





CLASS 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sexual Reproduction** in Plants



#### 01. Introduction

The process of reproduction take place in this plant through a special structure, called **flower** Calyx, Corolla, Androecium and Gynoecium are present in the typical or complete flower. The Calyx and corolla are termed accessory whorls of the flower. Because these structures do not participate in the process of reproduction, only helps. The androecium and gynoecium are known as essential whorls, because they are directly related with the reproduction. Monocarpic plants:

The plants in which flowering and fruiting take place many times in the entire life cycle are known as polycarpic e.g Perennial plant.

# 02. Reproduction in Flowering Plants [Embryology]

All the reproductive methods of plants are broadly categorized into two type-

- Sexual Reproduction
- Asexual Reproduction.

# 03. Sexual Reproduction

In Angiosperm male and female gametes are formed in male and female sex organs by the process of meiosis.

Both the gametes fuse together to from a diploid zygote which gives rise embryo. In means the process in which embryo is formed by meiosis and fertilization is called Amphimixis.

## 04. Male Reproductive Organ – Androecium

Male reproductive organ is called androecium and their unit is called stamen. Stamen is also known as microsporophyll.

A typical stamen is differentiates into there parts.—a long, thin structure is called **filament** which joins the stamen to the thalamus.

The free end of the filament, a swollen spore bearing structure is called anther

Another and filament are attached together with help of small region, called connective.

Connective contains vascular tissues. The main parts of the stamen is the anther.

Each anther generally bilobed structure i.e. anther has two anther lobes.

Each lobe of anther has two chambers (Dithecous) which are called pollen sacs or microsporangia or pollen chambers.

Therefore, a typical anther has four pollen sacs is called tetrasporangiate.

Pollen grains are formed inside the pollen sac through the meiotic division of pollen mother cells.



The development of anther in origin in Eusporangiate type i.e. It is developed form more then one archesporial cells.

The following structures are present in the anther:-

- Epidermis:-
  - It is the outermost layer of anther. It is single celled thick and continuous layer
- Endothecium:-
- This layer is present below the epidermis. it is single celled thick layer.
- Middle layer: Middle layer is consist of parenchymatous cells. This layer is one to three celled thick
  structure.
- Tapetum:- It is the inner most layer which acts as nutritive layer. It is known as tapetum. Pollen sacs surrounded by tapetum. This is also single celled thick layer.
- Pollen sacs: Four Pollen sacs are present in the anther. Pollen sacs are also known as microsporangia. Inside the pollen sacs, microspores are formed by the meiotic division of microspore mother cells.

## 05. Microsporogenesis:

