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LIFE PROCESSES

Excretion System in Human Beings

Artificial Kidney

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Haemodialysis: The process of purifying blood by an artificial kidney. It is meant for kidney failure patients.

Excretion in Plants

Plants use different strategies for excretion of different products :

 \rightarrow Oxygen and carbon dioxide is diffused through stomata.

 \rightarrow Excess water is removed by transpiration.

 \rightarrow Plants can even loose some of their old parts like old leaves and bark of tree.

 \rightarrow Other waste products like raisins and gums especially in old xylem cells which can also be lost by plants.

 \rightarrow Plants also secrete some waste substances into the soil around them.

Formation of urine in Humans

The urine formation involves three steps :

(i) **Glomerular filtration:** Nitrogenous wastes, glucose water, amino acid filter from the blood into Bowman Capsule of the nephron.

(ii) **Tubular reabsorption**: Now, useful substances from the filtrate are reabsorbed back by capillaries surrounding the nephron.

(iii) Secretion: Urea, extra water and salts are secreted into the tubule which open up into the collecting duct & then into the ureter.