

CSIR-UGC NET Life Sciences — Recommended Books

JRF & Assistant Professor · 13 units

Most CSIR-NET aspirants build around one core compilation (Pranav Kumar) plus standard texts for depth in Part C, and previous-year practice.

Core compilation

Area / Subject	Recommended Book	Author	Buy (search)
All 13 units	Life Sciences: Fundamentals and Practice (Vol I & II)	Pranav Kumar & Usha Mina	Amazon · Flipkart
Coaching guide	CSIR NET Life Sciences	Pathfinder Academy	Amazon · Flipkart

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

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Biochemistry	Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry	Nelson & Cox	Amazon · Flipkart
Molecular biology	Molecular Biology of the Gene	Watson et al.	Amazon · Flipkart
Cell biology	Molecular Biology of the Cell	Alberts et al.	Amazon · Flipkart

Genetics & Immunology

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Genetics	Principles of Genetics	Snustad & Simmons	Amazon · Flipkart
Immunology	Kuby Immunology	Punt, Stranford et al.	Amazon · Flipkart

Physiology & Ecology

Area / Subject	Recommended Book	Author	Buy (search)
Plant physiology	Plant Physiology and Development	Taiz & Zeiger	Amazon · Flipkart

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Animal physiology	Animal Physiology	Hill, Wyse & Anderson	Amazon · Flipkart
Ecology	Fundamentals of Ecology	E. P. Odum	Amazon · Flipkart

Practice

Area / Subject	Recommended Book	Author	Buy (search)
Solved PYQs	CSIR NET Life Science Previous Years (solved)	Pathfinder / IFAS	Amazon · Flipkart

Notes

- Pranav Kumar is the backbone; add standard texts for units you find weak.
- Part C (100/200) rewards conceptual depth — that's where standard textbooks help.
- Solve at least 8-10 previous cycles (June + December).

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