To acquaint with ecology & ethiology of silkworm rearing.
3. To familiarise with improved rearing technologies.
4. Develop confidence to set up farms on their own.

**UNIT – I**

Salient features of class Insects - Classification of Serigenous Insects – Characteristics features of order Lepidoptera - families - Bombycidae and Saturniidae- economical importance of insects, Classification of Silkworms – based on origin. geographical distribution, voltinism and moulting - popular mulberry silkworm species and varieties of Telangana and India.

Biology of Silkworm *Bombyx mori* – Life cycle of *Bombyx mori*.

**UNIT – II**

Morphology of *B. mori*: egg, larva, Pupa and moth. Metamorphosis – Definition, types and Significances.

Anatomy:- digestive system, circulatory system - excretory system - nervous system, male and female reproductive system, structure and function of silk glands.

**UNIT – III**

Rearing House:- model rearing house, types of rearing houses, rearing appliances- disinfection of rearing house and appliances-personal hygiene.

Procurement of DFL – transportation procedures.

Incubation – Definition, environmental requirements, black boxing and its importance.

Brushing - Definition; types of brushing and its importance

## UNIT – IV

Chawki rearing:- Preparation:- brushing & its methods, rearing -optimum condition, chawki methods and frequency of feeding, bed cleaning & methods of cleaning, spacing, moulting & care during moulting.

Late rearing: methods, optimum condition, feeding, bed cleaning and methods – spacing, moulting & care to be taking during moulting.

Spinning: Identification of spinning worms, mounting and mounting density – types of mountages – environmental conditions during spinning and moulting.

Moulting – identification of moulting worms and care

Harvesting: Time of harvesting, harvesting methods, storage, preservation, transportation and marketing of cocoons- time and procedure to be followed.

Mounting – identification of worms, mounting and spinning of larvae.

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## **Silkworm Biology and Rearing Technology**

### **PRACTICALS**

**3hours/week**

**1credit**

**Marks-25**

1. Life Cycle: Morphology of egg, larva, pupa and adult silkworm of *B. mori*
2. Sex separation in larva, pupa and adult silkworm
3. Anatomy of silkworm: Dissection of mouthparts, digestive system –respiratory system, nervous system, silk glands, reproductive system of male and female moth, cocoon characteristics- uni, bi & mv races
4. Rearing houses, model rearing house, rearing appliances for chawki and late age
5. Disinfection – types of disinfectants – concentration, dosage requirements
6. Incubation of silkworm eggs: method, black boxing, optimum environmental condition.
7. Calculation of fecundity and hatching percentage
8. Chawki rearing – feeding, bed cleaning, spacing, moulting.
9. Late age rearing - feeding, bed cleaning, spacing, moulting.
10. Mounting and spinning – types of mountages.  
Note: silkworm rearing (22-24 days) submission of report
11. Mounting – identification of moulted worms and care to be taken during moulting.



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