

NOWGONG COLLEGE  
(Autonomous)



SYLLABUS

Department of Zoology

Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) of

Four Year Undergraduate Programme

Choice-based Credit System with flexibility

Effective from Academic Year 2023-24

Syllabus is approved in Academic Council, Nowgong College (Autonomous)

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

## Course and Credit Structure

Semester	Major (Maj)	Minor (Min)	Inter-Disciplinary	AEC	SEC	VAC (Any Two)	Summer Internship	Research Project/ Dissertation	Total
I	ZOOL-MAJ-1014 (Non Cordates)	ZOOL-MIN-1014 (Non Cordates)	ZOOL-IDC-1014 (Non Cordates)	ASSA/HIND/BE NG-AEC-1012  Jugajogmulok Axomiya/ Vyakaran Evam Vyavaharik Hindi/Byowohari c Bangla – I	ZOOL-SEC- 1014 (Ornamental fish & fisheries)	UNIN-VAC- 1012 (Understanding India) ENSC-VAC- 1012 (Environmental Science) NASS-VAC- 1012 (National Service Scheme)	-----	-----	22
II	ZOOL-MAJ-2014 (Chordates)	ZOOL-MIN-2014 (Chordates)	ZOOL-IDC-2014 (Chordates)	ASSA/HIND/BE NG -AEC-2012  Byowoharic Bangla/Axomiya Karyalayi Hindi /Byowoharic Bangla – II	ZOOL-SEC- 2014 (Non-mulberry sericulture)	DITS-VAC- 2012 (Digital Technological Solutions) YOMH-VAC- 2012 (Yoga and Mental Health) NACC-VAC- 2012 (National Cadet Corps)	-----	-----	22
<b>Certificate after 1 year (Total Credit = 44)</b>									
III	ZOOL-MAJ-3014 (Principles of Ecology) ZOOL-MAJ-3024 (Animal cell structure and	ZOOL-MIN-3014 (Principles of Ecology)	ZOOL-IDC-3014 (Principles of Ecology)	ENGL-AEC- 3012 (English and Mass Communication)	XXXX-SEC- 3014	-----	-----	-----	22



(Project/ Dissertation)									
<b>Degree after 3 years (with Major/Minor) (Total Credit = 132)</b>									

VII	ZOOL -MAJ-7014 (Biostatistics and genetic Engineering) ZOOL -MAJ-7024 (Insect Vector and Diseases) ZOOL -MAJ-7034 (Endocrinology)	ZOOL-MIN-7014 (Evolutionary Biology)	-----	-----	-----	REET-VAC- 7012 (Research Ethics)		REME -MAJ-7044 (Research Methodology)	22
VIII	ZOOL -MAJ-8014 (Instrumentation and techniques in Biology)	ZOOL-MIN-8014 (Wildlife Conservation and Management)	-----	-----	-----	INPR-VAC- 8012 (Intellectual Property Right)		ZOOL-DISS-80112 (Dissertation) (Those who are undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)  OR  ZOOL-MAJ -8024 (Aquatic Biology) ZOOL-MAJ -8034 (Reproductive Biology) ZOOL-MAJ -8044 (Entomology) (Those who are not undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)	22
<b>Degree after 4 years (with Honours/ by Research) (Total Credit = 176)</b>									176

N.B.: 1. 4 credit papers = 100 marks (60T+20IA+20P)

2. 2 credit papers = 50 marks (30T+10IA+10P) & AEC: 50 marks (40T+10IA)

Question pattern:

- For 100 marks papers [1 marks x 7 (no option) , 2 marks x 4(no option) , 5 marks x 3 (5 options), 10 marks x 3 ( 5 options) ]
- For 50 marks papers [ 1marks x 4 (no option), 2 marks x 3 (no option), 5 marks x 2 (4 options), 10 marks x 1 ( 2 options ) ]
- For AEC 50 marks papers [ 1 marks x 4 ( no options) , 2 marks x 3 ( no options), 5 marks x 2 ( 4 options), 10 marks x 2 (4 options ) ]

## Details of Semester-Wise Courses

### Major Course (MAJ) papers

- ZOOL-MAJ-1014 - Non-Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-2014 - Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-3014 - Principles of Ecology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-3024 - Animal cell structure and organelles (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-4014 - Comparative anatomy of vertebrates (Theory +Practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-4024 – Theories and Principle of Genetics (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-4034- Animal Physiology (Theory+ practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-4044 - Developmental biology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-5014 - Wildlife conservation and management (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-5024 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-5034 - Molecular Biology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-5044 - Parasitology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-6014 - Immunology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-6024 - Biochemistry and Metabolic process (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-6034 - Animal Behavior and Chronobiology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-6044 - Evolutionary Biology and Bioinformatics (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MAJ-6052 – Project
- ZOOL -MAJ-7014 - Biostatistics and genetic Engineering (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-7024 - Insect Vector and Diseases (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL -MAJ-7034 - Endocrinology (Theory+ Practical)
- REME-MAJ-7044 –Research Methodology
- ZOOL -MAJ-8014 -Instrumentation and Techniques in Biology (Theory+ Practical)
  
- ZOOL-DISS-80112 - Dissertation (Work+ Presentation) (Those who are undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)
  
- ZOOL-MAJ -8024 - Aquatic Biology (Theory+ Practical) (Those who are not undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)
  
- ZOOL-MAJ -8034 - Reproductive Biology (Theory+ Practical) (Those who are not undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)
  
- ZOOL-MAJ -8044 - Entomology (Theory+ Practical) (Those who are o not undertaking Research Project or Dissertation)

**Minor Papers (MIN) to be offered to other Departments/Disciplines**

- ZOOL-MIN-1014 - Non-Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-2014 - Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-3014 - Principles of Ecology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-4014 - Comparative anatomy of vertebrates (Theory +Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-5014 – Physiology and Biochemistry (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-6014 - Genetics (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-7014 – Evolutionary Biology (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-MIN-8014 - Wildlife Conservation and Management (Theory+ Practical)

**Inter-Disciplinary Paper (IDC)**

- ZOOL-IDC-1014 - Non-Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-IDC-2014 - Chordates (Theory+ Practical)
- ZOOL-IDC-3014 - Principles of Ecology (Theory+ Practical)

**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**

- ZOOL-SEC-1014 - Ornamental fish & fisheries (Theory+ Practical/Presentation)
- ZOOL-SEC-2014 - Non-mulberry sericulture (Theory+ Practical/Presentation)

**SEMESTER: I**  
**Course Code: ZOOL-MAJ-1014**  
**Course Paper: NON-CHORDATES**  
**Paper Credit: 04 (3T+1P)**

**Total No. of Lectures: 45L + 15P**

**Total Marks=100 (T60 + IA20 + P20)**

**Objectives:**

The course would provide an insight to the learner about the existence of different life forms on the Earth and appreciate the diversity of animal life. It will help the student to understand the features of Kingdom Animalia and systematic organization of the animals based on their evolutionary relationships, structural and functional affinities along with basic concept of taxonomy. The course will also make the students aware about the characteristic morphological and anatomical features of diverse animals;

**Learning Outcome:**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Learn about the importance of systematic, taxonomy, nomenclature, biological classification, and structural organization of invertebrate animals.
- The diversity of non-chordates living in varied habit and habitats.
- Understand evolutionary history and relationships of different non-chordates through functional and structural affinities.
- Critically analyze the organization, complexity, and characteristic features of non-chordates making them familiarize with the morphology and anatomy of representatives of various animal phyla.

**CONTENT:**

**Theory:**

**UNIT 1:**

Protista, Parazoa, and Metazoa: General characteristics and Classification up to classes, Study of Euglena, Amoeba, and Paramecium, Life cycle and pathogenicity of *Plasmodium vivax* and *Entamoeba histolytica*. Locomotion and Reproduction in Protista Evolution of symmetry and segmentation of Metazoa



## UNIT 2:

**Porifera:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes. Canal system in sponges.

**Cnidaria:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes, Metagenesis in Obelia, Polymorphism in Cnidaria, Corals, and coral reefs, General characteristics of Ctenophora and its evolutionary significance.

## UNIT 3:

**Helminthes:** General characteristics and Classification of Platyhelminthes and nemathelminthes up to classes, Parasitic adaptations in helminthes.

**Annelida:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes, Coelomoducts, and Nephridia in Annelids.

**Arthropoda:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes, Metamorphosis in Insects.

## UNIT 4:

**Mollusca:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes. Respiration in Mollusca, Torsion, and detorsion in Gastropoda, Pearl formation in bivalves.

**Echinodermata:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes. Affinities of Echinodermata with Chordates.

## Practical/ Presentation

Study of whole mount of *Euglena*, *Amoeba*, and *Paramecium*, binary fission and conjugation in *Paramecium*.

Study of *Sycon* (T.S. and L.S.), *Hyalonema*, *Euplectella*, *Spongilla*.

Study of *Obelia*, *Physalia*, *Millepora*, *Aurelia*, *Tubipora*, *Corallium*, *Alcyonium*, *Gorgonia*, *Metridium*, *Pennatula*, *Fungia*, *Meandrina*, *Madrepora*, *Beroe*.

Study of adult *Fasciola hepatica*, *Taenia solium* and *Ascaris lumbricoides*.

**Annelids-** *Aphrodite, Nereis, Heteronereis, Sabella, Serpula, Chaetopterus, Pheretima, Hirudinaria.*

**Arthropods** - *Limulus, Palamnaeus, Palaemon, Daphnia, Balanus, Sacculina, Cancer, Eupagurus, Scolopendra, Julus, Bombyx, Periplaneta, Termites* and Honey bees, Onychophora – (*Peripatus*).

**Molluscs** - *Chiton, Dentalium, Pila, Doris, Helix, Unio, Ostrea, Pinctada, Sepia, Octopus, Nautilus.*

**Echinodermates-** *Pentaceros /Asterias, Ophiura, Clypeaster, Echinus, Cucumari aand Antedon.*

Mount of mouth parts and dissection of digestive system and nervous system of *Periplaneta*.

**Note:** Classification to be followed from “Ruppert and Barnes (2006) *Invertebrate Zoology*, 8th edition, Holt Saunders International Edition” and Young, J. Z. (2004)

### **Suggested Readings:**

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**SEMESTER: 2**  
**Course Code: ZOOL-MAJ-2014**  
**Course Paper: CHORDATES**  
**Paper Credit: 04 (3T+1P)**

**Total No. of Lectures: 45L + 15P**

**Total Marks=100 (T60 + IA20 + P20)**

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**Learning Outcome:**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Learn about the importance of systematics and structural organization of animals.
- Appreciate the diversity of chordates living in varied habit and habitats.
- Understand evolutionary history and relationships of different chordates through functional and structural affinities.
- Critically analyse the organization, complexity and characteristic features of chordates making them familiarize with the morphology and anatomy of representatives of various animal phyla.

**CONTENT:**

**Theory**

**UNIT 1:**

**Chordata:** General characteristics and outline classification of Chordata, Dipleurula concept of origin of chordate, General characteristics and classification of Protochordata. (Hemichordata, Urochordata and Cephalochordata); Retrogressive metamorphosis in Urochordata, Affinities of Hemichordata.

**UNIT 2:**

**Agnatha:** General characteristics and classification of cyclostomes up to class.

**Pisces:** General characteristics of Chondrichthyes and Osteichthyes, classification up to order, Migration, Parental care in fishes.

### UNIT 3:

**Amphibia:** Origin of Tetrapoda, General characteristics and classification up to order; Parental care in Amphibians.

**Reptilia:** General characteristics and classification up to order; Affinities of Sphenodon; Poison apparatus and biting mechanism in snakes.

### UNIT 4:

**Aves:** General characteristics and classification up to order, Archaeopteryx- a connecting link; flight mechanism, Perching mechanism, flight adaptations and air sacs in birds.

**Mammals:** General characters and classification up to order; affinities of Prototheria.

### Practical/ Presentation

Study of following specimens:

**Protochordata:** *Balanoglossus*, *Herdmania*, *Branchiostoma*, Colonial Urochordata  
Sections of *Balanoglossus*, *Amphioxus*.

**Agnatha:** *Petromyzon*, *Myxine*.

**Fishes:** *Scoliodon*, *Sphyrna*, *Pristis*, *Torpedo*, *Chimaera*, *Mystus*, *Heteropneustes*, *Labeo*, *Exocoetus*, *Echeneis*, *Anguilla*, *Hippocampus*, *Tetrodon*, *Anabas*, Flat fish.

**Dissection:** Mount of weberian ossicles of *fish*.

**Amphibia:** *Ichthyophis/Ureotyphlus*, *Necturus*, *Bufo*, *Hyla*, *Alytes*, *Salamandra*.

**Reptilia:** *Chelone*, *Trionyx*, *Hemidactylus*, *Varanus*,  
*Uromastix*, *Chamaeleon*, *Ophiosaurus*, *Draco*, *Bungarus*, *Vipera*, *Naja*, *Hydrophis*,  
*Zamenis*, *Crocodylus*.

**Aves:** Study of six common birds from different orders.

**Mammalia:** *Sorex*, Bat (Insectivorous and Frugivorous), *Funambulus*, *Loris*, *Herpestes*, *Erinaceous*.

**Note:** Classification to be followed from “Ruppert and Barnes (2006) *Invertebrate Zoology*, 8th edition, Holt Saunders International Edition” and Young, J. Z. (2004)

### **Suggested Readings**

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**SEMESTER: 1**  
**Course Code: ZOOL-MIN-1014**  
**Course Paper: BIOSYSTEMATICS & NON-CHORDATES**  
**Paper Credit: 04 (3T+1P)**

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- Understand evolutionary history and relationships of different non-chordates through functional and structural affinities.
- Critically analyze the organization, complexity and characteristic features of non-chordates making them familiarize with the morphology and anatomy of representatives of various animal phyla.

**CONTENT:**

**Theory**

**UNIT 1:**

Definition, basic concept and importance of Systematics and Taxonomy, Newer trends in taxonomy,

International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN), Taxonomic procedures- taxonomic collections, preservation, method of identification, taxonomic keys- different types of keys.

## UNIT 2:

**Protista, Parazoa and Metazoa:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes, Locomotion and Reproduction in Protista.

**Porifera:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes. Canal system in sponges.

**Cnidaria:** General characteristics and Classification up to classes, General characteristics of Ctenophora and its evolutionary significance.

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**Helminthes:** General characteristics and Classification of platyhelminthes and nemathelminthes up to classes, Parasitic adaptations in helminthes.

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**Total Marks=100 (T60 + IA20 + P20)**

**Objectives:**

The course would provide an insight to the learner about the existence of different life forms on the Earth, and appreciate the diversity of animal life. It will help the student to understand the features of Kingdom Animalia and systematic organization of the animals based on their evolutionary relationships, structural and functional affinities. The course will also make the students aware about the characteristic morphological and anatomical features of diverse animals;

**Learning Outcome:**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Learn about the importance of systematics and structural organization of animals.
- Appreciate the diversity of chordates living in varied habit and habitats.
- Understand evolutionary history and relationships of different chordates through functional and structural affinities.
- Critically analyze the organization, complexity and characteristic features of chordates making them familiarize with the morphology and anatomy of representatives of various animal phyla.

**CONTENT:**

**Theory**

**UNIT 1:**

**Chordata:** General characteristics and outline classification of Chordata, Dipleurula concept of origin of chordate, General characteristics and classification of Protochordata. (Hemichordata, Urochordata and Cephalochordata); Retrogressive metamorphosis in Urochordata, Affinities of Hemichordata.

**UNIT 2:**

**Agnatha:** General characteristics and classification of cyclostomes up to class.

**Pisces:** General characteristics of Chondrichthyes and Osteichthyes, classification upto order, Migration, Parental care in fishes.

### UNIT 3:

**Amphibia:** Origin of Tetrapoda, General characteristics and classification upto order; Parental care in Amphibians.

**Reptilia:** General characteristics and classification up to order; Affinities of Sphenodon; Poison apparatus and biting mechanism in snakes.

### UNIT 4:

**Aves:** General characteristics and classification up to order, Archaeopteryx- a connecting link; flight mechanism, Perching mechanism, flight adaptations and air sacs in birds.

**Mammals:** General characters and classification up to order; affinities of Prototheria.

### Practical/ Presentation

Study of following specimens:

**Protochordata:** *Balanoglossus*, *Herdmania*, *Branchiostoma*, Colonial Urochordata  
Sections of *Balanoglossus*, *Amphioxus*.

**Agnatha:** *Petromyzon*, *Myxine*.

**Fishes:** *Scoliodon*, *Sphyrna*, *Pristis*, *Torpedo*, *Chimaera*, *Mystus*, *Heteropneustes*, *Labeo*, *Exocoetus*, *Echeneis*, *Anguilla*, *Hippocampus*, *Tetrodon*, *Anabas*, Flat fish.

**Dissection:** Mount of weberian ossicles of *fish*.

**Amphibia:** *Ichthyophis/Ureotyphlus*, *Necturus*, *Bufo*, *Hyla*, *Alytes*, *Salamandra*.

**Reptilia:** *Chelone*, *Trionyx*, *Hemidactylus*, *Varanus*,  
*Uromastix*, *Chamaeleon*, *Ophiosaurus*, *Draco*, *Bungarus*, *Vipera*, *Naja*, *Hydrophis*,  
*Zamenis*, *Crocodylus*.

**Aves:** Study of six common birds from different orders.



**Mammalia:** *Sorex*, Bat (Insectivorous and Frugivorous), *Funambulus*, *Loris*, *Herpestes*, *Erinaceous*.

**Note:** Classification to be followed from “Ruppert and Barnes (2006) *Invertebrate Zoology*, 8th edition, Holt Saunders International Edition” and Young, J. Z. (2004)

**Suggested Readings:**

Young, J.Z.(2004).The Life of Vertebrates. III Edition. Oxford university press.

Pough H. Vertebrate life, VIII Edition, Pearson International.

Darlington P.J. The Geographical Distribution of Animals, R.E. Krieger Pub Co.

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**Course Code: ZOOL-SEC-1014**

**Course Paper: ORNAMENTAL FISH & FISHERIES**

**Paper Credit: 04 (3T+1P)**

**Total No. of Lectures: 45L + 15P**

**Total Marks=100 (T60 + IA20 + P20)**

**Objectives:**

1. To make students learn about the potential of ornamental fish industry
2. To explore taxonomy, management and biology of ornamental fishes

**Learning Outcome:** Students will be able to-

1. Identify ornamental fishes of the region and set up and maintain aquarium
2. Prepare food and culture of ornamental fishes
3. Explore business opportunities with ornamental fishes from Assam

**CONTENTS:**

**Theory**

**UNIT 1:**

Ornamental Fish Diversity of North East India.

Aquarium plant diversity in the wetland of Assam.

Construction and management of Home Aquarium.

**UNIT 2:**

Natural feed of Ornamental Fish.

Strategies for maintenance of natural colour of Ornamental Fish.

**UNIT 3:**

Natural Breeding of Tricogaster species.

Health management of Ornamental Fish.

Feed formulation of Ornamental Fish.

**UNIT 4:**

Development of Biological filtration in Aquarium.

Pure culture of planktons.

Ornamental fish culture and entrepreneurship development.

### **Practical/ Presentation**

Identification of Ornamental Fish.

Culture of Indigenous ornamental fish in Aquarium.

Estimation of Physico-chemical characteristics of Aquarium water.

Biological filter for removal of Ammonia from Aquarium.

Culture of Planktons.

Culture of Tubifex.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Handbook of Fisheries and Aquaculture, ICAR, New Delhi.

Ornamental Aquarium Fish of India by Kishori Tekriwal, Andrew Arunava Rao, John Dawes, Kingdom Books.

A Text book of Fish Biology and Fisheries, S.S. Khanna and H.R. Singh, Narendra Publishing House.

Fish and Fisheries of India, V. G. Jhingran, Hindustan pub. Corp.

A Handbook of Fish Biology and Indian Fisheries, R.P. Parihaar, Central Publishing House.

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## Course Code: ZOOL-SEC-2014

### Course Paper: NON-MULBERRY SERICULTURE

Paper Credit: 04 (3T+1P)

Total No. of Lectures: 45L + 15P

Total Marks=100 (T60 + IA20 + P20)

#### Objectives:

1. Learning history and present status of Mulberry and Non-Mulberry Sericulture, varieties of silk.
2. Learning biology, life history, food plants and rearing of non-mulberry silkworms.
3. Acquainting pests and diseases of silkworm.
4. Learning non-mulberry silk products and Entrepreneurship development.

#### Learning Outcome:

Students will learn about:

1. Non-mulberry silk worm diversity and rearing.
2. Non-mulberry silkworm food plants cultivation.
3. Management of Pests and diseases of non-mulberry silk worm.
4. Various process involved in non-mulberry silk production.

#### CONTENTS:

##### Theory

##### UNIT 1:

**Introduction:** Sericulture, Definition, history and present status of Mulberry and Non-Mulberry Sericulture; Silk route, Varieties of Silk; Types and distribution of non-mulberry or wild or vanyasericigenous insects in N-E India.

**Biology of Non-mulberry Silkworm:** Life cycle of silkworm: Eri and Muga. Structure of silk gland and Nature of Silk

##### UNIT 2:

**Rearing of Silkworms (Eri and Muga Silkworm):** Food plants of Eri and Muga Silkworm; **Rearing Operation:** Rearing house/Site and rearing appliances. **Disinfectants:** Formalin, bleaching powder. **Rearing technology:** Early age and Late age rearing Environmental conditions in rearing-Temperature, Humidity, Light and Air Types of mountages. Harvesting and storage of cocoons Spinning and Reeling of silk.

##### UNIT 3:

**Pests and Diseases:** Pests of eri and muga silkworm, Pathogenesis of eri and muga silkworm diseases: Protozoan, viral, fungal and bacterial; Prevention and control measures of pests and diseases.

##### UNIT 4:

**Entrepreneurship in Non-Mulberry Sericulture:** Varieties of Non-Mulberry Silk products

and economics in India, Prospects of Non-Mulberry Sericulture in India: Non-Mulberry Sericulture industry in different states, employment generation and potential.

### **Practical/ Presentation**

Identification of larval and adult stages of different varieties of silkworms.

Study the life history of silkworms (Eri and Muga).

Study the primary and secondary food plants of silkworm (Eri & Muga).

Study the different diseases of silkworm through permanent slide/model/photographs  
Study the pest, predator and parasitoids of silkworm.

Study the silk gland of silkworm through model/photographs (Dissection of the silk gland of eri and mulberry silkworm if specimens are available).

Visit to Govt. /Private sericulture farm and preparation of report.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Jolly, M. S., S. K. Sen, T.N. Sonwalkar and G.K. Prashad 1979. Non-Mulberry Sericulture. in: Manual of Sericulture, Rome, FAO, 4 (29).

Chowdhury, S.N. 1981. Muga Silk Industry. Directorate of Sericulture, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati 781005, Assam.

Chowdhury, S.N. 1982. Eri Silk Industry. Directorate of Sericulture, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati 781005, Assam.

Chowdhury, S.N. 1992. Silk and Sericulture. Directorate of Sericulture and Weaving, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati-781005, Assam.

Chutia, B. C., Rajkhowa, R. and Goswami, B. 2020. Non-Mulberry Sericulture, Assam Book Depot (p) ltd. Assam.

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