

PLANT PATHOLOGY

1. Path 1101 Fundamentals of Plant Pathology (2 +1)

Theory

Plant pathology- Importance of plant diseases- Definition, Scope - Objectives- History of Plant Pathology-Term and concepts in Plant Pathology- Classification of plant diseases. Important plant pathogenic organisms- Fungi, bacteria, fastidious vascular bacteria, virus, viroids, phytoplasma, spiroplasma, algae, protozoa, nematodes, phanerogamic parasites with examples of disease caused by them. Diseases due to abiotic causes. Causes/factors affecting disease development: disease triangle and tetrahedron. Fungi- definition, characters, somatic structures, nomenclature, classification, key to divisions, sub divisions, orders and classes, reproduction, dispersal. Bacteria, Viruses and mollicutes- Morphology, classification, reproduction, transmission, dispersal and survival. Parasitism, Variability of plant pathogens. Defense mechanism in plants. Pathogenesis. Role in disease development- Enzymes, Toxins, Growth regulators.

Practical

Acquaintance with lab equipments and Procedures. Collection and preservation of specimens. Media preparation. Isolation of plant pathogens and proving pathogenicity. Symptoms of fungal bacterial, viral and phytoplasmal diseases. Study of representative fungal genera. Staining and identification of plant pathogenic bacteria. Transmission of plant viruses. Study of phanerogamic parasites.

Lecture schedule

- Plant Pathology – introduction – importance of plant diseases
History of Plant Pathology- International and National importance.
3-4 Causes of plant diseases, Terms and concepts in Plant Pathology – bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroids, phytoplasmas, fastidious vascular bacteria, parasites, pathogens, biotrophs, hemibiotrophs, necrotrophs.
5-6 Pathogenicity, pathogenesis, disease triangle, disease tetrahedron, virulence, infection, inoculum, invasion, colonisation, inoculum potential, symptoms, incubation period.
7-8 Disease cycle, disease syndrome, monocyclic diseases, polycyclic diseases, alternate host, collateral host. Predisposition, physiological race, biotype, symbiosis, mutualism, antagonism
9-10 Defence mechanism in plants
11-12 Pathogenesis- enzymes, toxins and growth regulators in plant disease development
13-14 Types of parasitism and variability in plant pathogens
15-17 Survival and dispersal of plant pathogens
18-19 General characters of fungi, classification of fungi, methods of reproduction

Mid Term Examination

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of the Division Myxomycota –

Plasmodiophora, Spongospora.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of Sub Division Mastigomycotina *Synchytrium & Physoderma.*

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Pythium* & *Phytophthora*

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Albugo*, *Sclerophthora*, *Peronosclerospora*, *Peronospora* & *Plasmopara*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of Sub Division Zygomycotina. *Rhizopus* and *Mucor*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of Sub Division Ascomycotina – *Taphrina* & yeasts

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Erysiphe*, *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Claviceps*, *Chaetomium*, *Ascobolus*, *Sclerotinia*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of Sub Division Basidiomycotina. - *Puccinia*, *Melampsora*, *Uromyces*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Ustilago*, *Tilletia*, *Neovossia*, *Sphacelotheca* *Tolyposporium*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of Sub Division Deuteromycotina - *Colletotricum*, *Alternaria*, *Cercospora*, *Pestalotia*, *Botryodiplodia* and *Diplodia*.

General characters, taxonomy, somatic structures, reproduction, life cycle and plant pathological significance of *Corticium*, *Fusarium*, *Helminthosporium*, *Pyricularia*, *Sclerotium*, *Rhizoctonia*, *Phyllosticta*, *Phoma*, *Trichoderma* and *Verticillium*.

Morphological Characters and classification of phytopathogenic bacteria.

Symptoms of bacterial diseases, mode of entry, reproduction and spread.

Virus – definition nature, properties, classification, virus – vector relationships.

Common symptoms of virus, viroid and phytoplasmal diseases of crops.

Characters of algal and phanerogamic plant parasites – symptoms.

Practical schedule

Common symptoms of plant diseases caused by fungi, bacteria, virus and phytoplasmal diseases

Common laboratory equipments and techniques

Collection and preservation of plant disease specimen

Isolation of plant pathogens and pathogenicity testing

Transmission studies for viral disease symptom expression.

Microscopic slide culture, common media and mountants used in mycology.

Staining and identification of plant pathogenic bacteria

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Division Myxomycota.

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Sub Division Mastigomycotina *Pythium* & *Phytophthora*.

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to White Rust - *Albugo*

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Downy mildews - *Plasmopara* & *Peronospora*

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Sub Division Zygomycotina *Rhizopus*

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Sub Division Ascomycotina. *Aspergillus* *Penicillium* *Saccharomyces* & *Taphrina*

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Powdery mildew fungi

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of fungi belonging to Rust Fungi and Smut fungi

Study of characters, symptoms, host parasite relationships and systematic position of edible macrofungi and fungi belonging to Sub Division Deuteromycotina

Study of phanerogamic plant parasites.

Practical Examination

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2. Path. 2102 Principles of integrated plant disease management (1+1)

Theory

Categories of diseases; Introduction, history, importance, concepts, principles and tools of IDM; Economic importance of disease risk analysis. Epidemiology: Factors affecting disease development. Methods of detection and diagnosis of diseases. Principles and methods of plant disease management. Methods of control: Host plant resistance, cultural, mechanical, physical, legislative, biological and chemical control. Survey, surveillance and forecasting of diseases. Introduction to conventional fungicides and new generation fungicides for the disease management. Nature, chemical combination, classification, mode of action and formulations of fungicides and antibiotics. Ecological management of crop environment. Development and validation of IDM module. Implementation and impact of IDM (IDM module and disease). Safety issues in pesticide uses. Political, social and legal implications of IDM. Case histories of important IDM programmes in cereals, vegetables, pulses, tuber crops, spices and plantation crops and ornamentals.

Practical

Methods of diagnosis and detection of various plant diseases, Methods plant disease assessment. Assessment of crop yield losses, calculations based on economics of IDM, Identification of biocontrol agents. Mass multiplication of *Trichoderma*, *Pseudomonas* sp. Cultural methods (soil solarization). Physical methods, Planning and implementation of IDM of selected diseases. Nature and damage of important diseases and their management, Assessment of diseases, crop monitoring and planning of preventive strategies, Study of fungicides and their formulations. Methods of pesticide application and their safe use. Calculation of fungicide sprays concentrations. Awareness campaign at farmer's fields.

Lecture schedule

Introduction - Losses caused by plant diseases - Importance and history of integrated disease management

Epidemiology of crop diseases - Weather, Pathogen and Host factors and their role in crop disease epidemics

Survey & surveillance - Disease assessment - Forecasting - Disease modelling - Economic importance of diseases risk analysis.

Principles of crop disease management - Importance; General Principles - Avoidance - Exclusion - protection

Plant Quarantine and Inspection - Rules and Regulations

Cultural control - Roguing, eradication of alternate and collateral hosts, crop rotation, mixed cropping manure and fertilizer management. Sanitation, hot weather ploughing, soil amendments, time of sowing, seed rate and plant density, irrigation and drainage.

Physical Methods – soil solarization, heat treatment etc.

Biological control - Role and mechanisms of biocontrol agents and PGPR.

Mid Term Examination

- 9-13. Chemical methods – Fungicides – classification – chemical groups of fungicides – inorganic, organic, systemic, antibiotic etc., Mode of actions - Methods of application of fungicides – seed, soil, foliar spray, post harvest treatment, root feeding etc. - Fungicide formulations – Characteristics of an ideal fungicide. Compatibility and phytotoxicity of fungicides - New generation fungicides.
- Plant disease resistance – types of resistance – vertical and horizontal – Defense mechanism in plants – Structural and Biochemical (pre and post- infection) cross-protection
- Biotechnological approach in plant disease management – tissue culture – somaclonal variation, transgenic plants etc.
- Integrated plant disease management (IDM) – Concepts, advantages and importance. Ecological management of crop environment.
- Development and validation of IDM module, Implementation and impact of IDM - Political, social and legal implication of IDM.
- Case studies of important IDM programmes in cereals, vegetables, pulses, tuber crops, spices and plantation crops and ornamentals

Practical schedule

- Proving Koch's postulates
- Diagnosis and detection of plant diseases
- Assessment of diseases – grading, score chart – disease index.
- Screening of varieties for resistance to plant disease
- Disease indexing for early detection of virus diseases.
- Familiarization with different groups of fungicides.
- Preparation of Bordeaux mixture, Bordeaux paste and cheshunt compound, phytotoxicity of fungicides
- Preparation of fungicidal spray solutions- methods of application of fungicides – spraying and soil drenching.
- Seed treatment with systemic and contact fungicides; Root feeding, post harvest treatment.
- Bio-assay of fungicides – poisoned food technique, inhibition zone technique and slide germination technique
- Bio-control of plant pathogens – dual culture technique and *in-vitro* testing
- Methods of mass multiplication of *Trichoderma* sp and *Pseudomonas* sp.
- Solarisation for management of soil borne pathogens; Demonstration of physical methods for crop disease management
- Preparation and application of botanicals
- Familiarization with plant protection equipments.
- Visit to Plant Quarantine Station, Remote sensing laboratory and Tissue culture laboratory
- Development of IDM of any one disease of field / vegetable / horticultural crops (practical assignment)
- Practical Examination

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3. Path.2203 Diseases of crops and their management I(2+1)

Theory

Symptoms, etiology, disease cycle and management of major diseases of following crops: Field crops Rice: blast, brown spot, bacterial blight, sheath blight, sheath rot, foot rot, false smut, khaira and tungro;

Maize: stalk rots, downy mildew, powdery mildew, leaf spots, rust; Sorghum: smuts, grain mold and anthracnose, downy mildew, powdery mildew, rust, leaf spots; Bajra: downy mildew and ergot; powdery mildew, leaf spots, rust; Wheat: rusts, loose smut, karnal bunt, powdery mildew, alternaria blight, and ear cockle; Finger millet: Blast and leaf spot; Sugarcane: red rot, smut, wilt, grassy shoot, ratoon stunting and PokkahBoeng; Cotton: anthracnose, vascular wilt, and black arm; Tobacco: damping off, black shank, black root rot and mosaic, leaf curl; Groundnut: early and late leaf spots, root rot, viral diseases, wilt; Soybean: Rhizoctonia blight, bacterial spot, seed and seedling rot and mosaic; Sunflower: Sclerotinia stem rot and Alternaria blight; Castor: Phytophthora blight; Pea: downy mildew, powdery mildew and rust; Pigeonpea: Phytophthora blight, wilt and sterility mosaic; Black & green gram: Cercospora leaf spot and anthracnose, web blight and yellow mosaic; Gram: wilt, grey mould and Ascochyta blight; Lentil: rust and wilt; Vegetable Crops: Cruciferous vegetables: Club root, Alternaria leaf spot, black rot, damping off, downy mildew, black leg, black rot, head rot and leaf blight; Mustard: Alternaria blight, white rust, downy mildew and Sclerotinia stem rot; Potato: late blight, early blight, wart, black scurf, bacterial wilt, viral diseases; Brinjal: Phomopsis blight and fruit rot and Sclerotinia blight; Tomato: damping off, wilt, early and late blight, buck eye rot and leaf curl and mosaic; Chillies: anthracnose and fruit rot, wilt and leaf curl, mosaic; Okra: Leaf spot, Yellow Vein Mosaic; Beans: Anthracnose and bacterial blight; Tapioca: leaf spot, sett rot, tuber rot, bacterial wilt, mosaic; Colocasia, Yams, Amorphophallus: Phytophthora blight; Cucurbits: downy mildew, powdery mildew, wilt, leaf spot, viral diseases; Onion and garlic: purple blotch, and Stemphylium blight; Amaranthus & leafy vegetables: white rust, leaf blight; Coriander: stem gall; Post harvest diseases in field and vegetable crop etc.

Practical

Identification and histopathological studies of selected diseases of field and vegetable crops covered in theory. Field visit for the diagnosis of field problems. Collection and preservation of plant diseased specimens for Herbarium; Note: Students should submit 50 pressed and well-mounted specimens.

Lecture schedule

Introduction to the study of crop diseases – economic importance of crop diseases-symptoms
causal agents - disease cycle –management.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of
diseases of Rice- blast, sheath blight, sheathrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of
other diseases of Rice - brown spot, false smut, udbatta , foot rotetc.

Bacterial diseases of Rice – Bacterial Leaf Blight and bacterial leaf streak; Viral and phytoplasmal diseases-tungro, grassy stunt, yellow dwarf and ragged stunt ;mineral deficiencydiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of Wheatrusts.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of smuts and bunts, powdery mildew, Alternaria leaf blight, and tundu ofWheat.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of millets - Sorghum- rusts, smuts, downy mildew, sugary disease, charcoal rot, anthracnose, blight, leaf spot andstriga.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Maize- smuts, downy mildew, rust, stalk rot and leafspot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Bajra- rusts, smuts, downy mildew andergot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of minormillets.

Diseases of legumes -economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Pigeon pea – Phytophthora blight, wilt, sterility mosaic and dry rootrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Red, Black, Green and Bengal gram - Dry root rot, rust and mosaic; gram – wilt, grey mold and Ascochyta blight; lentil – rust andwilt.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of oil seeds - Groundnut- early and late leaf spot, rust, Sclerotium stem rot, aflaroot disease.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of Groundnut - crown rot, seedling rot, seedling blight, pod rot and viraldiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of diseases of Sunflower – Sclerotium stem rot, rust, Alternaria blight and headrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Sesamum - leaf spots and leaf blights, powdery mildew andphyllody.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Castor – seedling blight; Mustard – white rust, downy mildew, Sclerotium stem rot, Alternaria blight and bacterialrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Soybean- Rhizoctonia blight, pod blight, seed rot, bacterial pustule, seedling blight and mosaic.

Mid Term Examination

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of fungal diseases of Sugarcane – red rot, whip smut, wilt and pineappledisease.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of Sugarcane - ratoon stunting, grassy shoot, gummosis and other bacterialdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Cotton - wilt, root rot, anthracnose, grey mildew, black arm and leafcurl.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Tobacco – damping off, black shank, frog eye spot and wildfire.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of fungal diseases of Potato – late blight, early blight, wart, black scurfetc.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of Potato brown rot and other bacterialdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of

diseases of Potato viral diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Brinjal - Phomopsis blight and fruit rot, Sclerotinia blight, bacterial wilt, and phyllody.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Chillies – anthracnose, damping off, bacterial and viral diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Bhindi – leaf spot, powdery mildew and yellow veinmosaic.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Tomato- damping off, late blight, early blight, fruit rot, fungal and bacterial wilt, viral and phytoplasmal diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Cucurbits – damping off, downy mildew, powdery mildew, anthracnose, and fruit rot, wilt, viral and phytoplasmal diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Cowpea and Beans – collar rot and web blight, Fusarium wilt, rust, powdery mildew, anthracnose and Sclerotium blight.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Crucifers - damping off, downy mildew, black leg, black rot, head rot and leaf blight.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of onion- smut, smudge, Alternaria blight, anthracnose; leafy vegetables / amaranthus – white rust and Rhizoctonia leafblight.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Tuber crops – Cassava – mosaic, bacterial wilt, leaf spots, sett rot, tuberrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, causal organisms, epidemiology and management of diseases of Sweet potato & other tuber crops – wilt and viral disease complex.

Post harvest diseases in vegetables and field crops.

Practical schedule

Field visits, survey and collection of disease samples.

Preservation of disease specimens.

3-4. Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of rice.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of wheat.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of sorghum and maize.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of bajra and other millets.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of groundnut, sunflower and sesamum.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of castor, mustard and soybean.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of red gram, green gram, black gram, bengal gram, beans and vegetable cowpea.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of cotton.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of tobacco.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of potato.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of

diseases of solanaceousvegetables.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of bhindi andamaranthus.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of Crucifers andCucurbits..

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of Tuber crops andtea.

Practical Examination

Note: Collection and preservation of plant diseased specimens for Herbarium.

Students should submit 50 pressed and well-mountedspecimens.

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4. Path.3104 Diseases of crops and their management II(2+1)

Theory

Symptoms, etiology, disease cycle and management of following diseases: Coconut: wilt and bud rot; Root (wilt), bud rot, leaf rot, grey leaf blight, Foot rot, stem bleeding, cadangcadang disease, lethal yellowing; Arecanut: Mahali, foot rot, Stem bleeding, inflorescence die back, yellow leaf disease, nursery diseases, nutritional disorders, Oil palm: nursery diseases, crown diseases, root and trunk diseases, bud rot, sudden wilt; Cocoa- black pod rot, Monilia pod rot, Botryodiplodia pod rot, other pod rot diseases, Cushion gall disease, witches broom, wilts, root disease , cherelle wilt , swollen shoot; Rubber: Abnormal leaf fall, powdery mildew, stem diseases, root diseases; Tea -Blister blight, grey blight, thread blight, brown blight, birds eye spot stem and root diseases; Coffee: rust, leaf spots, coffee berry diseases, root and stem diseases, die back; Cardamom:azhukal/ capsule rot and

clump rot, Katte and other viral disease, other foliar diseases, nursery diseases; Black pepper: foot rot, slow wilt, pollu disease, bacterial leaf spot ,viral and phytoplasmal diseases; Betel vine: foot rot, anthracnose,bacterial leafspot;Ginger:softrot,leafspot,threadblightandbacterialwilt;Turmeric:

leaf blotch, leaf spot, rhizome rot and root rot; Clove: slow decline, root diseases, leaf blight, die back, leaf spot diseases, leaf blotch; Cinnamon: leaf blight, leaf spot, leaf blotch and die-back symptoms, root diseases; Nutmeg and vanilla: leaf spots, fruit rot and root diseases. Banana: Panama wilt, Moko wilt; Viral diseases-Bunchy top, Mosaic, heart rot, infectious chlorosis and Kokkan, postharvest diseases; Mango: malformation, anthracnose, powdery mildew, die back, pink disease, sooty mould, red rust, black tip; deficiency diseases; post-harvest diseases; Cashew: powdery mildew, anthracnose, damping off, pink disease, sooty mould and inflorescence blight; Grapevine- downy mildew , powdery mildew, anthracnose, black rot, foot rot, dead arm, rust, bacterial viral and phytoplasmal diseases; Citrus: gummosis, leaf fall and fruit rot, scab, pink disease, powdery mildew, root rot , felt disease, sooty mould, citrus canker, tristeza, greening and exocortis, post harvest diseases; Pineapple- fruit rot/ basal rot/heart rot, wilt and leaf spot; Jack: pink disease, immature fruit rot and post harvest diseases; Papaya: stem/foot rot, leaf spot, mosaic, leaf curl, post-harvest diseases; Pomegranate: foliage, stem, fruit and root diseases; Sapota: leaf spot, flat limb, fruit rot; Guava: wilt, canker, dry rot, leaf spot, seedling blight, post harvest diseases; Mulberry-foliar diseases, stem and root diseases; Apple: scab, powdery mildew, root rot, collar rot, black rot, fire blight, mosaic, post harvest and non parasitic diseases; Rose - black spot, powdery mildew, rust, dieback, blight, leaf spot, anthracnose, bacterial leaf spot and viral diseases; Foliar and flower diseases of Orchids, Anthurium, Dahlia, Chrysanthemum & Jasmine.

Practical

Identification and histopathological studies of selected diseases of horticultural crops covered in theory. Field visit for the diagnosis of field problems. Collection and preservation of plant diseased specimens for Herbarium; Note: Students should submit 50 pressed and well-mounted specimens.

Lecture schedule

Introduction to the study of diseases of horticultural crops, economic importance, symptoms, causal agents, disease cycle, management.

Diseases of coconut, Root (wilt) disease, economic importance, distribution and symptoms on crown and roots, etiology, disease cycle and integrated management of Root (wilt) disease of coconut.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of bud rot, leaf rot, grey leaf blight of coconut.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of Foot rot and stem bleeding, cadangcadang disease, lethal yellowing and other diseases of unknown etiology of coconut.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of arecanut- Mahali, foot rot, Stem bleeding, inflorescence dieback.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of yellow leaf disease of arecanut, nursery diseases, stem breaking.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of oil palm, nursery diseases, crown diseases, root and trunk diseases, bud rot, sudden wilt and other diseases of oil palm.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of cocoa- black pod rot, Monilia pod rot, Botryodiplodia pod rot, other pod rot diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of

Cushion gall disease, witches broom, wilts, root disease, cherrillewilt , swollen shoot of cocoa.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of rubber -Abnormal leaf fall, powdery mildew, stem diseases, rootdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of tea -Blister blight, grey blight, stem and rootdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of Thread blight, brown blight ,birds eye spot of tea.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of coffee - foliar diseases -rust and leafspots.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of coffee berry diseases, root and stem diseases, dieback.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of cardamom- azhukal/ capsule rot and clumprot.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle, transmission and integrated management ofKatte and other viral disease ,other foliar diseases,Nurserydiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of black pepper- foot rot and slowwilt.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of Polludisease , bacterial leaf spot ,viral and phytoplasmaldiseases.

Mid Term Examination

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of betel vine- foot rot, anthracnose, bacterial leafspot.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of ginger - soft rot, leaf spot, thread blight and bacterialwilt.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of turmeric, leaf blotch, leaf spot, Rhizome rot and rootrot.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of clove - slow decline, root diseases, leaf blight, die back, leaf spot diseases, leaf blotch

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of cinnamon - leaf blight, leaf spot, leaf blotch and die-back symptoms, root diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of nutmeg andvanilla - leaf spots, fruit rot and rootdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of wilt diseases of banana- Panama wilt, Moko wilt; Viral diseases-Bunchy top, Mosaic, heart rot, infectious chlorosis andKokkan

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management ofpost harvest diseases - Anthracnose, crown rot, black spot, pitting diseases, cigar end rot and pink mould rot.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of mango- mango malformation, anthracnose, powdery mildew, die back, pink disease, sooty mould, red rust, black tip; deficiency diseases; post-harvest diseases - Diplodia stem end rot, anthracnose, soft rot, Black mould rot and Alternariarot.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of cashew - powdery mildew, anthracnose, damping off, pink disease, sooty mould and inflorescenceblight.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of grapevine- downy mildew , powdery mildew, anthracnose, black rot, foot rot, dead arm, rust, bacterial viral and phytoplasmaldiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of citrus-gummosis, leaf fall and fruit rot, scab, pink disease, powdery mildew, root rot , felt disease, sooty mould, citrus canker, tristeza, greening and exocortis, post harvest diseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of pineapple- fruit rot/ basal rot/heart rot, wilt and leaf spot; diseases of jack-pink disease, immature fruit rot and post harvestdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of papaya- stem/foot rot, leaf spot, mosaic, leaf curl, post- harvest diseases. Diseases of pomegranate and ber - foliage, stem, fruit and rootdiseases.

Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of sapota- leaf spot, flat limb, fruit rot; Diseases of guava, wilt, canker, dry rot, leaf spot, seedling blight, post harvest diseases.

Diseases of mulberry-foliar diseases, stem and root diseases. Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of apple-scab, powdery mildew, root rot, collar rot, black rot, fire blight, mosaic, post harvest and non parasitic diseases.

Diseases of rose - black spot, powdery mildew, rust, dieback, blight, leaf spot, anthracnose, bacterial leaf spot and viral diseases.

Diseases of orchids and anthurium. Economic importance, symptoms, cause, disease cycle and integrated management of diseases of dahlia, chrysanthemum & jasmine.

Practical schedule

Field visits, survey and collection of disease samples

Preservation of disease specimens

3-4. Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of coconut

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of areca nut and oil palm

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of cocoa

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of rubber

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of tea and coffee

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of cardamom

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of black pepper, betel vine

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of ginger, turmeric

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of tree spices and vanilla.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of Banana

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of mango and cashew

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of sapota, jack, pomegranate and ber.

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of grapevine citrus, pineapple, papaya

Study of symptoms, etiology, host-parasite relationship and specific control measures of diseases of, apple, mulberry, rose, orchids and anthurium, dahlia, chrysanthemum & jasmine

Practical Examination

Note: Collection and preservation of plant diseased specimens for Herbarium. Students should submit 50 pressed and well-mounted specimens.

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