AICRP-MULLARP

Objectives

- Development of high yielding varieties having consistence performance, higher yield, resistance, wider adaptability, medium-short duration, non-shattering and different maturity groups.
- Development of suitable agronomy of newly developed varieties of urdbean, mungbean, lentil and fieldpea for normal and late sown conditions,
- Evaluation and identification of efficient N₂ fixing and widely adaptive strains of *Rhizobium* sp. and to develop suitable management modules including integrated disease management for the major diseases.
- Development and evaluation of safe and economic IPM options against major insects and pests in MULLaRP crops.

A. Pulses breeding:

1. Significant Achievements:

Crop Improvement:

lentil and pea have been developed and contributed significantly in the production of the pulses in the different parts of the country.

Crop varieties developed:

Total 37 varieties of Urdbean, mungbean,

Sl.	Variety	Release	Year of	Recommended areas	Yield				
No.	Name	agency	release		(q/ha)				
Urdb	Urdbean								
1.	Pant U 19	SVRC	1981	North eastern plains of the country	10-15				
2.	Pant U 30	SVRC	1981	Central and peninsular parts of the country	12-15				
3.	Pant U 35	SVRC	1985	Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand (kharif and zaid)	14-15				
4.	Manikya	SVRC	1988	Karnataka	10-12				
5.	Pant U 31	SVRC	2005	Plains and lower hills of Uttarakhand	12-15				
6.	Pant U 40	SVRC	2005	As intercrop with cereals in plains and lower hills of Uttarakhand	12-15				
7	Pant Urd 10	CVRC	2018	Kharif season in North Hill Zone of India (Hills of J & K, Himachal, Uttarakhand and North East States of India)	12-15				
Mungbean									
1.	Pant M 1	SVRC	1981	Uttar Pradesh and plains of Uttarakhand in kharif and zaid	10-15				
2.	Pant M 2	SVRC	1982	Uttar Pradesh and plains of Uttarakhand for kharif andzaid (specially suitable for late sowing in kharif)	10-12				
3.	Pant M 3	CVRC	1985	North-west plains zone of the country	12-15				
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B. Agronomy

1. Significant Achievements:

 In a two year experiment, urdbean planted on raised beds yielded 18% higher than flat bed planting. Use of 15kg seeds/ha was significantly superior to 10 kg/ha. Different fertility levels (50, 75 and 100% RDF) did not bring any significant effect on grain yield.

- Two years experiment conducted during kharif seasons of 2015 and 2016 revealed that preemergence application of pendimethalin 30 EC @1.0 kg/ha followed by imazethapyr @ 55g/ha as post emergence, 25-30 DAS gave significantly higher urdbean yield as compared to either of the herbicides when applied alone
- Pooled analysis of 3 years data revealed that among different non-monetary inputs, time of weed removal was the most crucial followed by sowing time. Delayed sowing(3 weeks after normal), used of local variety (Type-9), broadcast method of sowing and weed removal 6 weeks after sowing caused yield reduction to the tune of 13.3, 10.1, 7.6 and 32.9 % in comparision to normal sowing, improved variety (Pant U-35), line sowing and weed removal three weeks sowing, respectively.
- Urdbean yield was higher under combined use of INM+IWM+IPM practices than others.
 Among single practice, IWM proved more crucial than INM or IPM.
- Narrow row (20 cm) spaced bold seeded mungbean yielded higher under late planting conditions than 30 cm. Yield reductions was more conspicuous beyond August 10 planting. On an average, 10.1, 11.5 and 7.1% yield increased due to narrow row spacing (20 cm) as compared to 30 cm row spacing when planted on August 20, August 30 and September 9, respectively.
- Three years experiment revealed that combination of INM+IWM+IPM practices gave 101% increased grain yield of mungbean over control. Among different practices, IWM came out to be single most crucial factor than INM and IPM

- Application of three irrigations at 25, 40, and 50 Days after sowing (DAS) in spring sown mungbean registered significantly higher grain yield (702 kg/ha) over two irrigations applied at 25 and 45 DAS. Pre-emergence application of pendimethalin @ 1 kg/ha in mungbean out yielded one hand weeding done at 25 DAS.
- Application of mulch during spring season recorded significantly higher mungbean yield over no mulching. Use of wheat straw mulch @ 5t/ha yielded (737 kg/ha) significantly higher than dust mulch (677 kg/ha).
- Grain yield of bold seeded lentil decreased significantly with delay in sowing beyond November 5. The percentage reduction under November 25 and December 15 sowings was 13 and 36% respectively. On an average, the yield of lentil reduced by 15 kg/ha/day as the sowing was delayed from November 5 to December 15.
- A four years study on lentil (DPL-62) establishment methods revealed that conventional and reduced tillage (one tillage with rotavator), being on par recorded 36 and 25% higher yields over zero tillage.
- Integration of weed, nutrient and pest management practices gave higher yield of lentil compared to remaining practices employed alone or in combinations.
- Application of RDF (20:17:17:20 kg of NPKS/ha) + 25 kg ZnSO₄/ha + seed inoculation with *Rhizobium* + PSB + PGPR (20 g each) + 1 g ammonium molybdate/kg seed gave higher yields of lentil than

remaining treatments.

- Twenty five per cent higher seed rate+HW, 30 DAS, which was on par with preemergence application of pendimethalin @ 0.75 kg/ha + HW 40 DAS recorded almost on par yield of bold seeded lentil as weed free treatment.
- Sowing of pea at a spacing of 25 cm x 10 cm recorded 22% higher grain yield than that of 40cm x 10cm. Pant P 13 registered higher grain yield than Pant P 42, Pant P 14 and DMR 7.
- Raised bed planting of pea (Pant P 13) out yielded flat bed planting by a margin of 434 kg grain/ha. Two irrigations applied at critical stages (branching and grain filling) of the crop recorded 30% higher yield over no irrigation. Pre-emergence application of pendimethalin @ 1 kg/ha followed by one hand weeding, 25 days after sowing, gave 33 and 21% higher yield respectively, over weedy check.
- Two years continuous experiment revealed that nipping of plants 5 cm from top at 25 days after sowing gave significantly higher yield of fieldpea irrespective of tall and semi dwarf varieties.

• Planting technique of fieldpea

Increasing seed rate by 25% along with one hand weeding, 30 days after sowing gave as much yield as weed free treatment and was significantly superior to either pendimethalin (pre-emergence) or Isoproturon (Postemergence) each @ 1kg/ha.

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- kg seed gave higher yields of fieldpea than remaining treatments.
- Integration of weed, nutrient and pest management practices gave higher yield of lentil compared to remaining practices employed alone or in combinations.
- Maintenance of high density (5.0 lakh plants/ha) in urd/mungbean yielded significantly higher during *kharif* season than low density (3.3 lakh plants/ha) but had a little effect on succeeding wheat and wheat equivalent yields.
- In urdbean-wheat cropping sequence, application of FYM @ 5t/ha and P₂O₅ @ 40 kg/ha to urdbean had significant effect on urdbean yield but no or a little effect on succeeding wheat crop. A level of 75% RDF applied to wheat gave on par yield with 100% RDF and thus economized 25% of fertilizer in wheat.
- A study conducted for 3 consecutive years (2004-06) on urdbean-wheat cropping sequence revealed that application of 20 kg P₂O₅/ha to urdbean as well as seed inoculation with PSB (*B. megaterium*) not only increased the yield of urdbean by 35% over control but also had 17.7% more residual effect on succeeding wheat.
- Urdbean seeds inoculated with PSB only gave the direct and residual effect in terms of yield increase of 19.2 and 11.5 per cent respectively. However, the respective figures for 40 kg P₂O₅/ha to urdbean were 28 and 10 per cents. Direct effect of Phosphorus application to wheat was continuously on increase upto 60 kg P₂O₅/ha.
- In a two year study, intercropping of maize+urdbean gave the maximum

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C. Microbiology

1. Significant Achievements:

Identification of efficient Bradyrhizobium strains

A large number of *Rhizobium* sp. (*Vigna*) strains were isolated from different agro-climatic conditions and evaluated for their symbiotic performance together with the *Rhizobium* sp. (*Vigna*)

isolates obtained from different AICRP centre in field trials. *Rhizobium* sp. (*Vigna*) strains isolated at Pantnagar namely UP-1, UP-6, UC-1, PUR-34 were found promising. Strain PUR-34 was released for commercial biofertilizer production in Punjab. The isolates BKR-1-04 and GUR-5 were also found promising at Pantnagar.

Phosphorus solubilisation potential of PSB

The P solubilisation ability of five P solubilising bacteria namely *Pseudomonas striata*, *Bacillus* sp., *Bacillus megaterium*, *Bacillus cereus*, *and Bacillus stratosphericus* was compared qualitatively on Pikovaskaya and NBRIP medium and quantitative in Pikovaskaya broth medium containing 0.5% TCP. The solubilisation level of phosphorous varied with different isolates. The P solubilisation activity of different strains ranged from 42.6 to 76.7 μ g/ml at 10 days. *Bacillus cereus* showed the highest P solubilisation among different strains.

Effect of PSB with *Bradyhizobium sp.* on nodulation and yield

Legumes crops require relatively more P than cereals because of its more requirements for BNF. In a study conducted for 3 consecutive years during *kharif* 2009 to 2011, combined inoculation of *Bradyrhizobium* with different PSBs increased the nodule number from 27.2 to 21.4 per cent and grain yield from 7.5 to 13.4 per cent over the uninoculated control in field trials. The increase in nodule dry weight and grain yield due to co-inoculation of different PSB ranged from 6.2 to 10.6 and 3.7 to 9.3 per cent over *Bradyrhizobium* alone, respectively.

Use of bioinoculants consortia

Application of different bioinoculants comprising different PGP traits is being advocated for obtaining benefits of cost effective and environment free sources of plant nutrients and improving BNF and productivity of pulse crops. A field study was conducted for 3

consecutive years during *kharif* 2012 to 2014 on use of *Rhizobium*, PSB, PGPR, Potassium Releasing Bacteria (KRB), VAM and *Methylobacterium* in urdbean. Use of *Rhizobium*+PSB+PGPR in urdbean showed increases in nodule dry weight of 32.6 per cent and grain yield of 18.6 per cent over the control. Additional use of Potassium Releasing Bacteria (KRB) and VAM along with biofertilizer package resulted increase of 40.2 per cent in nodule dry weight and 16.2 per cent in grain yield over biofertilizer package alone.

Development of consortia inoculant of $\it Rhizobium$ and PGPR

Urdbean rhizobacteria PUK-171, PUK-315 and PUK-46B6 survived well with *Rhizobium* sp. (UP-1) in broth culture registering up to 10¹⁰ cells/mL at 6 days (Table 8). It was also observed that *Rhizobium* (UP-1) and PGPR (PUK-46B6) survived almost similarly in Charcoal based mono and consortia inoculants. Consortia inoculants indicated slightly more population of *Rhizobium* than in its mono inoculant.

Evaluation of efficient Rhizobium strains

Bradyrhizobium sp. (Vigna) strains isolated at Pantnagar PMR-1, PMR-3 and PMR-2001 of mungbean were found promising for improving noudulation and grain yield across the locations. Mungbean Rhizobium sp. strains MOR-1, GGR-10, CRM-3 and MOR-12 isolated at other AICRP cenres were also found promising at Pantnagar.

Identification of efficient Rhizobium strains

Lentil *Rhizobium* isolates LB-4 and LR-35B-01 were found most promising in field trials. The other strains which were found promising includes LR-63-01, LLR-1 and DL-1.

Nutrient management for enhancing biofertilizer use efficiency

Field trials were conducted for three

consecutive years during 2010-11 to 2012-13 with application of sulphur, boron and urea spray along with Biofertilizers (*Rhizobium*+PSB+PGPR). Application of biofertilizers package alone increased the nodulation, by 33.7 per cent, and grain yield, by 15.5 per cent (mean of three years) over the uninoculated control. Application of RDF+20 Kg S/ ha and RDF+20 Kg S/ ha + 2 % urea foliar spray along with biofertilizer gave 4.2 and 17.1 per cent more grain yield, respectively over the biofertilizer package.

Conjoint use of Potassium releasing bacteria and *Rhizobium* sp.

Seed inoculation of *Rhizobium* sp. (LR-35B-01) alone gave 13.8 per cent more nodule number and 3.7 per cent more grain yield over uninoculated control (average of 2012-13 to 2014-15). Application of Potassium Releasing Bacteria (KRB-1) was fund comparable with *Rhizobium* nodulation and grain yield. Combined use of KRB-1 with different *Rhizobium* strains resulted in 16.4 to 28.1 per cent increases in grain yield over *Rhizobium* alone and 11.4 to 22.6 per cent over KRB-1 alone.

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D. Pulse Pathology:

1. Significant Achievements:

Yellow Mosaic Virus (YMV)

Screening for resistance

Mungbean: Some resistant donors identified are as follow ML-1464, IPM-306-6, ML-818, ML-1628, NDMK-10, ML-1666, PUSA-672, MH-2-15, ML-1907, IPM-02-14, KM-2293, GM-04-02, UNNATI, Co-6, LGG-460, SML-1082, LGG-450, LGG-460, DGGV-05, LGG-450, ML-818, ML-2037, TRCM2-2-1, KM-2328, IPM-02-03, TMV-45, IPM-02-14, IPM-410-03, IPM-2K-15-15, PUSA-1371, IGMKM-05-16-02, ML-2037, KM-2293, Co-6, MH-805, MH-721, DGG-5, IPM99-01-8, DGG-1, MG-2-15, KM-23-42, IPM-410-3, IPM-2K-15-4, VGG05-006, TRAM-1, PM-09-11, Pusa-1472, HUM-27, DGG-06, COGG-10-10, IPM-2-3, TMB-45, ML-2333, Pusa-1471, ML-2056, PM-4, Pusa-1371, IPM-2-14, NDMK-13-1, MH-934, IMP-5-17, PM-10-12

Urdbean: Some resistant donors identified are as follow: NDU-12-300, PU-09-35, PU-09-36, VBG-10-024, IPU-10-23, Uttara, MH-07-06, NDU-11-202, IPU-2-43, KPU-1-10, KU-154, KU-96-7, TU-67, PU-1114, DKU-11, PU-09-37, Vamban-7, IPU-11-2,, MU-46, PU-10-16, NIRV-003, RUG-59, NDUK-15-9, VBG-12-062, RMG-353, IU-05-01, VBG-11-53, IPM-94-1, IPU-13-1,

Molecular diversity analysis among different isolates

- The sequences of the present investigation along with five other sequences showing maximum similarity to Pantnagar isolate were subjected to multiple alignment analysis in 'Clustal W' programme available online. The Phylogenic tree (Fig. 1) obtained revealed three distinct clusters. All MYMIV isolates collected from different hosts from Kumaon tarai region formed a single cluster along with French bean isolate of MYMIV from Palampur. Among these isolates, Soybean and Gomphrena isolate shown maximum similarity and Dolichos bean isolate singly formed a separate sub cluster. Cluster II having maximum similarity isolates from Pantnagar, had the isolates viz., M20844 (Mungbean, Pakistan) AY26992 (Urdbean, Pakistan), AM950268 (Mungbean, Faisalabad). Cluster III had all rest of the isolates of MYMIV from India viz., AJ416349 (Soybean, Jabalpur), KC911720 (Urdbean, New Delhi), KC911719 (Urdbean, New Delhi), DQ389153 (Cow pea New Delhi), EU523045 (Soybean, New Delhi).
- From the molecular studies it is concluded that, the virus causing yellow mosaic in tarai region of uttarakhand is predominantly MYMIV with maximum similarity with Palampur isolate. For the first time it has been reported through molecular studies that, the weed *Gomphrena sessilis is* one of the host MYMIV.

Disease Management modules

- Module 1. Seed treatment with phorate 10G @ 3g/kg seed, tolerant cv. Pant U-19 or Pant U-35, late sowing (post rainy) up to mid August and sowing during spring season.
- **Module 2.** Seed treatment with phorate 10G @ 3g/kg seed, tolerant cv. Pant M-4, Pant M-5, late

July or early August sowing and foliar spray of monocrotophos +endosulfan (0.1% each), 2 spray at 15 day intervals,

• Module 3. Seed treatment with phorate 10G @ 3g/kg seed, tolerant cv., Pant M-4, and Pant M-5 July or spring sowing and foliar spray of 0.1% methyl-o-demeton+0.1% endosulfan, 2 sprays at 15 days intervals.

Urdbean Leaf Crinkle Virus (ULCV)

 Plant extracts 0.1% viz., onion, neem garlic black pepper ginger, when used as seed dresser as well as spray reduced the ULCV incidence drastically and virex 0.3% and piper @ 750ppm was also effective.

Web Blight

- Mungbean: Some resistant donors identified are as follow PM-09, Co-06, LGG-460, SML-1082, PM-06,
- *Urdbean*: Some resistant donors identified are as follow LBG-752, VBG-10-024, NUL-7, Uttara, UH-08-05, UH-07-06, COBG-761, NDU-11-202, IPU-2-43, KPU-1-10, LBG-623, PU-10-23, PU-10-16, VBG-12-062, RMG-353,
- Seed treatment with carbendazim followed by three foliar sprays of carbendazim was found superior over all other treatments followed by propiconazole in respect of disease severity as well as increased grain yield.
- Foliar spray of 125 ppm concentration of silver nano particle showed lowest disease severity whereas at 75 ppm maximum grain yield was obtained.
- Seed treatments with a mixture of *Trichoderma* (T3) + *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (FLP28) showed lowest disease severity and increased grain yield.

 Three foliar sprays of eucalyptus extract was found effective in reducing the disease severity and increased grain yield.

Anthracnose

Mungbean: The promising entries are as follows: LGG-460, BMU, Co-05, Selection-04, LGG-460,

Urdbean: The promising entries are as follows: Uttara, IPU-2-43, Pant U-3, Co-5, LBG-623, DVGV-5, VLC-29, KU-96-7, MU-06, TU-67, PU-11-14.

- Five isolates of *Trichoderma harzianum* were screened in dual culture method, isolate Th12 was significantly inhibited the mycelial growth. However out of five strains of *P. fluorescens*, strain Pf 4 was found the best in inhibition of mycelial growth.
- In case of plant extracts, Neem extracts was found most effective at 15% concentration in reducing the fungal growth.

Cercospora leaf spot (CLS):

Mungbean: The promising entries are as follows: LGG-460, IPM-306-6, K-851, DGGS-04, ML-818, AKM-8802, LGG-450, DGGV-2, DGG-5, DGG-3, ML-2333, IMP-5-17

Bacterial Leaf Spot (BLS):

Mungbean: The promising entries are as follows: KM-2328, IPM-02-03, LGG-450, K-851(wbc), COGG-11-03, ML-2037, DGGV-2, DGG-5,COGG-912, Pant M-03, SML-10-82, KM-23-42, NVL-516, IGKM-05-26-30, DDG-3, IPM-410-3, TRAM-1,MH-810, HUM-27, LGG-460, IPM-2-3, ML-2333, PM-4, PM-10-12, AKM-4, AKM-8802, Pusa-0672

LENTIL

(Screening for resistance against Rust: The following entries were found resistant viz; LL1318,

PL160, DPL62, Pant L027, IPL332, PL175, PL157, IPL334, IPL222, IPL227, KLB14-12, IPL331, VL524, VL525, LL1375, IPL315, PL165, PL-192, LL1374, IPL406, IPL321, VL149, IPL225, LL1373, IPL533

Screening for resistance against Wilt disease: Lentil entries were evaluated under sick plot for Wilt root rot disease. The following lines were found promising viz; IPL-324, VL-521, L-4588, LL-1218, VL147, IPL-330, IPL526, IPL-215, IPL-331, IPL-332, KLB14-12, DPL-62, PL192, IPL576, LL 1136, LL 1197, LL1374, IPL229, PL 156, PL 168, JL 3, PL172,

Cultural study of Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. lentis

• All the 26 isolates were categorized on the basis of their cultural characteristics. There are four categories on the basis of mycelium color i.e. white (20), off white (4), peach (1), and cream (1) and five groups i.e. purple (11), peach (1), cream (1), pink (1) and without pigment (12) based on pigmentation. On the basis of growth pattern there are three groups i.e. cottony (11), fluffy (11) and appressed (4).

Management of wilt

All the fungicides tested, significantly suppresses the wilt incidence over check however, the seed treated with Iprodione + carbendazim (Quintal) was found the best treatment followed by carbendazim in reducing the wilt incidence and increasing grain yield.

Integrated disease management module:

- ➤ Early sowing (1st fortnight of November)
- Resistant cultivar
- > Early maturing cultivars

➤ Seed treated with Iprodione + carbendazim (Quintal) @3g/kg seed

Screening of germplasm against powdery mildew:

The following lines were found promising for powdery mildew: PP-172, PP-63, IPFD99-13, PP-184, IPFD-11-10, HFP-4, IPF-11-13, PP-177, HUDP-963, IPF-10-21, Pant P-197, Pant P-198, Pant P-199, Pant P 243, Pant P-217, Pant P-218, Pant P-266, HFP-554, HFP715, HFP-802, HFP-920, HFP-921, HFP-1125, HUDP 15, LFP-487, LFP-484, LFP-879.

Screening for resistance against pea rust: The evaluation of pea germplasm lines showed that HUDP 15 genotypes are highly resistant. Whereas, RFP 42, KPMR 851, Pant P244 and Pant P42 were moderately resistant reaction.

Management of pea rust

• Efficacy of 16 fungicides alone and in combination tested against pea rust disease of pea during both season revealed that all the fungicides are effective for the management of disease as compare to control. However, tebuconazole (alone), carbendazim + tebuconazole, mancozeb + tebuconazole, carbendazim + flusilazole, penflufen + trifloxystorbin are very effective against the disease.

Integrated disease management module:

- ➤ Use of resistant varieties
- Early sowing (1st fortnight of Nov.)
- Spray of elicitors
- Spray of fungicide (Tebuconazole)

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 Urdbean and its management M.Sc. Ag.
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E. Entomology:

1. Significant Achievements:

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• Seventy species of insects belonging to 8 order and 44 families were observed on urdbean crop at Pantnagar. The major insect pests recorded in urdbean from seedling to maturity were *Melanoagromyza sojae*, *Empoasca* sp., *Bemisia tabaci* at early stage of the crop, Lepidopteran defoliators viz., *Thysanoplusia orichalcea*, *Spodoptera litura*, *Spilarctia obliqua* during vegetative stage, whereas, sucking bug, *Riptortis* sp.; flower beetle, *Mylabris* sp., *Megalurothrips sp.*, *Helicoverpa armigera* and *Etiella* sp. were observed at flowering and podding stage of the crop. The populations of *M. sojae*,

Empoasca sp., B. tabaci, Riptortis sp., H. armigera were peaked during 41st standard week. Whereas, the populations of *Mylabris* sp., and Etiella sp., were recorded maximum during 39th Standard Week (SW). High mean ambient temperature and high relative humidity favoured insect pest population build up. The population of stem fly, jassid, whitefly, lepidopteran defoliators (S. litura, S. obliqua and *T. orichalcea*) had negative correlation with temperature, relative humidity and total rainfall. Populations of Mylabris sp. and Etiella sp. were positively correlated with temperature. Among the natural enemies, spiders and ants were abundant throughout the crop period but peak populations were observed during 40th and 41st SW. Parasitoids population was high during 38th to 40th SW.

Integrated Pest Management

- Biological control: The important parasitoids Sympiesis dolicogaster, Chelonus pectinophorae, Cotesia sp., Allophatnus fulvitergus, Tetrastichus sp., Eurotoma sp., Mutilla sp., Chalybion bengalensis and Cerceris tristis and predators were Acantholepis simplex, polistis sp., Vespa orientalis, Coccinella septempunctata, Menochilus sexmaculata, Cantheconida furcellata, Chrysopearla and spiders were observed in urdbean crop. Temperature ranges of (31-32°C) and relative humidity of (89-90%) were found favorable for buildup of parasitoid population.
- The spiders and ants were the most abundant natural enemies during 40th and 41st SW of the year.
- Seed treatment (ST) of biopesticides such as Beauveria bassiana @10g/kg, B.

bassiana+Pseudomonas fluorescens @5g+3g/Kg were effective in reducing grain damage and increasing the yield of crop.

- Combination of biopesticides such as *B. bassiana*@10g/kg seed treatment followed by *B. bassiana* spray @2g/l, *P. fluorescens* ST @10g/Kg seed + *B. bassiana* spray @2g/l, *B. bassiana* + *P. fluorescens* @5g + 3g/kg were found effective in reducing pod damage and increasing yield of the crop.
- Chemical control: Seed treatment with dimethoate 30 EC@ 5 ml/kg seed, imidacloprid 600FS@ 3 ml/kg, monocrotophos @10ml/kg, B. bassiana @10g/Kg ST, imidacloprid 5ml/Kg and P. fluorescens 10g/Kg gave significant reduction in pod damage and increase in grain yield.
- The combination of seed treatment with foliar spray of insecticides such as NSKE 5%, and imidacloprid ST @ 5g/kg followed by foliar spray of profenophos @ 2 ml/lt gave significant reduction in crop damage and increase in grain yield.
- Spraying of insecticides thiamethoxam @0.3 g/l and acetamiprid@0.3 g/l were found effective against the sucking pests of urdbean.

IPM modules: Seed treatment with monocrotophos or imidacloprid or thaimethoxam followed by mechanical control and foliar spray of NSKE 5% in intercropping with sorghum gave considerable increase in grain yield.

SUMMER

Biology and Ecology

 The incidence of stem fly, whiteflies and jassids occurred at early stage of crop growth and reached their peak during 19th SW in summer, whereas, thrips occurred at flowering stage and bugs appeared during pod formation stage. The minimum temperature showed positive correlation with whiteflies, parasitoids and relative humidity with bugs, beetles and spider population on summer crop, whereas, positive correlation of relative humidity with bug population was found.

Effect of date of sowing on population of insect pests

• During the spring season thrips, stem fly, jassids and whitefly were found to be major insect pests of urdbean. Mid-March sown crop showed lowest mean pod damage (7.39%) as compared to other late sown crops with highest average yield.

Biological Control

- Seven species of hymenopteran parasitoids viz., Chelonus pectinophorae, Cotesia and Tetrastichus sp., Echinomon sp., Xanthopimpla flavolineata, Temelucha philippinensis and Tetrastichus sp. and Eurotoma sp. were recorded on urdbean crop.
- Among the natural enemies, spiders were most abundant throughout the crop period with peak population during 21st -22nd SW and parasitoids population was high during 19th-20thSW.
- Population density of parasitoids was found significantly positive correlated with minimum temperature and it was negatively correlated with relative humidity.
- **Chemical Control-** Seed treatment with monocrotophos @10ml/kg seed, followed by foliar

spray of monocrotophos @0.04%, oxydemeton methyl @0.04%, spinosad @45g a.i/ha, dimethoate @0.03%, profenophos @0.04%, imidacloprid @0.04%, lambda-cyhalothrin @0.04%, acephate @0.04%, novaluron @60g.a.i./ha, flubendiamide @0.04%, proved highly effective in reducing the pest complex of urdbean during summer.

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Biology and Ecology

• More than 60 insects were recorded from seedling to maturity stage of crop. Stem fly and galerucid beetle at seeding stage; whiteflies at vegetative stage; flower beetle, Mylabris sp., thrips Megalurothrips sp., and sucking bugs Riptortis sp. and Nezara sp. at reproductive stage were the major constraints. Maruca, Lampedes and H. armigera were observed at flowering and podding stage of the crop. The populations of insect pests such as M. sojae, Empoasca sp., B. tabaci, S. obliqua, Mylabris sp., Riptortis sp. and H. armigera were peaked during 41st S.W. The populations of M. sojae, Riptortis sp., Mylabris sp., Empoasca sp., B. tabaci, S. litura, H. armigera, S. obliqua and T. orichalcea, were negatively correlated with temperature, relative humidity and total rainfall. Temperature was positively with correlated population Thysanoplusia orichalcea and Etiella sp.

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Biological control

- Spider and ants were the most abundant during 39th SW of the year in the mungbean crop.
- Application of biopesticides in seed treatments such as B. bassiana seed treatment @ 10g/ kg Seed, P. fluorescens @ 10 g/kg seed and

other combinations of biopesticides such as *P. fluorescens* 10 g/kg seed+ *B. bassiana* spray @ 2g/lt and *B. bassiana*+*P. fluorescens* @ 5g+3g/kg were effective in reducing grain damage and increasing the yield of mung bean crop.

Chemical control

- Seed treatment with dimethoate 30 EC @ 5 ml/kg seed, imidacloprid 600 FS @ 3 ml/kg, and imidacloprid 600 FS @ 5g/kg seed gave significant reduction in pod damage and increase in grain yield.
- Combination of seed treatment with foliar spray of other insecticides viz., NSKE 5%, imidacloprid ST @ 5g/ kg seed+profenophos spray @ 2 ml/lt, *P. fluorescens* 10 g/kg seed+profenophos spray @ 2ml/lt, 1lt/ha *B. bassiana* ST @ 10g/kg seed+profenophos spray @ 2ml/lt, 1lt/ha gave higher grain yield and lower pod damage.
- Spraying of insecticides thiamethoxam 25WG@ 0.3 g/lt and acetamiprid20SP@ 0.3 g/lt were found effective against the insect pests of mungbean.

SPRING/ SUMMER MUNGBEAN

Biology and Ecology:

 During the spring season thrips, stem fly, Jassids and whitefly were found to be major insect pests of mungbean. Mid-march sown crop showed lowest pod damage as compared to other late sown crops with highest yield.

Integrated Pest Management

 Seed treatment with imidacloprid 600FS and thiamethoxam25WG followed by foliar application of thiamethoxam/ acetamiprid/ indoxacarb/ clothionidin at flowering and podding stages of crop.

Seed treatments with biopesticides Beauveria bassiana @ 10g/kg seed, P. fluorescens @ 10 g/kg seed and other combinations of biopesticides such as P. fluorescens 10 g/kg seed + B. bassiana spray@2g/lt and B. bassiana+P. fluorescens @5g+3g/kg were effective in Mungbean.

IPM Module for sucking pests Mungbean & Urdbean

- 1. Seed treatment with imidacloprid 600FS@ 5ml/kg+*Trichoderma* 4g/kg;
- 2. NSKE 5% or neem based formulation 30-40 DAS;
- 3. Novaluron @ 1 ml/lit (45-50 days after sowing);
- 4. Yellow sticking traps @ 100/ha

Chemical control

Seed treatment with monocrotophos @ 10ml/kg seed, followed by foliar spray of monocrotophos @ 0.04%, methyldemeton @ 0.04%, dimethoate @ 0.03%, profenophos @ 0.04%, spinosad @ 45ga.i/ha, imidacloprid @ 0.04%, lambda cyhalothrin @ 0.04%, acephate @ 0.04%, novaluron @ 60ga.i./ha, flubendiamide @ 0.04% and thiamethoxam 0.4g/l followed by indoxacarb 14.8 SC proved highly effective in reducing the pest complex of urdbean.

Biology and Ecology

The major insect pests included stem fly, *Melanagromyza phaseoli*, pea leaf miner, *Chromatomyia horticola*, aphids, *Acyrthosiphon pisum* and *Aphis craccivora*, thrips, semiloopers, *Plusia orichalcea* and *P. eriosoma*, pod borers viz., blue butterfly, *Lampedes boeticus* and *Euchrysops cnejus* and *Helicoverpa armigera*. Stem fly damage in early sown crop whereas, pea leaf miner and pod

borers in late sown crop were the major constraint. Maximum stem fly damage was recorded at 6 weeks after germination and thrips, leaf miner and pod borers damage at flowering and podding stage of the crop. Stem fly and pea leaf miner damage ranged from 16 to 30 and 20 to 60 per cent, respectively.

Integrated Pest Management

Insect Pest Monitoring and relation with weather parameters

Leafminer (*Chromatomyia horticola*) marked its peak appearance in 3rd SW. A correlation between different weather parameters and population of leaf miner revealed that there is positive correlation between parasitoid and humidity, rainfall and wind velocity. Whereas, negative correlated with temperature and sunshine hrs.

Overall mean parasitisation of *Chromatomyia horticola* pea leaf miner was recorded maximum in 9th SW (56.59%) followed by 10th SW (44.93%) and minimum during 1st SW (13.06%).

IPM Module for fieldpea insect pests

• Intercropping with mustard (6:2 ratio) with seed treatment with imidacloprid 600 FS (3 ml/kg seed)+carbendazim @ 3g/kg+ rhizobium treatment followed by spray of NSKE 5% at 40 DAS and need based spray of indoxacarb15.8EC @ 50 g. a.i./ha at flowering stage.

Seed treatment with thiomethoxam 25WG proved highly effective in control of stem fly damage.

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