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**INTRODUCTION: -**

Algae are defined as a group of predominantly aquatic photosynthetic, and nucleus, leaves and specialized multicellular reproductive structure of plants.

A lichen is not a single organism it is a stable Symbiotic association between a fungus and algae Like all fungi require carbon as a food source. This is provided by their Symbiotic algae are Cyanobacteria that are photosynthetic the lichen symbiosisis thought to be a mutualism since both the fungi and the photosynthetic partners the majority of the lichen is. Composed of the fungus and the rest is composed of a green are blue algae many times the lichen both, types of algae.

Fungi are eukaryotic organ microorganisms. Fungi can occur as yeasts, Molds or as a combination of both forms. Some Fungi are capable of causing Superficial, cutaneous, subcutaneous systemic orallergic diseases. eukaryotic organisms. They are familiar as Mushrooms. These organisms are classified as Kingdom.



### -: ALGAE: -

### CHARACTERISTICS OF ALGAE: -

Specific general characteristics of Algae are common to plants as well as animak

Algal cells are eukaryotic for instance Algae can photosynthesize like plants, and they possess Specialized Structure and cell organelles, like centrioles and flagella, found, found only in animal. The algal cell walls consist of Mannans, Cellulose and some of the Galatians. Listed below are general characteristics of Algae.

\*Algae are Photosynthetic Organisms

\*Algae can be either unicellular or multicellular Organism

\*Algae lack a well-defined body. so, roots, stems. or leaveare absent. structures like

\*Algae are found where Reproduction in there is adequate moisture.

\*Reproduction in algae occurs in both asexual and sexual form. Asexual reproduction occurs by spore formation

\*Algae are free a - living, although some can form symbiotic relationship with other organism –

### Examples of Algae:-

Prominent examples of algae include

\* Ulothrix

\*Fucus

- \* Porphyria
- \* Spirogyra



There some of are many types of algae the more prominent types. However, there are

#### -: RED ALGAE: -



Red algae also called Rhodophyta, it is a distinctive species, found in marine as well as fresh water ecosystem. The pigments Phycocyanin and phycoerythrin are responsible for the Characteristic red colouration of the algae. other pigments that provide green colouration (such as chlorophyll a) are present however, they lack Chlorophyll b or beta carotene

extended Reading: Red Algae

### -: GREEN ALGAE: -



• it is a Large, informal grouping of algae having the primary photosynthetic pigments chlorophyll with auxiliary pigments such as carotene a band b. along Xanthophylls and beta carotene

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•Higher organisms are green algae to conduct photosynthesis for them. Other species of green algae have a symbiotic relationship with other organism

•Members are unicellular, multicellular, colonical and Flagellates prominent examples for green algae include spirogyra, Ulothrix, volvox, etc.

Extended Reading: Chloroplasts.

# -: BLUE-GREEN ALGAE: -



•In the past, blue Known types of algae. green algae were one of the most well- However, since blue- green algae are prokaryotes, they are not currently included under algae [because all algae are classified as eukaryotic organism]

•Also called Cyanobacteria, these organum's live in moist or aquatic environments just like other algae. There include dams, rivers, reservoirs, crecks, lakes and oceans. This clan of bacteria obtains energy through the process of photosynthesis. ecologically, some species of blue Significant to the Soil. Hence, these green algae environment as fixes the nitrogen in the are also called nitrogen fixing bacteria. Are

ex: - Nostoc, Anabaena etc....

### -: LICHENS: -

### \*Characteristics of lichen

•The fungus with its root gets the water and minerals and algae using its.

•They are Sensitive to air Pollution and are an indicator of air pollution.•Halophytic plant body with irregular. shape and pigmentation

• Pigmentation is due to the algae.

•Algae belongs to the blue-green algae. like Nostoc stigorema

• Fungus partner belongs to ascomycetes family.

There are three types

1}Crustose lichen: -

Ex: -Rhinoceros



There are

present in the form of thick layer on the Substratum and these cannot the separated withoutBreaking.





### 2}Foliose lichen: -



There are like dried leaves and lobe thallus they are attached with Sub strum with help of rhizoid like rhizines.

### Ex:- xanthoria



3}Fruticoselichens: -



These are Shrubby lichens with developed. shrub like Cylinder and branched thallers, they grow erect and hang from the Substratum the plant body is attached to Substratum with the help of basal mucila genous disc



### Ex: -Letharia



### -: FUNGI: -

### Characteristics of Fungi:

1. Fungi are eukaryotic organisms means they have true nucleus which are enclosed in membranes.

- 2. They are non-vascular organisms.
- 3. Fungi have cell walls.
- 4. There is no embryonic stage for fungi
- 5. They reproduce by mains of spores
- 6. There are sexual and Asexual Kind of reproduction
- 7. They are typically non-motile

8. Fungi exhibit the phenomenon of alteration of generation.

9. Fungi are achlorophyllous, which means they lack the chlorophyll pigment

10. The vegetative body of the fungi may be unicellular or compared of microscopic threads called hyphae.

11. Hyphae can grow and forma network called a mycelium

12. Yeasts are unicellular fungi that do not producehyphae

13. Optimum temperature of growth for most Saproplusticfungi is 20-30C while (30-39)c for parasitic fungi

14. In 1991 aland mark paper estimated that there are 1.5 million fungi on Earth.

15. Only about 300 species of fungi are Infectious toHuman.

Examples: Candida Albicans, Aspergillus, Blastomyces, coccidiodes, cryptococcus, neoformans, etc..

### classification of Fungi

\* AscomycetesEx:-Penicillium, cercospora, Helotiales

\* Basidiomycetes Ex:- Agaricus, gilled mushrooms

\* OomycetesEx:- Phytophtora, potato late blight

\* Zygomycetes Ex:- Mucorales, Mucor

\* DeuteromycetesEx:- Trichoderma, Alternaria

### Economicimportance of Fungi:-

\* They play an importance role In medicine yieldingantibiotics in agriculture.

\* It forms of In many Industries and as important in manufacturingfood items like Bread, cheese etc...

\* Agaricus and morchella, are eaten as food and cultivated on a commercial baris.

\* The large scale production of yeast cake.

\*Some metabolic fungi products are used inmedicine.





# CONCLUSION

• Algae and algae technology can be used in the process to sustain production of Food for the Future.

• Future Food production will be environmentally friendly and efficient with algae technology.

• Elevation affects lichen abundance because of micro-environmental changes associated with elevation gradients.

• Stand structure effects lichen abundance with more lichen.

- On subalpine fir substrate.
- In denser stands.
- Lichen abundance is confined mostly to subalpine elevations.

• The kingdom fungi are a diverse group of prokaryotes. It produces extracellular metabolites which carry enormous biotechnological applications.

• The fungal pigment is one of those bio active compounds. Almost all groups of fungi produce pigments of different colours and characteristics. The most important fungal pigments include carotenoids, flavins, quinones, phenazines etc. These pigments carry antibacterial, antifungal, anti-cancerous and antioxidant potential.

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