MICROBIOLOGY-CLASSIFICATION OF MICROORGANISMS

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INTRODUCTION

- Classification of any field of science means the orderly arrangement of units under study into groups of larger units.
- Present day classification in biology was established by Carolus Linnaeus.





CLASSIFICATION:

- Classification on the basis of :
- 1. Of body and nuclear organization
- 2. Of morphological characteristics
- 3. Of nutritional requirements
- 4. Of oxygen requirements
- 5. Of temperature requirement
- 6. Of distribution
- 7. Of host resistance or pathogenecity



1. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF BODY AND NUCLEAR ORGANIZATION

- Body organization microorganism:
- 1. Microbes beyond cellular organization
- 2. Microbes with cellular organization
- On the basis of nuclear organization
- 1. Prokaryotes
- 2. Eukaryotes

2. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- According to shape of bacteria
- 1. Cocci
- 2. Bacilli
- 3. Bacteria without stable shape
- According to their size
- 1. Higher bacteria
- 2. Lower bacteria
- According to their flagella
- 1. Monotrichous
- 2. Amphitrichous
- 3. Lopotrichous
- 4. Peritrichous
- According to their staining reaction
- 1. Gram positive
- 2. Gram negative
- 3. Acid fast organism
- 4. Non acid fast

3. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Photoautotrophs
- 2. Chemoautotrophs
- 3. Photoheterotrophs
- 4. Chemoheterotrophs

4. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF OXYGEN REQUIREMENTS

- 1. True aerobes
- 2. True anaerobes
- 3. Facultative aerobes
- 4. Facultative anaerobes

5. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENT

- 1. Psychrophilic or cryophilic
- 2. Mesophilic
- 3. Thermophilic

6. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

- Hydrosperic or aquatic
- Lithospheric or terestrial
- Atmospheric or aerial

7. CLASSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF HOST RESISTANCE OR PATHOGENECITY

- 1. Pathogens
- 2. Non- pathogens

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