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# Status of Anthracnose Disease Caused by *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in Major Mungbean Growing Area of Rajasthan, India

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# ABSTRACT

Anthracnose caused by *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* is one of the most important diseases in the mungbean. A roving survey to assess the intensity of anthrcnose of mungbean was carried out at 60 locations comprising five districts of Rajasthan state during the *kharif* season of 2022-23. The most extreme disease frequency was seen in plants at the flowering and podding stages. The overall mean disease intensity was observed to be 22.60%. Among the five districts, the lowest

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anthracnose intensity was noticed in Sikar (17.88%) followed by Nagaur (18.90%), while the highest anthracnose intensity was recorded in Jaipur district (28.93%) followed by Ajmer (24.64%) and Tonk (22.65%).

Keywords: Survey; mungbean; anthracnose; disease intensity; Rajasthan.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Mungbean [Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek] is a shortduration food grain legume cultivated over 7 million hectares. predominantly across Asia and rapidly spreading to other parts of the world. mungbean-growing The major states are Orissa, Maharashtra, Andra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Gujarat. It ranks third among all pulses grown in India after chickpea and pigeonpea. Mungbean seeds are rich in proteins (24%), fiber, antioxidants, and (Itoh phytonutrients et al.. 2006). In general, the low productivity of mungbean is due to its cultivation in marginal lands. low rainfall areas, high rate of flower and fruit drop, non-uniform maturity, pod shattering and susceptibility to abiotic and biotic constraints, poor crop management practices and nonavailability of quality seeds of improved varieties to farmers are responsible for low productivity (Chauhan et al., 2010 and Pratap et al., 2019). Among biotic stresses, fungal, viral and bacterial diseases are the major factors in the reducing yield and quality in most of the regions of India, which can reduce the yield up to 40-60 per cent in mungbean crop (Kaur et al., 2011).

Anthracnose of mungbean caused by Colletotrichum lindemuthianum (Sacc. and Magn.) is one of the most important seed borne (Parthiban and Kavitha. diseases 2014). Mungbean anthracnose is an economically important disease that results in a yield loss upto 30 to 70 per cent (Kulkarni, 2009 & Shukla et al., 2014). The early signs of infection usually appear on the lower leaf surface along the veins, which show brick red to purplish red discolouration. Later, such discoloration also appears on the upper leaf surface. At the same time, brown lesions of various sizes, with black, brown or purplish-red margins, develop around small veins (Alien *et.al.*,1996). Very little work has been done on a systematic survey of this disease in Rajasthan. Hence, the present investigation was initiated on survey of anthracnose in major mungbean growing districts of Rajasthan, to identify the intensity of the disease over time and geographical locations.

#### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A roving survey was conducted in the five major mungbean growing districts of Rajasthan viz., Jaipur, Tonk, Ajmer, Nagaur and Sikar during Kharif 2022-23 in order to find out the intensity of anthracnose. Two tehsils selected under each district were surveyed. Under each tehsil two villages were selected and under each village three farmers' fields were assessed. The samples were collected. isolated, purified, identified and subjected to pathogenic tests.

The anthracnose severity was recorded on ten randomly selected mungbean plants per field by using 0-9 scale given by Mayee and Datar, 1986 (Table 1). On the basis of numerical rating per cent disease intensity (PDI) was calculated applying the formula given by McKinney (1923).

 $\mathsf{PDI} = \frac{\mathsf{Sum of all numerical rating}}{\mathsf{No. of leaves/plant observed}} \times \frac{100}{\mathsf{Maximum disease rating}}$ 

Grade	Disease reaction	Disease intensity (%)	Reaction group		
0	Highly resistant	0-1	HR		
1	Resistant	1.1– 10	R		
3	Moderately resistant	10.1 – 20	MR		
5	Moderately susceptible	20.1 – 30	MS		
7	Susceptible	30.1 – 50	S		
9	Highly susceptible	> 50	HS		

#### Table 1. Anthracnose disease rating scale of mungbean given by Mayee and Datar, 1986

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Occurrence and Distribution of Anthracnose of Mungbean at Farmer's Field of Rajasthan

Data about survey conducted during *kharif* 2022 as presented in Table 1 revealed that, among all five districts maximum mean per cent disease intensity (PDI) of anthracnose of mungbean was recorded in Jaipur district (28.93%) followed by Ajmer (24.64%) Tonk (22.65%) and Nagaur (18.90%) whereas minimum disease intensity was recorded in Sikar district having PDI 17.88 per cent. Significant differences in mean PDI were observed in among the five districts.

The anthracnose severity in Jaipur district ranged from 23.07 per cent (Nimera) to 35.26 per cent (Sewa). The disease index ranged between 20.56 (Juniya) to 27.90 per cent (Bhamolav) in Ajmer district. In Nagaur district, the disease ranged between 16.30 per cent (Bherunda) to 22.40 per cent (Nawa). In Tonk, the disease index varied from 11.06 (Deoli) to 27.88 per cent (Nagar). In Sikar district, the disease index

ranged between 9.07 per cent (Shyamgarh) to 22.65 per cent (Mau) (Table 2 & Fig. 1). Similar results reported by Kulkarni and Benagi (2013) conducted a roving survey to assess the intensity of mungbean anthracnose during 2007 and 2008 in eleven major mungbean growing districts of northern Karnataka. The results revealed that during 2007 anthracnose of mungbean was noticed in the range of 21.36 to 58.97 per cent and during 2008, the disease severity was noticed in the range of 24.67 to 60.07 per cent. Roopadevi et al. (2015) found the disease incidence and severity of anthracnose in the mungbean major regions of northern Karnataka. The disease severity was recorded from 28.10 to 62.70 per cent. The highest severitv 59.80 disease per cent was obtained in Bidar district followed by Gulbarga (53.80%) and Bijapur (38.40%). Doganya et al. (2021) observed disease intensity between 20.00 to 29.60 per cent with an average intensity of 26.06 per cent of mungbean anthracnose at Khandwa district of Madhya Pardesh. Patil (2022) noted 16.22 to 28.0 per cent disease intensity of mungbean anthracnose at Sehore district of Madhya Pardesh.

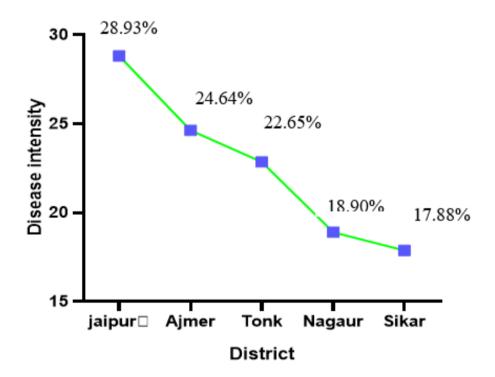


Fig. 1. Disease intensity of anthracnose in major mungbean-growing district of Rajasthan

Districts	<b>Tehsils</b> Dudu	Villages Sewa	No. of fields	Per cent disease intensity in surveyed field			Avg. disease intensity (avg. of three fields)	Avg. disease intensity (Tehsil)	District Mean
Jaipur				32	35.20	38.50	35.26	32.89	28.93
		Mangalwara	3	28.66	32.8	30.11	30.52		
	Phagi	Kansya	3	27.71	29.12	23.69	26.84	24.96	
	-	Nimera	3	19.21	22.43	27.57	23.07		
Ajmer	Kishangarh	Bhamolav	3	32.89	26.90	23.90	27.90	26.62	24 .64
	-	Chota lamba	3	23.78	24.34	27.91	25.34		
	Kekri	Meodakalan	3	22.10	28	24.21	24.77	22.67	
		Juniya	3	17.8	23.11	20.78	20.56		
Nagaur	Nawa	Moondgasoi	3	20.74	23.62	22.86	22.40	23.28	18.90
		Panchota	3	24.66	25.69	22.13	24.16		
	Riyanbadi	Morikalan	3	13.86	5.67	18.71	12.74	14.52	
		Bherunda	3	19	17.18	12.72	16.30		
Tonk	Malpura	Nagar	3	30	25.86	27.78	27.88	27.16	22.65
	-	Pachewar	3	28.22	26.21	24.92	26.45		
	Deoli	Manpura	3	8.08	10.12	14.98	11.06	18.15	
		Dooni	3	25.37	26.24	24.1	25.23		
Sikar	Khandela	Shyamgarh	3	11.04	7.21	8.96	9.07	11.7	17.88
		Barsinghpura	3	13.83	19.21	9.96	14.33		
	Srimadhopur	Arniya	3	20.14	19	26.2	21.78	22.22	
		Mau	3	24.60	19.56	23.8	22.65		
Overall mean							22.60		

 Table 2. Survey on severity of anthracnose of mungbean (Colletotrichum lindemuthianum) in different villages of the districts in Rajasthan during

 Kharif, 2022-23

# 4. CONCLUSIONS

Total sixty places were visited under ten tehsils of five districts in Rajasthan viz., Jaipur, Ajmer, Tonk, Nagaur and Sikar. During the survey, anthracnose was found at all the sites and the intensity ranged from 11.70 to 32.89 per cent. Overall mean disease intensity of anthracnose of mungbean was observed 22.60 per cent under surveyed districts of Rajasthan. The lowest anthracnose intensity was noticed in Khandela (11.70%), while the highest anthracnose intensity was recorded in Dudu (32.89 %). Among the district. minimum anthracnose intensity was recorded in Sikar. while maximum anthracnose intensity was recorded in Jaipur (28.93%).

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