



Survey for Natural Incidence of Diseases in Rabi Soybean in Telangana, India

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ABSTRACT

Soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merrill) also known as "Miracle Crop", is a major oil seed crop grown worldwide. The present study was undertaken to assess the incidence of soybean diseases during *rabi* 2023-24. Roving surveys were conducted in Adilabad, Jagtial, Nizamabad, Kamareddy districts of Telangana state. The survey results revealed that, the highest incidence of Alternaria disease (40.30%) was recorded in Nizamabad, while the lowest (8.60%) in Adilabad. Yellow Mosaic

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Disease had the highest incidence (52.4%) in Jagtial and the lowest (11.2%) in Adilabad. Jagtial also recorded the highest incidence of both, dry root rot (42.9%) and anthracnose (16.8%), whereas Kamareddy reported no incidence (0%) of these diseases at the vegetative stage. Nizamabad had the highest incidence of both powdery mildew (12.4%) and sudden death syndrome (6.4%). These findings highlight the need for awareness and the implementation of effective management strategies to control soybean diseases in the affected districts.

Keywords: Soybean; per cent Disease Incidence (DI); alternaria leaf spot; yellow mosaic disease; dry root rot; anthracnose; powdery mildew; sudden death syndrome.

1. INTRODUCTION

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.)], known as the "Miracle Crop" or "Golden Bean" is the second largest oilseed crop in India after groundnut. It is a legume crop belonging to the family Leguminosae and sub-family Papilionaceae. This crop can be grown in tropical, sub-tropical as well as the temperate regions. It is renowned for its substantial oil (20%) and protein (40%) content. It is referred to as "poor man's meat" due to its high protein levels (Borah et al, 2019). It is used to make soybean milk, tempeh, tofu, soybean paste, as well as cosmetics and biofuel. Among the various soybean products in the market, soybean oil stands out as the most popular and widely consumed oil worldwide. Additionally, soy meal is a highly valuable feed for livestock and poultry, accounting for 60% of global oil production (Sharma, 2016). Soybean crop contribute significantly to soil fertility due to their symbiotic association with the nitrogen-fixing bacteria *Bradyrhizobium japonicum*. This association increases the availability of nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil, which promotes sustainable agriculture (Olszak- Przybyś et al, 2021).

In India, soybean cultivation extended over 12.07 million hectares with a production of 13.98 million tons and productivity of 1158 kg per hectare (Soybean Statistics, ICAR-IISR, Indore, MP 2022-2023). The major soybean growing states include Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Gujarat and Telangana with around 80-85% of the acreage concentrated in Madhya Pradesh. India plays a significant role in exports, particularly soybean defatted oil cake, valued at USD 82.1 million (Amrate et al, 2023). Despite its production, the country relies on imports to meet 50% of its edible oil demand.

In Telangana, the cultivation of soybean is increasing at faster rate and extensively grown in districts of Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Komuram bheem Asifabad, Kamareddy,

Karimnagar, Jagtial and Sangareddy with cultivable area of 0.16 million ha and 0.27 million tons production and 1716 Kg ha⁻¹ productivity (<https://agricoop.nic.in/en>, 2021-22).

The average soybean yield per hectare in India has remained below the global average in recent years. Among the various contributing factors, weed infestation, crop diseases, and pest invasions are significant challenges that hinder production. The impact of abiotic and biotic stresses, weed infestation are the three primary constraints in soybean production (Gaikwad et al, 2021). Among the biotic stresses, 29 are fungal, 6 bacterial, 18 viral, 6 nematodal and 3 mycoplasmal are the diseases reported in soybean. Amongst all fungal diseases, about 10 have a consistent presence in diverse parts of the world (Tripathi et al., 2022). The diseases like anthracnose, bacterial blight, bacterial pustule, brown spot, charcoal rot, leaf spots, *Fusarium* root rot, pod and stem blight, purple seed stain and *Cercospora* leaf blight, *Rhizoctonia* aerial blight, *Sclerotium* blight, rust, virus and seedling diseases have been reported in India (Fagodiya et al, 2022) In India, loss due to various diseases has been estimated to an extent of 12% of total production (Borah et al, 2022).

In India, Alternaria leaf spot disease of soybean caused by *A. alternata* was reported by (Shrivastava and Gupta, 2001). All the aerial parts of the soybean plant are susceptible to *Alternaria spp.* which reduces the quality and quantity of seed yield. On foliage, the disease symptoms develop as brown necrotic spots with concentric rings and yellow halo, large necrotic lesions that eventually coalesce and cover the entire leaf in advanced stages (Fagodiya et al, 2021). The Yellow mosaic disease (YMD) caused by begomovirus (*Geminiviridae*) is transmitted by whitefly *Bemisia tabaci* and also infect other legumes such as blackgram, greengram etc.,. Economic loss caused by SMV typically ranges between 8%-35% and in severe case may reach up to 100% (Ahangaran et al, 2009).

The charcoal rot, which is used to be a minor disease of soybean until 2004 in India, became a serious disease due to altered weather conditions particularly on the account of longer drought spells during crop growth period (Gupta et al, 2012). It is caused by *Macrophomina phaseolina*, which is a soil inhabiting pathogen capable of infecting soybean at any crop growth stage, but usually, it infects at post flowering stage. The charcoal rot at the seedling stage, roots turned brown and rotted. As the disease progressed, lesions spread and the plant turning brown as small black pycnidial structures appeared on the stem.

Soybean anthracnose is mainly associated with falcate conidiated *C. truncatum* (Schw.) Andrus and Moore (syn. *C. dematium* var. *truncata*; sexual stage *Glomerella truncate* affecting all stages of crop growth and potentially leading to yield losses ranging from 16% to 100%. The disease manifests on various plant parts, including leaves, fruits, pods, and stems. Symptoms include black sunken lesions or reddish-brown patches on the plant and blackening of the veins in lower leaves. Early-stage infections can prevent seed formation, and infected seedlings might experience pre- and post-emergence damping-off and seedling blight. (Akshaya and Shete, 1985).

Powdery mildew disease is caused by a fungus belonging to the genus *Erysiphe*. This disease reached epidemic levels in soybean crop, leading to a significant yield reduction of 35–40% (Le et al, 2017).

Sudden death syndrome (SDS) is a novel disease of soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.) caused by blue-pigmented *Fusarium solani* (Mart.) Sacc. strains, recently identified as *F. solani* f. sp. *glycines*. Initial symptoms included chlorotic spots that progressed to chlorotic streaks, while the leaflet veins remained green (Nakajima et al, 1996).

Soybean is primarily a *kharif* crop. Though soybean has immense opportunity in global market, farmers face seed shortages due to its poor germination and seed viability. The Government of Telangana promotes *rabi* soybean cultivation for seed production. But there is no report about disease incidence of *rabi* soybean in the Telangana state. In view of the importance of the crop and impact of diseases on yield, the present work is planned to determine the natural incidence of diseases in soybean growing areas of Telangana.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Roving surveys were conducted in soybean growing districts viz., Adilabad, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Jagtial districts (Northern Telangana Zone) of Telangana state to record the incidence of soybean diseases during *rabi*, 2023-24 under natural field conditions. A total of 25 fields were surveyed covering 10 mandals of 4 districts in Telangana during *rabi* 2023-2024. In each field, three (1m x 1m) quadrants were randomly selected based on (Ghosh et al., 2013) and diseased plants were identified based on characteristic symptoms. Besides this, the information on geographical location (latitude and longitude), variety/cultivar grown, area cultivated, previous crop, soil type were recorded. Based on number of plants infected and total number of plants, Percent Disease Incidence (DI) was calculated by following formula

$$\text{Per cent disease incidence (DI\%)} = \frac{\text{No of infected plants by particular disease} \times 100}{\text{Total number of plants observed}}$$

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Roving surveys were conducted during *rabi* season 2023-24 in different soybean growing districts of Telangana state. A total of 25 fields in 10 mandals covering 4 districts were surveyed and information pertaining to soil type, cultivars grown, disease incidence and agronomic practices followed by the farmers were recorded (Table 1).

3.1 Prevalence of Alternaria Leaf Spot Disease

The plants infected with alternaria leaf spot disease in the field exhibited symptoms on all aerial parts, including leaves, stems, and pods, regardless of the plant's age. On the foliage, small circular brown necrotic spots with concentric rings were observed. In advanced stage, the spot coalesced and formed large necrotic areas.

Survey conducted in different villages of Telangana during *rabi* 2023-24 revealed that alternaria leaf spot disease incidence ranged from 8.6% to 40.3%. Among the four districts surveyed, the highest disease incidence (40.30%) was recorded at the flowering stage in Kummanpally village, Bodhan mandal, Nizamabad district, while the lowest incidence (8.60%) was observed at the pod maturity stage

in Waddadi village, Tamsi mandal, Adilabad district. The highest mean disease incidence was recorded in Jagtial (34.35%), whereas Adilabad had the lowest mean incidence (18.34%) (Table 1).

The results of the present study align closely with the findings of (Zade et al., 2018), who reported a maximum incidence (41.66%) of *Alternaria alternata* in Amravati district, followed by Tiwsa (40.19%), while the minimum incidence was observed in Wardha (12.50%) and Washim (13.93%) respectively. Similarly, (Fagodiya et al., 2021), reported a maximum percent disease index (22.02–29.08% and 37.52–42.35%) of alternaria leaf spot in the Udaipur region, whereas the minimum PDI (14.70–19.39% and 23.27–28.33%) was recorded in the Kota region at the flowering and pod formation stages of soybean respectively. They reported that the occurrence, development, and spread of the disease were favored by temperatures ranging from 21.8°C to 29.4°C and relative humidity levels between 73.3% and 92.4%. Balai et al. (2013) reported that disease intensity in pigeonpea caused by *A. tenuissima* ranging from 16.93% to 38.59% in 2010 and 15.12% to 38.86% in 2011. Favorable weather conditions, including heavy rainfall, high relative humidity, and moderate temperatures, likely contributed to the high disease pressure observed in Aurangabad and Sivan districts.

3.2 Prevalence of Yellow Mosaic Disease

The Yellow Mosaic Disease (YMD) is caused by a bipartite *Begomovirus* belonging to *Geminiviridae* family and is transmitted by the whitefly species, *Bemisia tabaci*, (Gennadius). Symptoms are most obvious on young, rapidly growing leaves. During survey, it was observed that infected leaf blades were puckered along the veins and curled downward.

Survey conducted in different villages of Telangana during *rabi* 2023-24 revealed that incidence of Yellow mosaic disease ranged from 11.2 percent to 54.4 per cent. It is evident from Table 1. that, the highest disease incidence (52.4%) was recorded in ARS, Polasa, Jagtial mandal & district during the pod formation stage. In contrast, the lowest incidence (11.2%) was observed in Waddadi village, Tamsi mandal, Adilabad district. The highest mean disease incidence was recorded in Jagtial (48.87%), while the lowest mean incidence was in Adilabad (23.5%) (Table.1). The observed variation in

disease incidence across different surveyed areas could be attributed to weather conditions, alternate host, source of inoculum and vector population.

These results are agreement with the findings of (Gaikwad et al. 2021) who reported the highest mean incidence of soybean Yellow Mosaic Disease was in Sangli (27.87%), followed by Satara (27.66%) and Ahmednagar (25.66%), while the lowest incidence was recorded in Solapur (17.66%) in a survey across seven districts in Western Maharashtra. Similar results were reported by (Karchi et al., 2023), that Yellow Mosaic Disease incidence in Northern Karnataka during the summer 2021-22 was ranged from 16.30% to 50.45%, with an average incidence of 24.71%. (Panduranga et al. 2012) reported that Mungbean Yellow Mosaic Virus (MYMV) incidence in Warangal district, with 49.6% at the vegetative stage and 57.70% at the flowering stage, compared to Khammam district, which recorded 42.20% and 50.62% respectively.

3.3 Prevalence of Dry Root Rot Disease

In the field, the disease manifested as yellowing and drooping of young leaves. Dark brown lesions appeared at base of the stem accompanied by bark shredding. Affected plants were easily uprooted, leaving behind dried, rotten root portions in the soil. The rotted stem and root tissues contained numerous black minute sclerotia, which were characteristic symptoms of dry root rot disease. The survey results revealed that during *rabi* 2023-24, the incidence of dry root rot varied from 0 per cent to 38.4 per cent. Among the four districts surveyed, the maximum dry root rot disease incidence (42.9%) was recorded in Kalleda village Jagtial mandal & district at pod maturity stage. No disease incidence (0%) was recorded in Durgam and Ghandari villages of Kamareddy district during vegetative stage. The maximum mean disease incidence was recorded in Jagtial (24.27%) and minimum mean disease incidence was recorded in Kamareddy (7.65%)(Table 1).

The similar results were reported by (Kendre, 2018) while surveying for charcoal rot incidence in soybean across different tahsils of Jalna and Aurangabad districts, ranging from 13.61% to 31.51%, with the highest incidence in Badnapur tahsil, Jalna (31.51%). Local soybean varieties were found to be highly susceptible (33.47% incidence), whereas NRC-177 suffered the least

(5.42%). Similar trend was reported by (Avanija et al., 2023) in mungbean with the highest incidence in Ichoda village, Adilabad district (31.7%), and the lowest in Pallipadu village, Khammam district (5.3%). The maximum mean dry root rot incidence in mungbean was recorded in Mahabubabad district (18.9%), followed by Warangal district (18.1%). (Karibasappa et al., 2018) observed dry root rot in sesame, with the highest incidence in Babapur village, Nirmal district (15.00%), and the lowest in Korutla village, Jagtial district (2.50%). From his findings, the disease was more prevalent in sandy loam soils, followed by clay loam, and was least severe in clay soils.

3.4 Prevalence of Anthracnose/Pod Blight Disease

In the field, disease was characterized by black sunken irregular lesions or reddish-brown patches. The veins of lower leaves were turned black.

The survey revealed that anthracnose disease incidence ranged from 0.0% to 18.3%. Among

the four districts surveyed, the highest disease incidence (16.8%) was recorded in Kalleda village, Jagtial mandal & district at the pod maturity stage. No disease incidence (0%) was observed in Kamareddy district, particularly at the vegetative stage. The highest mean disease incidence was recorded in Jagtial (8.16%), while the lowest mean incidence was observed in Kamareddy (2.57%) (Table 1). The results of present study are in agreement with (Amrate et al., 2023) who reported aerial blight and anthracnose/pod blight affected soybean genotypes from the R1 to R7 stages and the V3 to R7 stages, with incidence rates ranging from 0.0% to 46.8% and 0.0% to 56.2%, respectively. Similarly, (Bhatt et al., 2022) found that anthracnose/pod blight was present in all surveyed districts of Uttarakhand, except Haridwar district. The pooled mean disease incidence varied from 3.96% to 27.0%, with severity ranging from 2.04% to 15.69%. (Akshaya et al., 2021) reported that in Tamil Nadu, the highest anthracnose/pod blight incidence was recorded in Yercaud (17.1%), while Ooty (4.8%) had the lowest incidence.

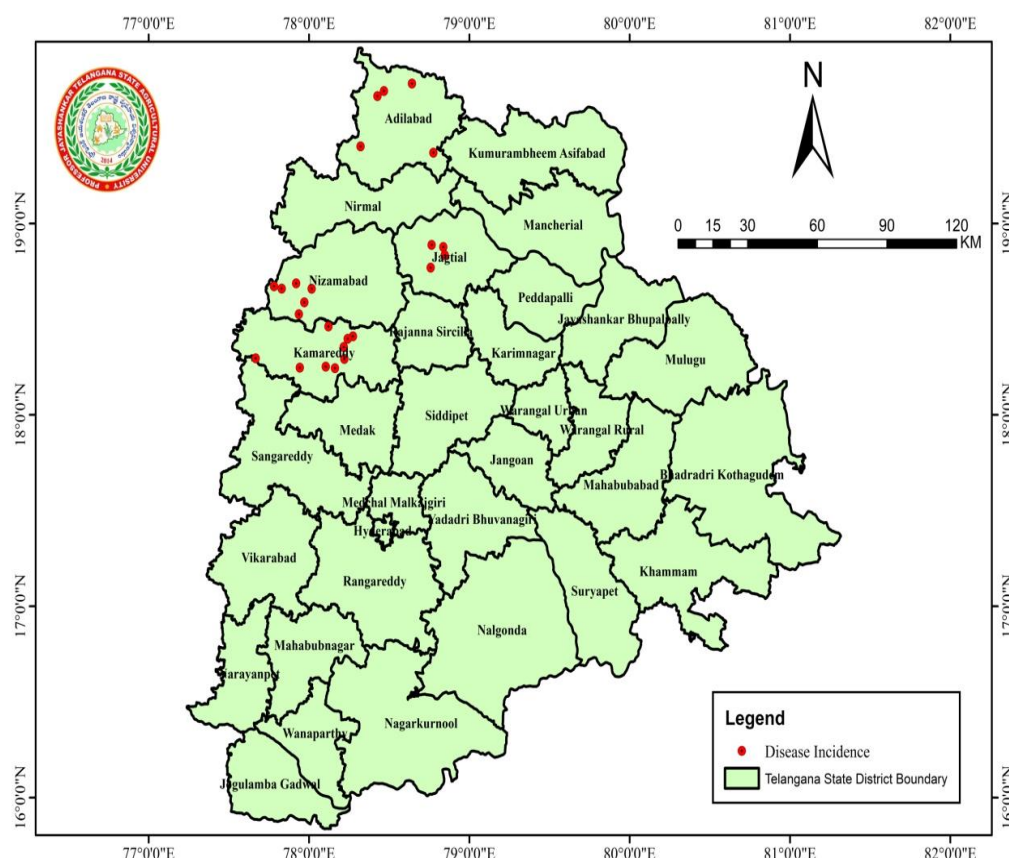


Fig. 1. Map showing surveyed locations for the incidence of soybean diseases in Telangana state during rabi 2023-2024

Table 1. Natural incidence of diseases recorded in soybean during *rabi* 2023-24 in Telangana

S. No.	Name of the farmer	District	Mandal	Village	Field location		Soil type	Previous crop	Variety	DOS	DOV	Area (acre)	Crop stage	Disease Incidence					
					Latitude	Longitude								ALS	YMV	DRR	Anthracnose	PM	SDS
1	M.Ashok Reddy	Adilabad	Jainath	Jainath	19.7313	78.6425	Black soil	Maize	JS 335	14.11.2023	20.12.2023	3	Vegetative stage	38.2	45.2	3	1.6	1.2	2
2	Venkat swamy	Adilabad	talamadugu	Umadam	19.6657	78.4272	Clay soil	Maize	Basara	17.04.2024	06.04.2024	2.5	Pod maturity stage	12.4	13.7	15.6	9	0	0
3	Burri Shiva	Adilabad	Tamsi	Waddadi	19.692036	78.46751	Sany loamy soils	Maize	Suraj gold	07.01.2024	06.04.2024	3.5	Pod maturity stage	8.6	11.2	18.4	12.3	0	1
4	D.Mahipal reddy	Adilabad	Jainath	Jamini	19.403218	78.32154	Black soil	Maize	JS 9305	08.11.2023	20.12.2023	4	Vegetative stage	14.2	11.4	2.5	1	0	1
5	D.Surendhar	Adilabad	Jainath	Nirala	19.403218	78.32154	Black soil	Maize	JS 335	27.11.2023	20.12.2023	4	Vegetative stage	18.3	21.2	1	2.7	0	0.9
6	M.Malles	Jagtial	Jagtial	Kalleda	17.4322	79.4327	Clay loam	Paddy	KDS 753	15.12.2023	10.02.2023	2	Pod maturity stage	22.6	47.1	42.9	16.8	2.6	0
7	G.Upendhar Reddy	Jagtial	Metpally	Vellula	18.4934	78.5545	Sandy loam soil	Paddy	JS - 9305	23.12.2023	26.01.2024	1.5	Pod Formation stage	39.6	46.7	18.7	12	0	1
8	RARS,,Jagtial	Jagtial	Jagtial	Polasa	18.84083	78.950146	Black soil	Cotton	MAUS612	15.11.2023	04.01.2024	1.5	Pod Formation stage	38.2	52.4	17	4	0	3.6
9	B.Gangaram	Jagtial	Jagtial	Tippanapet	18.83994	78.950574	Black soil	Maize	JS 335	04.01.24	21.3.2024	2	Pod Formation stage	37	49.3	23	6	3.8	3.2
10	B.Prasad Rao	Kamareddy	Ghandari	Durgam	18.46212	78.12136	Clay soil	Paddy	JS 335	22.12.2023	19.01.2024	1.5	Vegetative stage	14	28	0	0	0	0
11	Ch. Narsiah	Kamareddy	Ghandari	Burugul	18.41043	78.27432	Clay soil	Maize	JS 335	12.12.2023	19.01.2024	3	Flowering stage	36.1	26.5	14.2	8	0	0.6
12	Ch.Chandra Reddy	Kamareddy	Sadasivnagar	Sadasivnagar	18.2437	78.162	Clay soil	Paddy	JS 335	26.12.2024	24.01.2024	3	Pod maturity stage	13.7	19.3	22.3	10.7	0	0
13	S.Venkateshwarlu	Kamareddy	Sadasivnagar	Utnoor	19.369814	78.77623	Clay soil	Maize	JS 335	21.12.2023	24.01.2024	6	Vegetative stage	18.2	34.3	2	0	0	0
14	G. Yadi Reddy	Kamareddy	Ghandari	Ghandari	18.2516736	78.1045992	Clay soil	Maize	JS 335	28.12.2024	19.01.2024	5	Vegetative stage	18	36.7	3	0	3.7	0
15	G.Sathyam	Kamareddy	Sadasivnagar	Dharmaraopet	18.39734	78.24155	Clay soil	Paddy	JS 335	06.01.2024	24.01.2024	1	Vegetative stage	11.4	21.7	0	0	0	0
16	K.Rajeshwar Rao	Kamareddy	Sadasivnagar	Lingam palle	18.2953	77.6679	Clay soil	Paddy	JS 335	17.12.2023	24.01.2024	2	Vegetative stage	22.3	26.4	4	0	0	0
17	K.Rajeshwar Rao	Kamareddy	Tadwai	Gunkul	18.2467	77.9432	Clay soil	Maize	JS 335	16.11.2023	19.01.2024	2	Vegetative stage	24	48	8	0	0	0.9
18	M. Tirupathi Reddy	Kamareddy	Tadwai	Yerrapahad	18.29233	78.2209	Clay soil	Paddy	JS 335	10.11.2023	19.01.2024	6	Pod formation stage	36.2	22.4	17	7	0	2.4
19	T.Nageshwar Rao	Kamareddy	Tadwai	Tadwai	18.354444	78.216944	Clay soil	Maize	JS 335	25.12.2023	19.01.2024	10	Vegetative stage	18	34.1	6	0	2.4	1.2
20	Maruthi Rao	Nizamabad	Bodhan	Mandarna	18.6718	77.7488	Clay	Cotton	KDS 753	25.12.2023	04.02.2024	8	Pod Formation stage	33.4	42.3	24	5	9	2.3
21	P.Chandra shekahar	Nizamabad	Bodhan	Saloor	18.692	77.8239	Black soil	Cotton	KDS 753	05.01.2024	04.02.2024	2	Flowering stage	17.8	42.3	34.3	3.6	11.2	6.4
22	T.Jaipal Reddy	Nizamabad	Bodhan	Hunsa	18.6717	77.7821	Clay	Maize	KDS 753	01.12.2023	04.02.2024	5	Pod maturity stage	22.6	36.2	38.2	11	6.3	1.7
23	RS&RRS,Rudrur	Nizamabad	Rudrur	Rudrur	18.37	77.9	Clay loam	Cotton	KDS 753	11.12.2023	04.02.2024	1.5	Pod Formation stage	38.2	49.2	26.7	7.2	12.4	3.2
24	B.Lalaiah	Nizamabad	Bodhan	Kopparthy	18.66767	77.84678	Sandy loam	Paddy	KDS 753	08.01.2024	04.02.2024	3	Pod maturity stage	28.4	33.4	22.4	14.2	6	1
25	V.Ravi	Nizamabad	Bodhan	Kumman pally	18.6596	77.8303	Sandy loam	Tumeric	Karishma	16.01.2024	04.02.2024	12	Flowering stage	40.3	38.4	34.6	8	9	3



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)



(F)



(G)



(H)

Fig. 2. Diseases of *rabi* soybean in Telangana: A,B: Alternaria leaf spot-dark brown to black necrotic spots appear on foliage C,D: Yellow Mosaic of soybean ; E:Dry root rot caused by *Macrophomina phaseolina* ; F: Symptom of Pod blight caused by *Colletotrichum spp*; G: Symptom of Powdery mildew on upper surface of leaves H: Sudden death syndrome (SDS)

3.5 Prevalence of Powdery Mildew Disease

In the field, small, circular areas of white or light grey mold appeared on upper surface of leaves. Later they enlarged and covered the whole leaf are the symptoms of powdery mildew observed during survey.

The survey was conducted in different villages of Telangana during *rabi* 2023-24 showed that anthracnose disease incidence was ranged from 0.00 to 12.4 per cent. Among the four districts surveyed, it was observed that maximum disease incidence (12.4) was recorded in RS& RRS Rudrur, Nizamabad district at the pod formation stage. The highest mean disease incidence (7.91%) was observed in Nizamabad district, whereas the lowest mean incidence (0.24%) was recorded in Adilabad district (Table 1).

The results are similar with (Savaliya et al., 2018) who reported the prevalence of mungbean powdery mildew disease in all surveyed villages. Among the two districts studied, the highest mean disease intensity was recorded in Navsari district (22.35%), followed closely by Surat district (22.11%) during *rabi* season.

3.6 Prevalence of Sudden Death Syndrome Disease

The infected plant showed small, pale green to yellow circular spots on leaves. The interveinal areas were turned bright yellow to brown and the leaf veins remained green.

According to the findings from the (Table 1) it was observed that maximum sudden death syndrome disease incidence (6.4%) was recorded in Saloor village, Bodhan mandal, Nizamabad district. The maximum mean disease incidence was recorded in Nizamabad (2.93%) and minimum mean disease incidence was recorded in Kamareddy (0.79 %).

Similar studies were reported by (Tande et al. 2014) who conducted a survey targeting SDS-symptomatic soybean plants in 20 counties of eastern South Dakota between July and August. SDS symptoms were reported in eight counties, but with very low incidence (<3%).

4. CONCLUSION

The current study revealed that the incidence of Alternaria leaf spot, Yellow mosaic disease, Dry root rot, Anthracnose, Powdery mildew, and

Sudden Death Syndrome in soybean varied across different surveyed districts. The survey results revealed that, the highest incidence of Alternaria disease (40.30%) was recorded in Nizamabad, while the lowest (8.60%) was observed in Adilabad. Yellow Mosaic Disease had the highest incidence (52.4%) in Jagtial and the lowest (11.2%) in Adilabad. Jagtial also recorded the highest incidence of both, dry root rot (42.9%) and anthracnose (16.8%), whereas Kamareddy reported no incidence (0%) of these diseases at the vegetative stage. Nizamabad had the highest incidence of both powdery mildew (12.4%) and sudden death syndrome (6.4%). The variation in percent disease incidence was influenced by multiple factors, including cropping patterns, agro-climatic conditions, varieties sown, soil type, time of sowing and crop growth stages. These findings emphasize the importance of roving surveys in plant pathology, which play a crucial role in monitoring plant health, tracking disease spread, and supporting effective disease management strategies. Regular surveys help in early detection, guiding the implementation of preventive and control measures to ensure sustainable soybean production.

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