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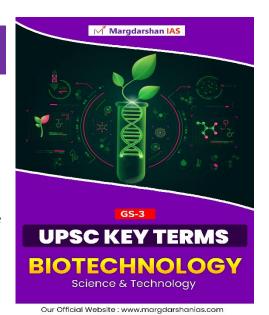


BIOTECHNOLOGY

Biotechnology is a multidisciplinary field that harnesses biological systems, organisms, or derivatives to develop products and technologies for various applications, including medicine, agriculture, and environmental management. It combines biology, chemistry, and engineering to solve problems and enhance life.

With advancements in genetic engineering, gene editing tools like CRISPR, and innovations in drug development, biotechnology plays a pivotal role in shaping future healthcare, food security, and environmental sustainability. It holds the potential to revolutionize industries by providing solutions to global challenges such as disease, food shortages, and climate change.

To help you understand better, here's a list of some basic and popular key terms which are often in news:

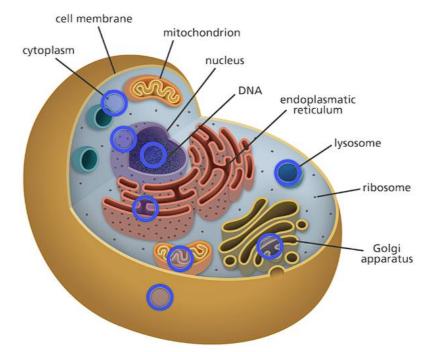


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BASIC BIOLOGY

1. Cell

1. Cell Structure and Components





















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- 1. **Cell Membrane (Plasma Membrane)** The outer boundary of the cell, which controls the movement of substances in and out.
- **Cytoplasm** The gel-like substance inside the cell, excluding the nucleus, where many cell processes occur. 2.
- Nucleus The control center of the cell, containing genetic material (DNA).
- Mitochondria Known as the "powerhouse" of the cell, these organelles generate energy (ATP).
- 5. **Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)** A network of membranes involved in protein and lipid synthesis. It comes in two types:
- **Rough ER** Studded with ribosomes, involved in protein synthesis.
- **Smooth ER** Involved in lipid synthesis and detoxification.
- 6. **Golgi Apparatus** An organelle that modifies, sorts, and packages proteins for secretion or use within the cell.
- 7. **Ribosomes** The site of protein synthesis, found either floating in the cytoplasm or attached to the rough ER.
- 8. Lysosomes Contain digestive enzymes to break down waste materials and cellular debris.
- 9. **Cytoskeleton** A network of protein filaments and tubules that provides shape and structural support to the cell.
- 10. **Chloroplasts** Found in plant cells, they capture light energy for photosynthesis.

2. Cell Types

Cell Type	Characteristics / Features	Examples		
PROKARYOTIC CELLS Ribosomes Cytoplasm Ribosomes C	 Simple, unicellular organisms. Lack a membrane-bound nucleus and organelles. Genetic material is located in the nucleoid region, not enclosed by a membrane. Smaller size, typically ranging from 1–10 micrometers. Reproduce by binary fission- Cell wall usually present (made of peptidoglycan in bacteria) 	Bacteria (e.g., Escherichia coli, Streptococcus)		
Eukaryotic Cells 1 2 4 8 8	 Larger and more complex cells, typically 10–100 micrometers in size. Contain a membrane-bound nucleus that houses genetic material. Have membrane-bound organelles, such as mitochondria and the endoplasmic reticulum. Can exist as unicellular or multicellular organisms. Reproduce through mitosis (asexual reproduction) or meiosis (sexual reproduction). 	Animal cells, Plant cells, Fungi, Protists		
Anatomy of an Animal Cell ribosomes cytoplasm cell membrane microtubules mitochondrion lysosome golgi body	 Eukaryotic cells without cell walls. Possess a flexible cell membrane composed of phospholipids. Contain centrioles to organize microtubules during cell division. Have small, temporary vacuoles for storage purposes. Contain mitochondria for energy production through cellular respiration. 	Human cells, Muscle cells, Nerve cells, Red blood cells		
Plant Cell Amyloplast Raphide crystal Vacuole Chloroplast iolgi Complex all membrane Peroixsome Nucleus Nucleus Endoplasmic Reticulum Mitochonrion Ribosome iolgi Complex all membrane Cytoplsm Cell Wall	 Eukaryotic cells with a rigid cell wall made of cellulose. Contain chloroplasts for photosynthesis, housing chlorophyll. Possess a large central vacuole for water and nutrient storage and maintaining cell shape. Contain plastids, such as chromoplasts, for pigment storage. Lack centrioles for cell division, utilizing microtubules instead. 	Elodea, Oak tree cells, Rose cells		



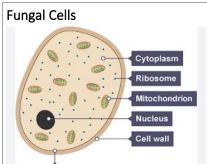










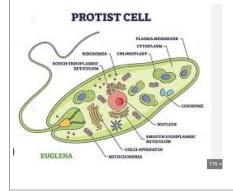


1. Eukaryotic cells with a cell wall made of chitin.

- Lack chloroplasts and do not perform photosynthesis.
- Possess smaller vacuoles compared to plant cells.
- 4. Can be unicellular (e.g., yeasts) or multicellular (e.g., molds and mushrooms).
- Reproduce both sexually and asexually, typically via spores.

Yeast (Saccharomyces cerevisiae), Mushroom cells, Molds

Protist Cells



1. Eukaryotic cells that do not fit into the plant, animal, or fungal categories.

- 2. Can be unicellular or multicellular.
- May possess features like flagella or cilia for movement.
- 4. Some contain chloroplasts for photosynthesis, while others are heterotrophic.
- 5. Often found as aquatic organisms.
- Exhibit diversity in structure and function.

Amoeba, Paramecium, Algae (e.g., Chlamydomonas), Euglena

3. Other Key Terms

- 1. Cell Wall A rigid outer layer found in plant, fungal, and bacterial cells, providing structural support.
- 2. Vacuoles Membrane-bound sacs within the cytoplasm that store substances like nutrients, waste products, and water. Plant cells usually have a large central vacuole.
- Plasmids Small circular DNA molecules found in prokaryotes (and sometimes in eukaryotic cells) that are separate from the chromosomal DNA.
- Centrioles Structures involved in cell division in animal cells, helping in the formation of the mitotic spindle.
- 5. **Nucleolus** A small dense structure inside the nucleus, involved in the production of ribosomes.

