

CHAPTER - 2ND

CELLULAR LEVEL OF ORGANISATION

Syllabus →

Structure and functions of ① cell

Transport across cell membrane, cell division, cell functions.

General principles of cell communication, intracellular signalling pathway activation by extracellular signal molecule, forms of intracellular signalling : a) contact-dependent b) paracrine & synaptic c) endocrine

- cell → It is a structural, basic and functional unit of our body.

- A human body consist of about 10^{14} or 100 trillions cells with a size and mass of about $10 \mu\text{m}$ and 1 nanogram respectively.

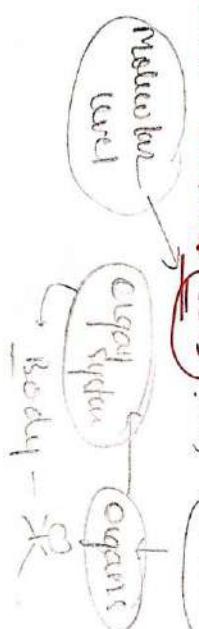
- Cells are of two types:-

- i) Prokaryotic cells →

These are those cells which are not fully developed. They have less developed nucleus and some organelles. e.g. Bacteria etc.

- ii) Eukaryotic cells →

These are those cells which are fully developed, they

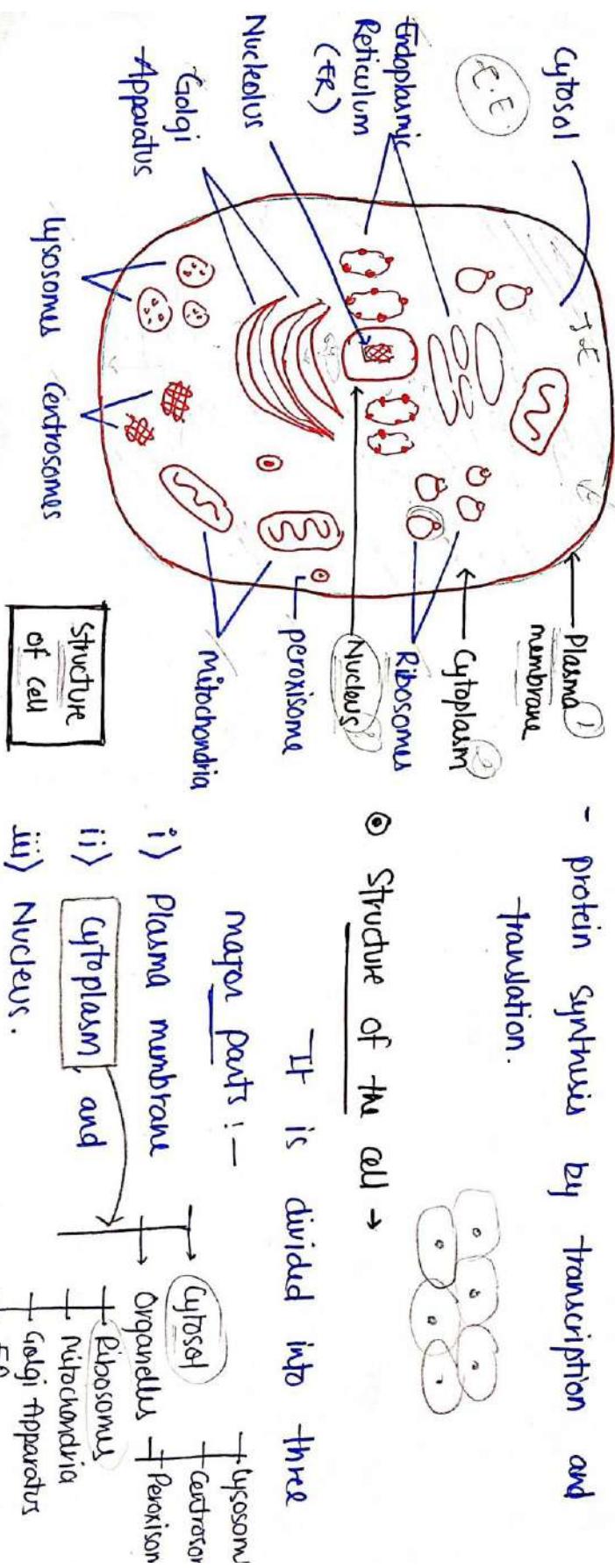


have well developed nucleus and other organelles present in cell.

e.g. plants, animals, fungi etc..

CELL

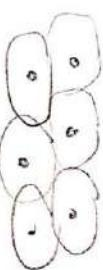
→ A cell is the basic living structural and functional unit of body enclosed within a membrane.



② functions of cell →

- Movement of substance across the cell membrane
- Cell growth and metabolism by cell division.
- Protein synthesis by transcription and translation.

→



③ Structure of the cell →

→ It is divided into three major parts :-

- i) Plasma membrane
- ii) Cytosol, and
- iii) Nucleus.

- There are about 200 different types of cells in our body.

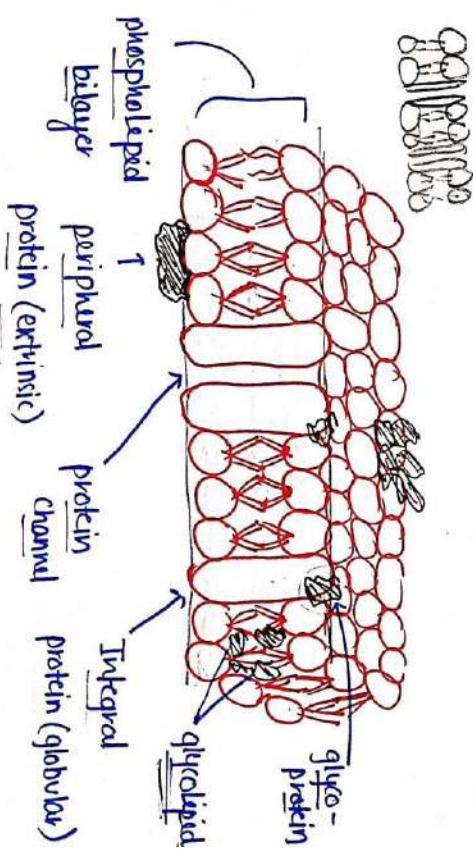
i) Plasma Membrane →

Also known as cell membrane.

- It is the outermost membrane of cell which separate out the internal environment of cell to the external environment.
- It is selectively permeable which allowing substances to pass through it.

• Structure →

The fluid-mosaic model of plasma membrane was given by S.T. singer and G.L. Nicholson.



• functions →

- It is made up with bilayer of phospholipids.
- chemical composition →
 - Phospholipid → → phosphate (hydrophilic) + lipids (hydrophobic)
 - It regulates the flow of material into and

- proteins, the lipid bilayer is embedded with proteins of various shape and sizes.

④ Integral, Transmembrane & Peripheral proteins

- Carbohydrates, these molecules are attached with proteins (glycoprotein) and lipids (glycolipid)

- protection, the lipid bilayer is embedded with proteins of various shape and sizes.

out to the cell.

- It also play a keyrole in communication with other cells or external environment.

ii) Cytoplasm →

It is the total area between the plasma membrane to the nucleus.

It further divided into two part



2) Organelles 1) Cytosol

1) Cytosol → It is the fluid present inside the cells. It is transparent, viscous which contain about 75% to 90% mostly water, proteins, lipids & carbohydrates.

2) Organelles → These are the organelles present in cytoplasm and perform specific function for cell.

- Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)

- Golgi Apparatus / Body / Complex

- Ribosomes

- Mitochondria

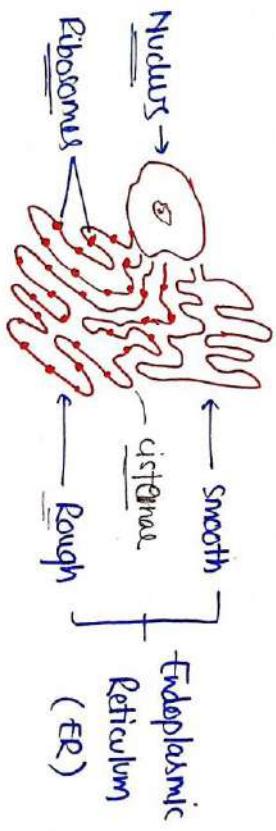
- Lysosomes

- Centrosome

- Peroxisome

③ Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) →

It is a complex channel system enclosed within the membrane in the form of three dimensional network that consists of vesicles, flattened sacs and branched tubules.



• It is of two types:—

- i) Rough ER → those which have ribosomes attached, helped in protein and membrane synthesis.
- ii) Smooth ER → Ribosomes are not attached.

[functions] →

- Act as a structural framework of cytoplasm

- exchange materials

- SER → help in synthesis of phospholipids, cholesterol and triglycerides.

③ Ribosomes →

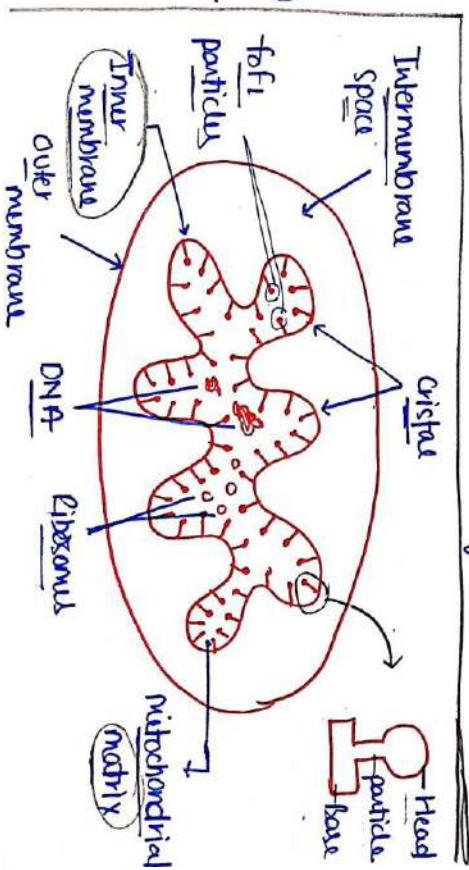
- These are tiny spheres that contain ribosomal RNA + several ribosomal proteins. Also known as factory of proteins, because protein synthesis is takes place in it.

• These are made up with two subunits i.e. smaller subunits (40S) and the larger subunit (60S).

• two types → one is attached with E.R. and one is present in free form.

④ Mitochondria →

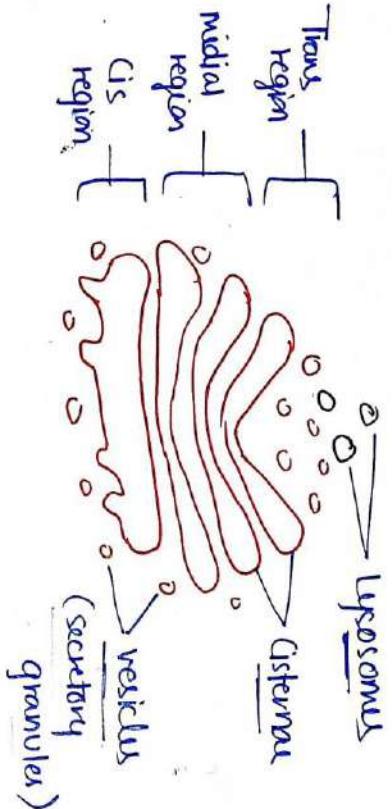
It is known as the Power House of cell, because it generate ATP.



- It is made up with two membranes i.e. inner and outer.
- the main function is to generate energy.
- also perform cellular signalling and regulates cellular proliferation spread.

④ Golgi apparatus / body →

It consists of four to six flattened sacs called as cistern placed upon each other, like a pile of plates with expanded bulges at their ends.



⑤ Lysosomes →

They are secretory formed from the golgi complex.

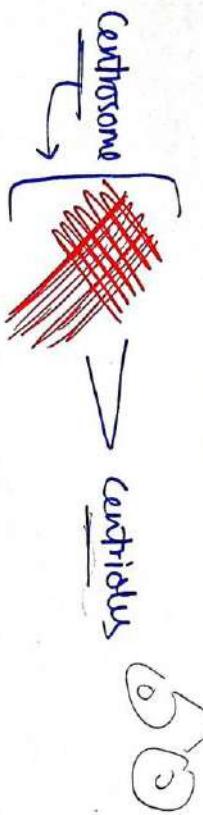
- they worked as the digestive system of cell, which contain digestive and hydrolytic enzymes and hydrolyse large molecules, such as RNA and DNA, protein and lipids.

- vary in size, ranging from 0.1 - 1.2 micrometer.
- they also work as defenceing against microorganism.

- they stores proteins, modify them and also moved to the plasma membrane through secretory granules, when required.
- also helping in exerting excess amount of water

④ Centrosomes →

It consists of a pair of centrioles and play an important role during cell division.



iii) Nucleus →

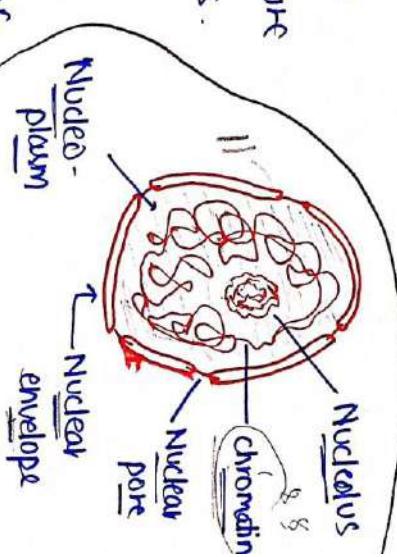
The nucleus is usually a spherical and oval shaped structure, which is largest in the cell.

- It consist of double membrane, which separate nucleus from the cytoplasm.

- It contain a

spherical structure called nucleolus.

- It is also known as the "control centre" of the cell.

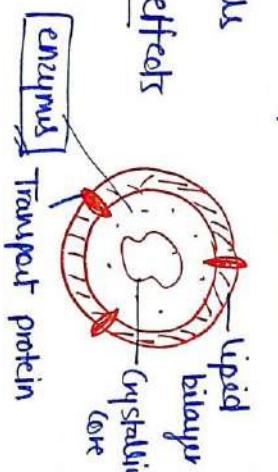


- structure of Nucleus

- It contain many oxidases enzymes that can oxidize various organic substances such as fatty acid, amino acids, uric acid etc..

- It contain the enzyme catalase, and

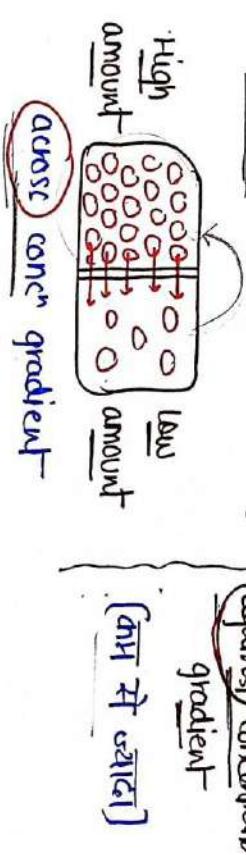
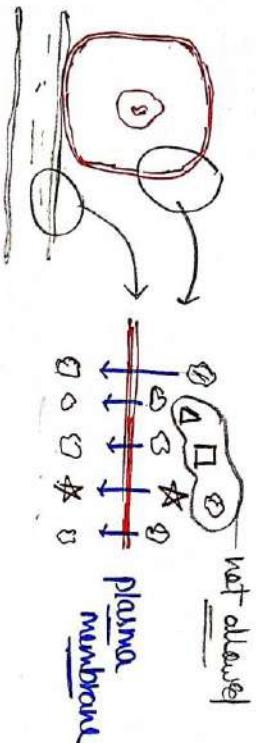
- protect the cells against toxic effects of substances.



- It contains the genetic material including aggregations of protein DNA + RNA.
- It directly involved in the reproduction, and transfer all genetic information from parent cell to daughter cells.

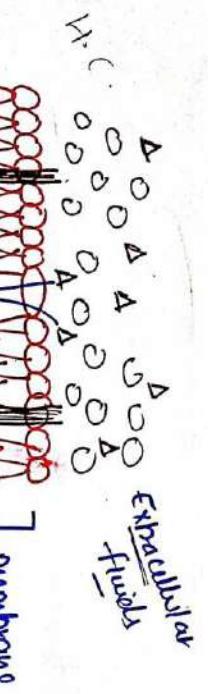
TRANSPORT ACROSS MEMBRANES

- Plasma membrane of cells are selectively permeable, which allow only some substance to cross it.



- Membrane is a biological membrane, which is made up with phospholipids bilayer and allow substance to move through it. It is known as membrane transport.
- Substances are transported across the cell membrane through :—
 - i) Passive transport →
 - In this, substance transport across the [conc' gradient] i.e. High to low
 - passive diffusion → It is the transport of substance across the conc' gradient i.e. from the region of higher conc' to lower conc' without use of energy.
 - (e.g.) diffusion of lipid soluble molecules like O_2 &
 - ii) Passive transport —
 - Passive diffusion
 - facilitated diffusion
 - iii) Active transport —
 - Primary → transport
 - Secondary → transport
 - iv) Endocytosis

CO_2 across the cell membrane



for water-soluble drugs

for water-soluble drugs

for water-soluble drugs

- facilitated diffusion

In this, substance transport

across the conc' gradient, but with the help of any carrier bodies (that's why it is also called carrier mediated transport).

- It is suitable for poorly diffusible substance

- carrier used such as SLC (solute carrier transporter).

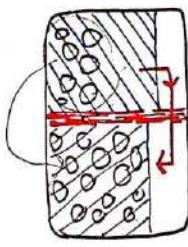
(eg) entry of glucose into RBCs.

Intestinal absorption of vit. B₁ & B₂.

• Osmosis →

It is the movement of solvent (water) particle from high to (solvent) low conc' through semipermeable membrane. (from low solute conc' to high solute conc').

low conc' through semipermeable membrane. (from low solute conc' to high solute conc').



ii) active transport →

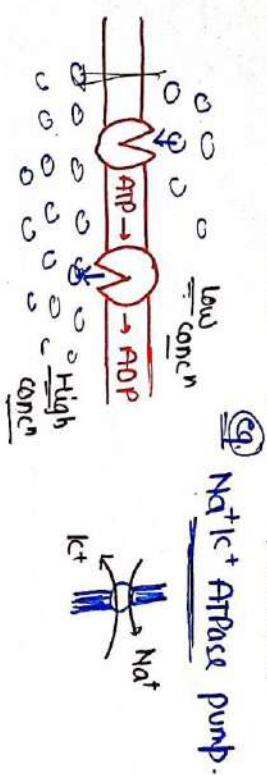
In this, substance transport opposite against the conc' gradient with the help of energy.

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- It is of two types:-
- Primary active transport
- Secondary active transport

• Primary active transport →

In this, ATP is used as a energy. e.g. Absorption of glucose.



• Secondary active transport →

In this, electrochemical

gradient are used instead of energy.

Support (co-transport) → movement of

both substance in same direction.



Antipart (counter-transport) → movement of

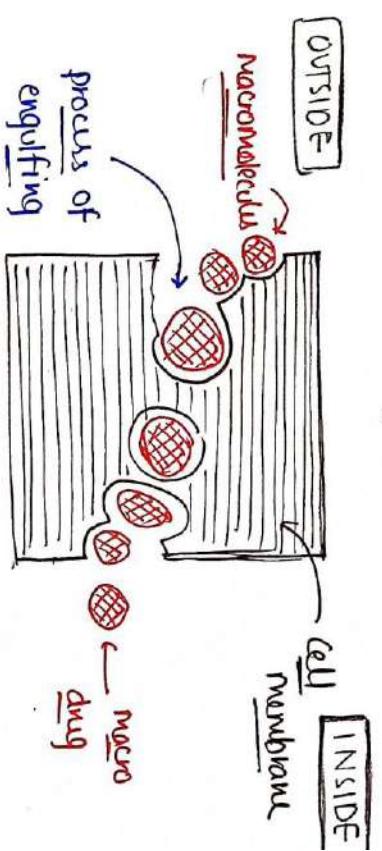
molecules in opposite direction.



iii) Endocytosis →

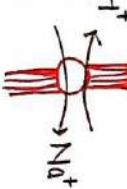
In this transport, drugs of very large size molecules get transported via engulfment by cell membranes.

e.g. cellular uptake of macromolecular like fat, starch, oil-soluble vitamins like A, D, E, K and drug like insulin.



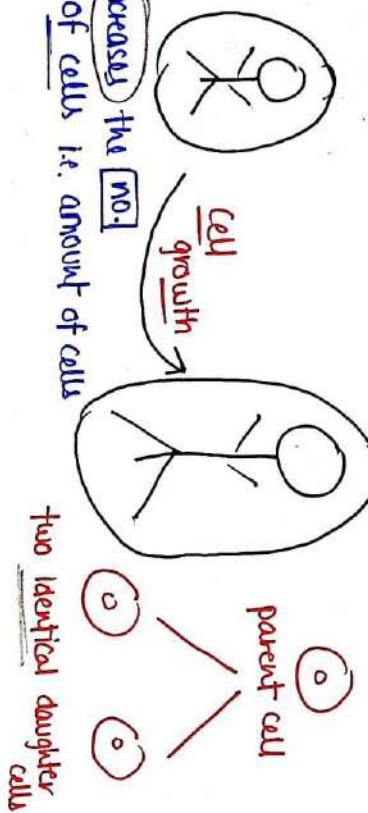
⑥ Phagocytosis [cell eating] → adsorptive uptake of solid particulates.

⑦ Pinocytosis [cell drinking] → uptake of fluid

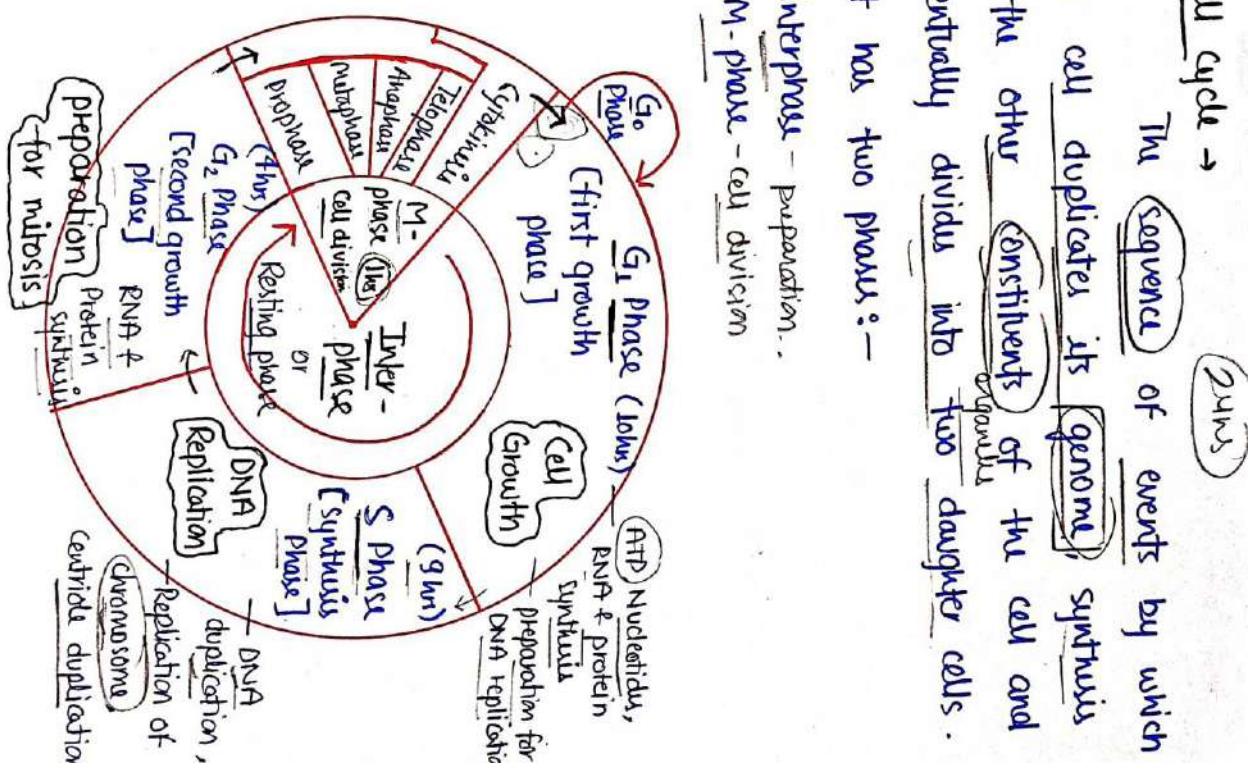


CELL DIVISION

- It is a process by which a parent cell divides into two daughter cells.
- The genetic content (DNA) of newly formed cell is exactly same to the parent cell.



- ③ Cell division is of two types :-
- i) Mitosis → responsible for growth of cells. [Mitotic phase] no. of chromosome same [Equational division] occurs in somatic cells.
- ii) Meiosis → responsible for formation of gametes cells. occurs in reproductive cells and no. of chromosomes decreased [Reductional division]



1) Mitosis →

Also known as M-phase or Mitotic phase [equational division]. animal cells.

- It occurs in somatic cell in which

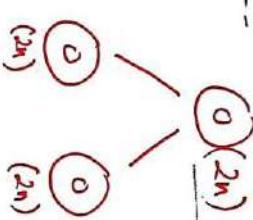
- already existing parent cell divides into two identical daughter cells.

- In this, the no. of chromosome in daughter cell is same as the no. of chromosome in parent cell.

- It occurs into two parts -

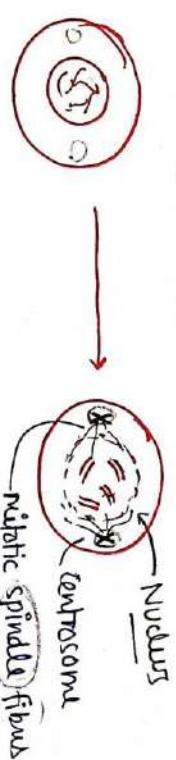
i) Karyokinesis

→ Prophase
Metaphase
Anaphase
Telophase



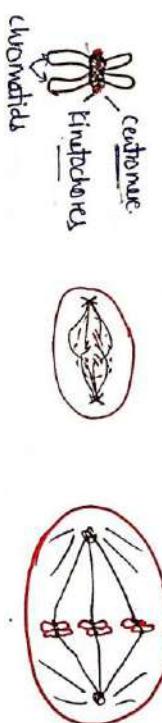
- Prophase → This phase begins with complete disintegration of nuclear envelope.

- chromosomal condensation completed and two sister chromatids are held together by centromere
- kinetochores (small disc shaped) at the surface of each



i) Karyokinesis →

- It is a process by which the cell nucleus divides into two daughter



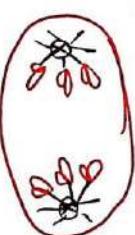
- Prophase → This phase begins with initiation of condensation of the chromosomal material i.e. chromatin

- centrioles (centrosome) move towards the opposite poles of the cell.

- organelles like golgi complex, ER, Nucleolus, and Nuclear envelope disappear at the end of prophase

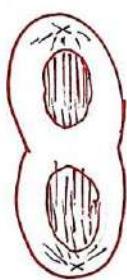
• Anaphase → Begins with splitting of each chromosome.

- Separation of chromatids and move towards opposite poles.

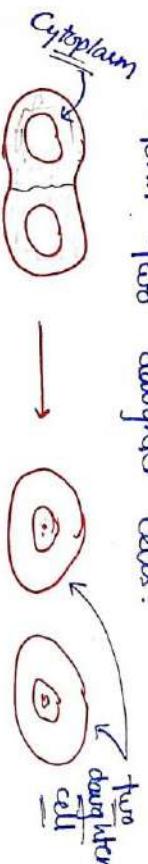


• Telophase →

Last stage of mitosis and in this, chromosomes loose individuality (decondensation) and chromatin material is collected as a mass at two poles.
- Nuclear membrane reappear and two nuclear formed
- other organelles reappear.

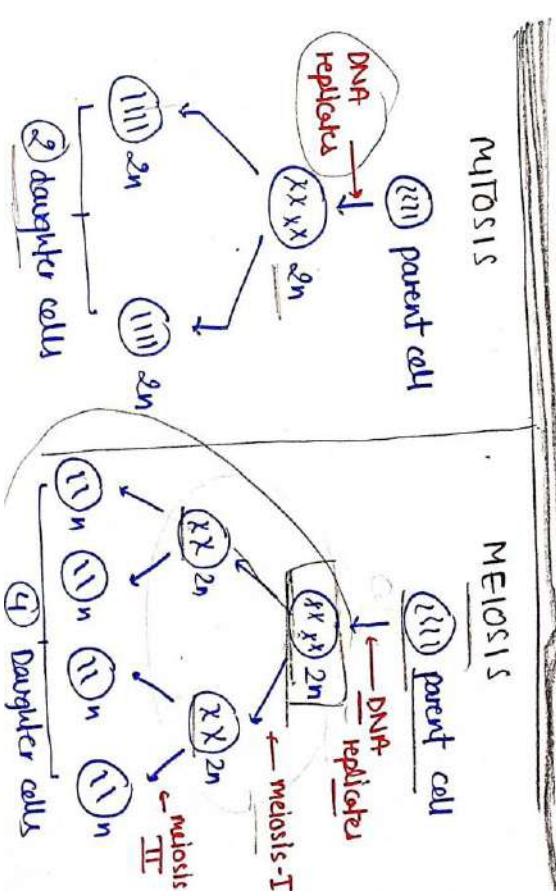
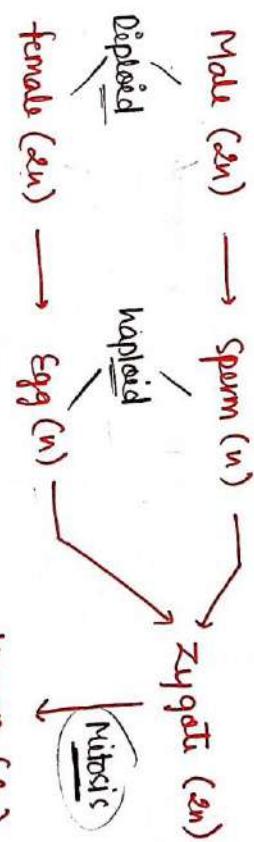


ii) Cytokinesis → It is the division of parent cell cytoplasm after nucleus division to form two daughter cells.



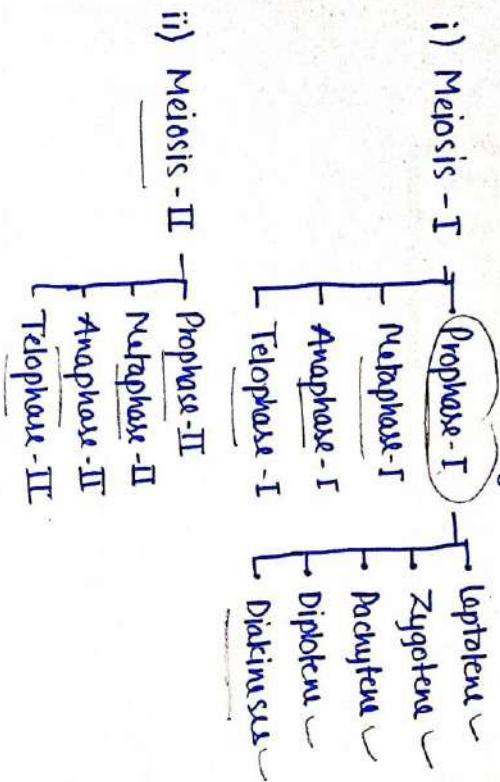
2) Meiosis →

It occurs in gamete cells (reproductive cells). In this, offsprings are produced by the fusion of a female gamete and a male gamete.



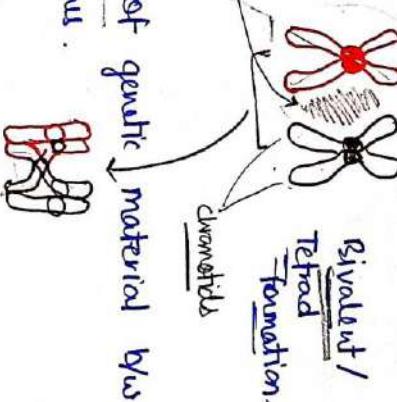
• It occurs in two stages :-

i) Meiosis - I



b) Zygote phase → pair

pairing of chromosomes, and the paired chromosome referred as homologous chromosomes.



i) Meiosis - I \rightarrow It is divided into four phases

• Prophase-I → It is longer and more complex,
It is further sub-divided into five

pharynx -

a) uptake phase

condensation of chromosomes

stante

c) Pachytene phase → exchange of genetic material b/w two homologous chromosomes.
 i.e. crossing over

d) Diplobene phase → dissolution of synaptonemal complex and formed X-shaped



two homologous ch.
i.e. crossing over

dissolution of synaptonemal complex
and formed X-shaped structure termed as **chiasmata**



e) Diskinus phase \rightarrow Separation

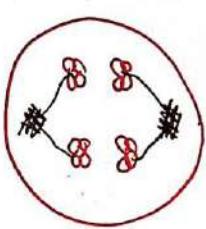
phase → separation
feminisation of chiasma.

chromosome condensation completed, mitotic spindles

· disappear.

• Metaphase - I →

chromosome align at the equatorial plate. microtubules are seen attaching to the pair.



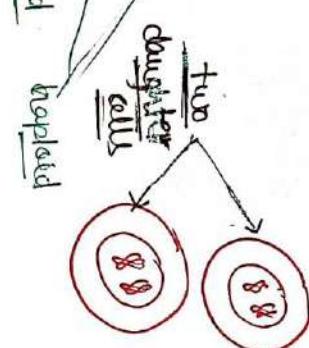
• Anaphase - I

Homologous chromosomes separated.



• Telophase - I

Nuclear membrane + nucleolus reappear.
2n
2n
n
n



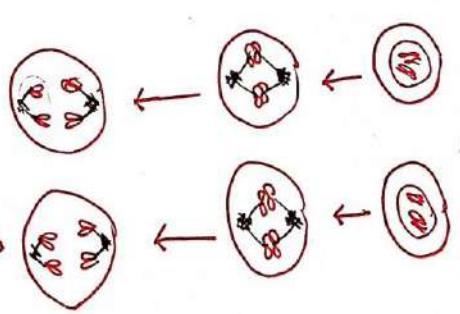
• Metaphase - II
equatorial alignment of chromosomes.

• Anaphase - II

separation of chromatides and move towards opposite poles.

• Telophase - II

chromosome loose individually and chromatin material is collected as mass of two poles.



this telophase followed by cytokinesis and formed two haploid (gametes) cells.

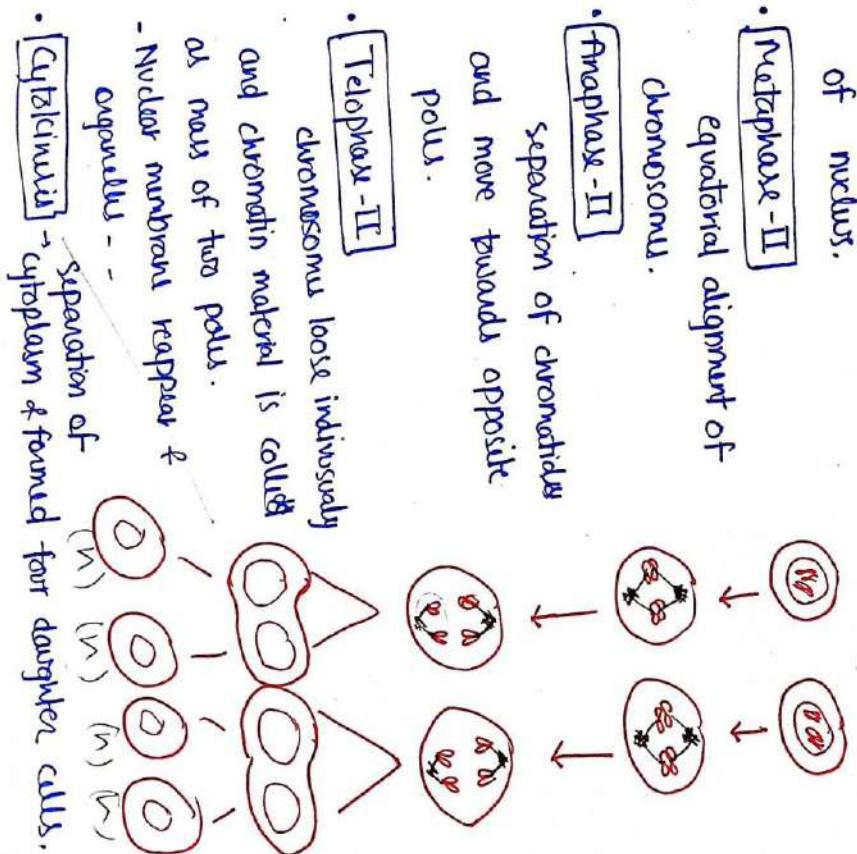
- ④ Interkinesis → It is the stage between two meiotic divisions and usually lasts for a short period of time.

ii) Meiosis II →

It is similar as normal mitosis. It also comprises of four stages:-

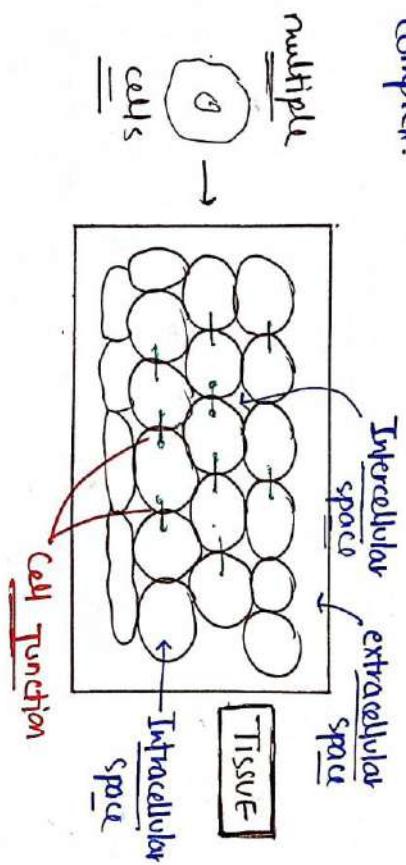
• Prophase - II →

condensation of chromosomes, formation of spindle and disappearance of nucleus.



CELL JUNCTION

- It is the contact/connection between the neighboring cells or between a cell and the extracellular matrix.
- These are made up with multiple protein complex.



- functions →
 - they creates the communications between the cells.
 - they maintain the paracellular barrier and prevent the movement of unwanted water solutes and other substances.
 - helps in attachment of cells and also responsible for transfer of substances & ions.
 - also provide strength to the cells.
- Types →
 - they are divided into five parts :—
 - i) Tight Junction — seal / prevent leakage
 - ii) Adherens Junction — prevent separation of cells
 - iii) Dia-mosome
 - iv) Hemi-dia-mosome
 - v) Gap Junction — communication

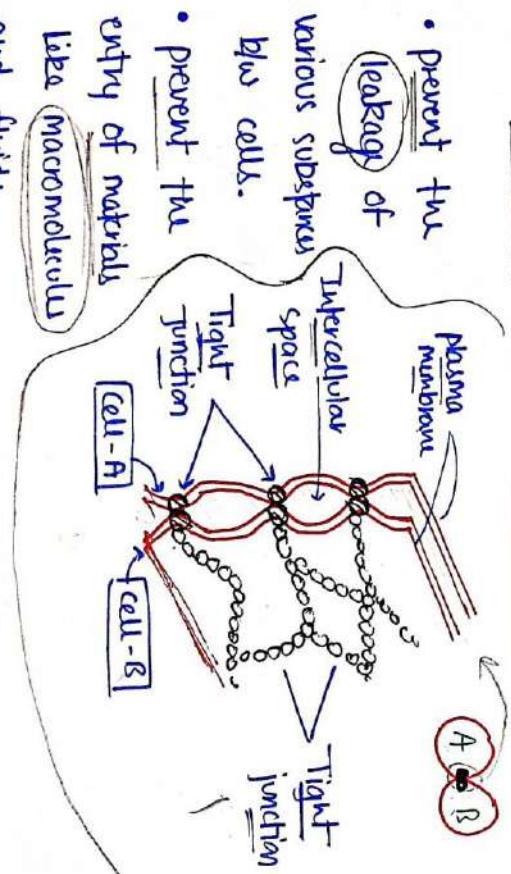
- They are present in various cells, but their number is more in epithelial tissue

Skin, glands, organs
like kidney &
Lungs.

i) Tight junction →

It is also known as zonula occludens and occluding junctions.

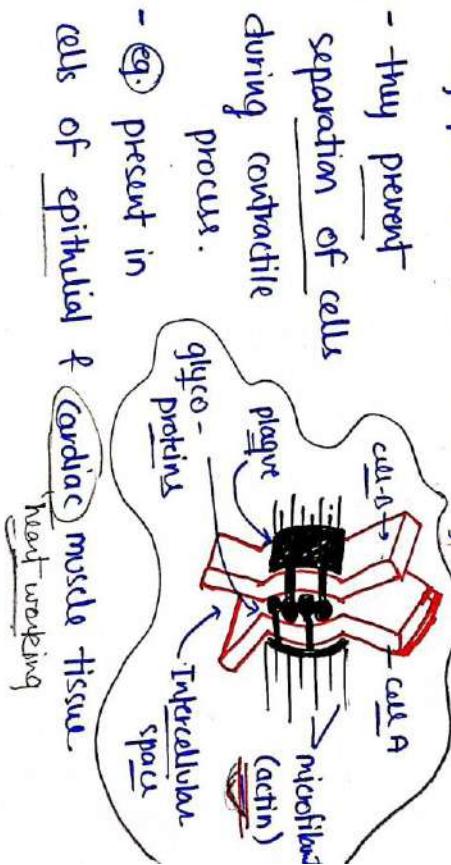
- It is a tight, seal packed junction between two adjacent cells.
- In this, cells are held tightly against each other by proteins i.e. claudins & occludins.
- prevent the leakage of various substances between cells.
- prevent the entry of materials like macromolecules and fluids.



ii) Adherens junction →

These are the strong adhesion site b/w the cells.

- they provide strong mechanical attachment b/w the adjacent cells through the linkage of cytoplasmic face with cytoskeleton.



iii) Desmosome →

macula adherens they are also work same as adherens junction, i.e. they are the type of these junctions.

- they are mostly found in epithelial tissue including organs (i.e. skin), blood vessels and cavities.
- (e.g.) Urinary bladder.

- spot-like adhesive junctions
- function, location same.

iv) Hemidesmosome →

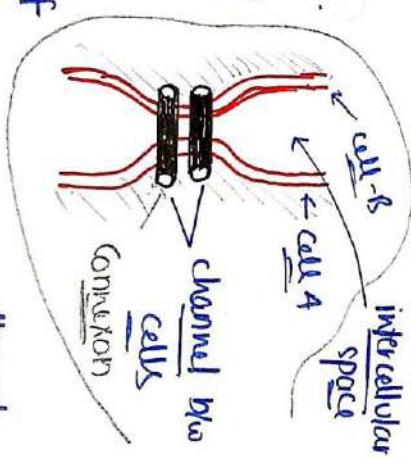
- Another type of adhering junction. In this, cell is connect with the base of epithelial cells.



v) Gap Junction →

Also known as Nexus.

- In this junctions, channels are formed which connect ^{adjacent} cytoplasm of two cell.



- It allows rapid transfer of ions, small molecules, nutrients etc... (substances) ^{through} channels.
- conduction of electrical signals from one cell to another. (eg) b/w adjacent cardiac

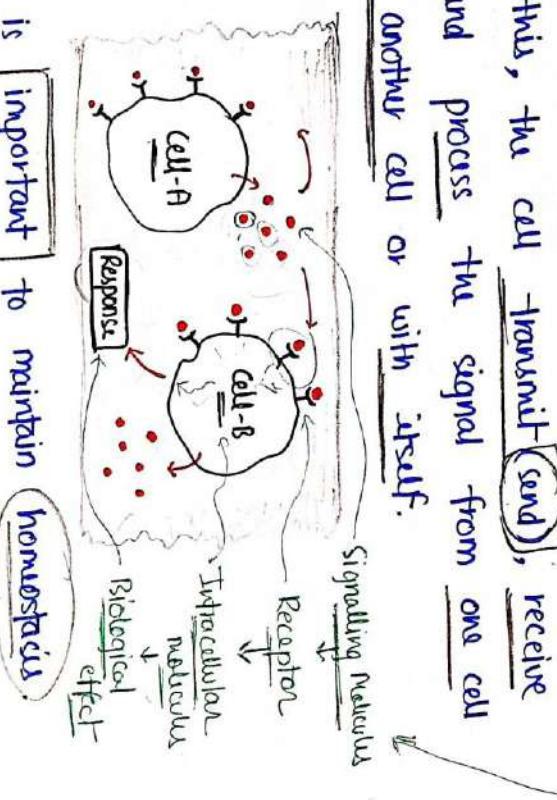
b/w smooth muscle cells. muscle cells.

CELL COMMUNICATION

• General principle →

- Also known as "cell signalling".
- It is the communication b/w the cells.

- In this, the cell transmit (send), receive and process the signal from one cell to another cell or with itself.



- Intracellular signalling (Pathway) activation by extracellular signal molecule →
- In cell communication is of two types:-

i) Intercellular signalling [extracellular] → It refers to the communication between the cells.

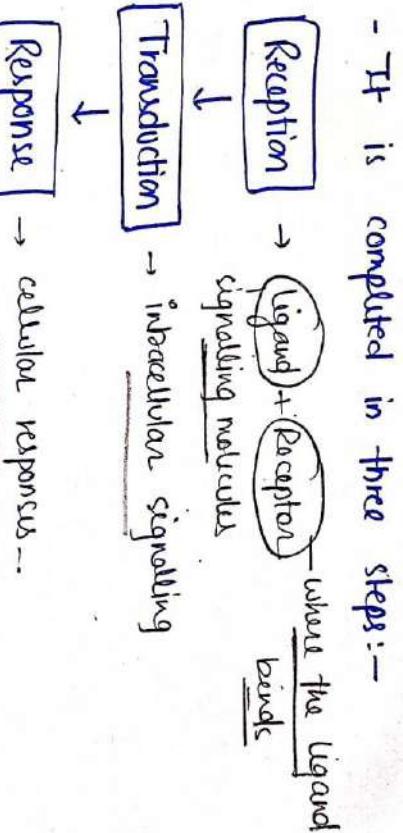
ii) Intracellular signalling → It refers to the pathway which involves various chain within the cell → Inside the cell.



- It is important to maintain homostasis.
- for growth and development of cells.
- thus communicate with each other to help in transport substances, generate electrical potential across cell membrane and respond to changes occurring in internal & external environment.

- Intraacellular signalling primarily uses external signal in the form of messenger or hormones
 - these signals are produced by 'signal-producing cells' and recognised by 'target cells' (receptors).
 - these signals then transduced into an intracellular signalling chain.

signalling chain



ligand [signaling molecule]

signal-producing cell

other cells

other cell

Non-target cell

Target cell

Receptor protein

conformational change

secondary messenger

Intracellular signalling transduction

biochemical pathway

biological response

chemicals

messengers

e.g. cAMP, DAG, IP₃, etc.

enzymes

proteins

② forms of intracellular signalling
 these are of following types:-

a) Contact-dependent

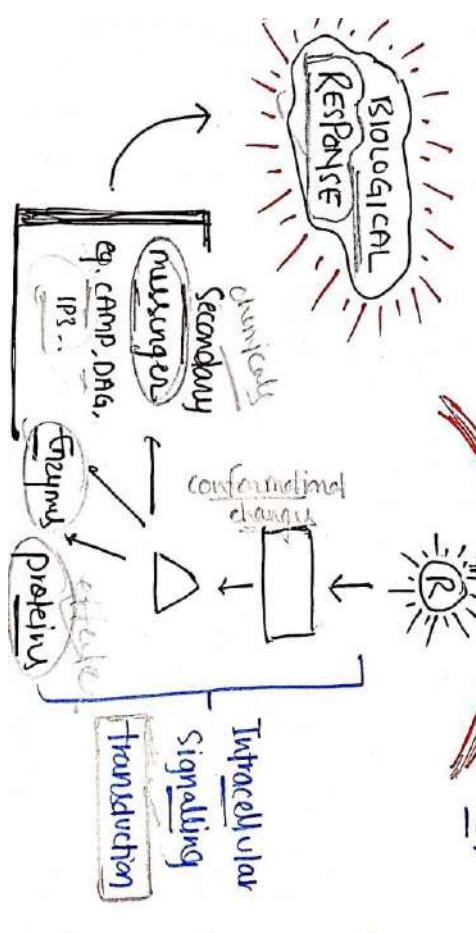
b) Paracrine

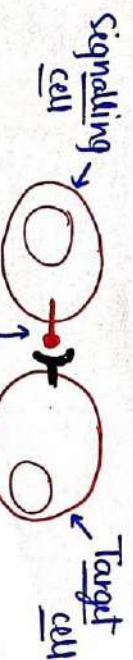
c) Synaptic

d) Endocrine

e) Autocrine signalling

- a) Contact-dependent →
 In this, one cell is directly in contact with another cell through membrane-membrane contact.





④ b/w immun cells - initiation of immune response

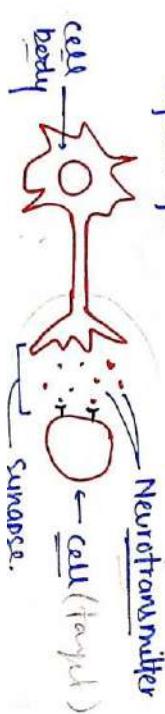
b) Paracrine signalling →

In this, target cell is very close to signalling cell and communication occurred b/w nearby cells.



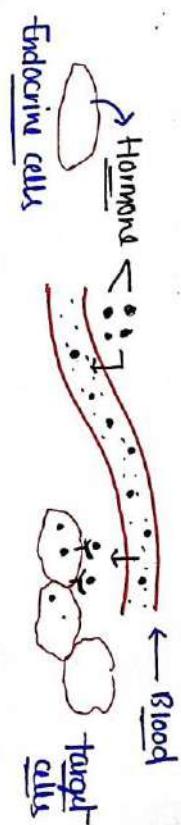
c) Synaptic signalling →

It occurs between neurons and target cells, which is one type of juxtagrine (electrical) and paracrine (chemical) signalling.



d) Endocrine signalling →

In this, signalling molecules i.e. hormones reach into its target cells through blood. ④ estrogen etc.



e) Autocrine signalling →

In this, signalling molecules attached on the receptor of same cell from which signalling molecule was produced

