

AICRP ON MUSHROOM

Objectives

1. To conduct survey of naturally occurring wild mushroom, catalogue and explore possibilities of cultivation of promising species.
2. To evaluate the promising and high yielding strains for suitability in Uttarakhand condition.
3. To carry trial for standardization of production techniques of different mushroom.
4. To explore possibility of selection of cheaper locally available substrates for mushroom cultivation.
5. To supply good quality spawn to the mushroom growers.
6. Popularization of mushroom cultivation in different agro- eco- regions

1. Significant Achievements:

A. Crop improvement:

1. Pantnagar Centre collected 323 germplasms of wild mushrooms from more than 20 different places covered about all the districts of Uttarakhand State. Out of which DMR has allotted accession numbers of 31 wild collections. *Calocybe*, *Lentinus*, *Auricularia*, *Ganoderma*, *Coprinus*, Katarwa, *Polyporus* spp., *Tuber* spp., *Rossula* spp., *Amanita* spp., *Boletus* spp., *Tremates versicolor*, Jelly fungus, *Flammulina* spp., *Pleurotus djamor*, *Volvareilla* spp., *Scleroderma* sp, *Pleurotus* sp., *Agaricus* sp., *Geastrum triplex*, *Mycena* spp., *Suillus luteus*, *Lactarius indigo*, *Entoloma corvinum*, *Conocybe* spp, *Clavicornia pyxidata*, *Daldinia* spp, *Termytomyces* spp., Puffball, *Fomes*, *Marasmius*, *Ramularia* sp and *Lepiota* were the major identified genus.
2. out of the collected mushroom five isolates of *Aruicularia*, two species of *Pleurodtus* and twenty isolates of *Ganoderma lucidum* have been brought under cultivation
3. The centre has evaluated hundreds of strains of button mushroom, oyster mushroom, milky mushroom & shiitake mushroom for resistance against major diseases and their yield performance. The data generated is being used for the breeding of high yielding strains of different mushrooms. Among them, AVT-04, AVT-1, AVT-05, AVT-3, AVT-04 of white button and AVT-09 of brown button produced highest yield of 19.23-23.23 kg/ qtl compost. In milky mushroom it was found that the strains, CI-14-04, strain CI-15-01 and strain CI-16-01 were stood with highest 95.43, 79.17 and 78.63 kg yield of fresh mushroom/ qtl dry wheat straw. However, strain of *Lentinula edodes* LE-15-06 produced 76.94 kg and 66.89 kg fresh mushroom / quintial wheat straw and sawdust under its IVT. The high yielding strains of *Pleurotus* PL-16-02 was highest yielder that is 78.52kg /qtl dry substrate. In case of *Lnetinula edodes* strain OE 388 was one of the best strain as it produced 103.34 kg yield/ qtl dry wheat straw from 30 days harvesting.
4. Associated with multilocational testing and release of strains NCS-100 NCS-102 NCH-102 of *Agaricus bisporus* (Button mushroom)
5. Developed twenty three inter – specific and inter-generic hybrids of oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus* spp.) and blue oyster mushroom (*Hypsizyguis ulmarius*) .Some of them are performing much better than their parents.

B. Crop Production:

1. The production potentialities of three strains of *Macrocybe giganteum* MA-1, MA-2 and

MA-3 on paddy and wheat straw and their mixture was tested. Among them, the paddy straw resulted highest 56.42% and 59.82% biological efficiencies of strain MA-1 and MA-2, respectively. In another trial, the productivity of the compost as prepared using thermophilic fungi was studied and found that the normal compost (check) was found superior than to that of compost impregnated with inoculum of thermophilic fungi for both consecutive years 2013-14 and 2014-15 as evaluated with the yield of button mushroom.

2. Compost formulation with Sugarcane baggases + Wheat Straw, 2:a developed resulting in reduced cost of cultivation of *Agaricus bisporus*.
3. Standardized cultivation of *Calocybe indica* using wheat straw as a substrate with casing of FYM+Spent Compost + Sand (2:1:1)
4. A relay cropping Schedule developed for Tarai region of Uttarakhand: two crops of *Agaricus bisporus* from
5. Standardized cultivation technology of *Gypsizygos ulmarius* using wheat straw supplemented with wheat bran.
6. Standardized cultivation technology of *Ganoderma lucidum*, using sterilized wheat straw bran (5%)
7. Extracted and determined the presence of polysaccharides and Ganoderic acids A, c2 and H from the fruiting bodies of *Ganoderma lucidum*.
8. Standardized cultivation of *Lentinula edodes* with substrate wheat straw and popular sawdust supplemented with 20% wheat bran.
9. Cultural growth of *Cordyceps* found to be initially white to light cream changing orange or pink to light purple and revers purplish red or dark tan or blood red colour of different medial.

C. Crop Protection:

1. In the year 2014-15 seven bacterial isolates were tested for the management of *Mycogone perniciosa*. As a result it was observed that none of the bacterial isolates could manage the *Mycogone*. However, the combination of isolates

B18 and B19 was found 3.90% superior in comparison to check.

2. Developed chemical treatment (Formalin 15ml + *Bavistin* 0.5g/10kg compost) of long method compost to avoid the moulds in cultivation of *A. bisporus*.
3. *Pseudomonas fluorescens* proved effective in controlling mushroom diseases caused by *Verticillium*, *Sepedonium*, *Trichoderma* and *Fusarium*.
4. Botanicals *Aegle mormelos* (0.5%) and *Cleome viscosa* (1.0%) were found effective in control of *Mycogone perniciosa* and *Trichoderma viride*, respectively.
5. Chemical control of pathogens *Mycogone perniciosa* and *Verticillium fungicola* by *sporgone* (0.075%) and *Hypomyces rosellus*, *Fusarium moniliformae* and *Sepedonium chryosporium* by *Bavistin* (0.025%) + Formalin (0.2%) have been worked out.
6. Of twenty isolates of *Ganoderma* collected, three were examined and characterized biochemically.

D. Post Harvest Technology:

Developed and promoted the mushroom based recipes in form of Matar Mushroom, Mushroom Pakora, Mushroom warian, Mushroom papad, Mushroom soup powder and Mushroom Pickle. Another successful attempt was made in which instantly prepared value added recipe of fresh button mushroom with the Chaat masala, salt and lemon juice in form of salad was successfully introduced among the beneficiaries during demonstrations on the post harvest use of mushroom.

E. Extension:

More than 50 villages encompassed in even all districts of Uttarakhand in form of trainings and demonstrations on mushroom cultivation techniques. In which More than 2195 people were trained in mushroom cultivation, 173 demonstrations on mushroom cultivation were successfully led with presently > 60 viable seasonal units of button mushroom are working.

Pantnagar Center supplied more than 23874 kg commercial spawn, 550 bottles of master spawn, 458 mother culture, 4552 kuntal quntle compost and 20742 kg casing mixture.

Mushroom cultivation related awarness and problems were also addressed to the people through radio talk, television talk, newspaper, phone, whatsapp, postal letters, visits, kishan mela, kishan gosthi and mushroom day.

During 2012-17 Pantnagar Centre was also developed the eight sustainable mushroom houses in the Villages for the benefit of the mushroom growers in Chakarata and Kalsi block, Dehradun.

F. Patent: The following patents are filled

1. PANT MUSHROOM COMPOSTING ASSEMBLY application number 201811004765 dated 2018/02/08
2. BIOFORTIFICATION OF WHITE OYSTER MUSHROOM (*PLEUROTUS FLORIDA*) WITH IRON USING SULPHIDE NANOPARTICLES application number 201811029588 dated 2018/08/07

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4. Future Thrust:

Conservation and maintenance of genetic resources, germplasms characterization and improvement, improvements in production technology, production technology of specialty and medicinal mushrooms, newer substrates, packaging and production system for spawn, integrated pest and disease management, improvements in storage, packaging and processing technologies, basic studies on mushroom biology and transfer of technology through trainings, demonstration and mass-media are the key programmes and thrust areas address to the future.