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# Foreword

CSRTI-Berhampore is consistently thriving for sustainable development of sericulture industry for the last 77 years of its journey since 15<sup>th</sup> October 1943. CSRTI-BHP, under the aegis of Central Silk Board, contributed immensely in achieving continuous excellence in mulberry silk production through need-based research and technological support/services for East & North Eastern India. The major technological inputs include improved mulberry varieties; productive silkworm hybrids; improved package of practices for mulberry cultivation & silkworm rearing; post-cocoon systems etc. The institute reaches the stakeholders level through Transfer of Technology, Extension Communication & Developmental programmes across the states in E & NE region in close coordination & cooperation of the collaborators, the DOSs of Eastern & North Eastern India. The mulberry sericulture technology interventions from soil to silk are backbone of the growth of the silk industry and plays an important role for realizing the potential benefits of technology adoption properly by the farmers. CSRTI-BHP over the decades developed several need-based technologies capitalizing on well-planned sericulture research activities driven by motivated scientific team for improving sericulture productivity and quality. The technological efficiency and impact could better be achieved through systematic communication of technology. This **East & North-East Mulberry Sericulture-Technology Descriptor** highlights salient features of important technologies widely accepted/followed by serifarmers in the region. It also includes few necessary technological inputs for successful cocoon crop harvests along with crop calendar & capacity building programmes.

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# Mulberry Varieties



# S-1

6

- Year of Recommendation: 2000
- Parentage: OP Seeds of Mandalaya

## Salient Features

- Quick Regeneration after Pruning
- High Rooting Ability (86%)
- Simple, Entire, Ovate, Dark Green, Smooth & Shining Leaves
- Short Inter-Nodal Distance (3.88cm)
- Tolerant to Sucking Pests
- Moderately Tolerant to Leaf Spot
- Leaf Yield Potential:

28 - 29 MT/ha/year (irrigated)  
11 - 12 MT/ha/year (rainfed)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(70%)



Sugar  
(38 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(21 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Irrigated & Rainfed areas of  
East India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices

# S-1635

7

- Year of Recommendation: 2000
- Parentage: OP Seeds of CSRS-1

## Salient Features

- Quick Sprouting Triploid with Early Vigour
- High Rooting Ability (85%)
- Large, Dark Green, Cordate, Acute & Slightly Coarse Leaves
- Short Inter-Nodal Distance (3.64cm)
- Moderate, Thick & Semi-Erect Branches
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
40 - 45 MT/ha/year (irrigated)  
8 - 14 MT/ha/year (rainfed)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(74%)



Sugar  
(32 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(21 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Irrigated & Rainfed areas of  
East & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices

# C-2038

8

- Year of Recommendation: 2017
- Parentage: CF<sub>1</sub>10 × C763

## Salient Features

- Large, Medium Green, Smooth, Heart shaped, Glossy & Slightly Coarse Leaves
- Thick, profuse & Semi-Erect branches
- Moderately Tolerant to Leaf Spot & Sucking Pest
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
53 - 54 MT/ha/year (irrigated)  
17 - 21 MT/ha/year (rainfed)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(79%)



Sugar  
(37 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(31 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Irrigated & Rainfed areas of  
East & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# Kosen

9

- Year of Recommendation: 1965
- Parentage: Introduction from Japan

## Salient Features

- Boat shaped, Broadly Ovate, Dark Green, Smooth & Palmately veined Leaves
- Erect Open-spreading type & Thick long branches
- Long Inter-nodal Distance
- Moderately Tolerant to leaf spot
- Quick Sprouting after Pruning
- Leaf Yield Potential:
  - 4 - 5 MT/ha/year (hills)
  - 10 - 12 MT/ha/year (foot hills)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(79%)



Sugar  
(44 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(32 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Hills of  
Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices





# BC<sub>2</sub>59

10

- Year of Recommendation: 2000
- Parentage: *M. indica* var Matigara Local x Kosen

## Salient Features

- Large, Smooth, Unlobed, Glossy, Broadly Ovate, Dark Green & Thick Leaves
- Semi-erect Branches, Slightly Spreading with Moderate Growth
- Moderately Tolerant to Powdery Mildew
- Leaf Yield Potential:
  - 9 - 10 MT/ha/year (hills)
  - 15 - 16 MT/ha/year (foot hills)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(75%)



Sugar  
(29 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(16 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Rainfed Hills of  
Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# Tr-10

11

- Year of Recommendation: 2000
- Parentage: T-4 (4x) x Philippines (2x)

## Salient Features

- Large, Smooth, Unlobed, Dark Green, Smooth & Glossy Leaves
- Erect & Thick Branches
- Long Internodes
- High Rooting Ability (85%)
- Fast Growth after Pruning
- Leaf Yield Potential:
  - 7 - 8 MT/ha/year (hills)
  - 12 -14 MT/ha/year (foot hills)



### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(76%)



Sugar  
(29 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(16 mg/  
g fresh wt.)

### Suggested Recommendation

Rainfed hills of  
Eastern & Central India  
Himachal & Doon valley

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# Tr-23

12

- Year of Recommendation: 2017
- Parentage: T20 (4x) × S162 (2x)

## Salient Features

- Thick, Entire/Lobed, Glabrous, Green, Dentate Margin & Acute with Hetrophyllus Leaves
- Whitish Brown Branches with Erect Growth Habit
- Moderately Tolerant to Sucking Pest & Foliar Diseases
- Fast Growth after Pruning
- Very Early Defoliation
- Leaf Yield Potential:
  - 11 - 12 MT/ha/year (hills)
  - 24 - 25 MT/ha/year (foot hills)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(75%)



Sugar  
(32 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(25 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Rainfed Hills of  
Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# C-1730

13

- Year of Recommendation: 2012
- Parentage: T25 (4x) × S162 (2x)

## Salient Features

- Thick, Dark Green, Serrate Margin, Acute apex and Slight Coarser Leaves
- Straight Branches with Brown Stem & Medium size
- Medium Inter-nodal length (4.54 cm)
- Tolerant to drought/moisture stress
- Moderately Tolerant to leaf spot & Foliar pests
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
15 - 16 MT/ha/year

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(75%)



Sugar  
(32 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(25 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Rainfed Red Laterite Soils of  
Eastern & Central India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# C-2028

14

- Year of Recommendation: 2012
- Parentage: China White x S-1532

## Salient Features

- Large, Smooth, Green, Crenate Margin, Cordate Base, Acute, Glossy & Shining Leaves
- Semi-erect Branches with Slightly Curved & Greyish-white
- Tolerant to Flood/Water logging/ Stagnation of 4-6 Weeks
- High Membrane Stability, Higher Absciscic Acid & Low Ethylene Content
- High Survival & Low Leaf Senescence
- Moderately Tolerant to leaf spot
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
36 - 37 MT/ha/year (irrigated)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(78%)



Sugar  
(26 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(22 mg/  
g fresh wt.)

### Suggested Recommendation

Flood Prone areas in  
Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices





# C-2058 (C-9)

15

- Year of Recommendation: 2020
- Parentage: Berhampore-A × Shrim-2

## Salient Features

- Medium, Smooth & Dark Green Leaves
- Short Inter-nodal Distance (4.18 cm)
- Quick Sprouting
- Early Vigour after Pruning
- Higher Survival
- Low Leaf Senescence
- Moderately Tolerant to leaf spot & Sucking Pests
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
34 - 35 MT/ha/year  
(irrigated; under 50% NPK)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(78%)



Sugar  
(31 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(26 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Low input soils or 50% RDF  
in Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# C-2060 (Gen-1)

16

- Year of Recommendation: 2020
- Parentage: Kajli OP × V-1

## Salient Features

- Medium, Smooth & Dark Green Leaves
- Short Inter-nodal Distance (3.0-4.0 cm)
- Quick Sprouting & Early Maturity
- Higher Survival
- Low Rate of Leaf Senescence
- Tolerant to low temperature stress
- High Leaf Yield during Winter
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
58-60 MT/ha/year (irrigated)

### Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(79%)



Sugar  
(33 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(32 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



### Suggested Recommendation

Irrigated Areas of  
Eastern & NE India

### TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# C-1360 (Ganga)

17

- Year of Recommendation: AICEM IV (2019)
- Parentage: Philippines × Vietnam-2

## Salient Features

- Resistant to Powdery Mildew
- High thickness Leaves
- High regeneration  
(10-16 days after pruning)
- Moderately Resistant to Leaf Rust & Bacterial Leaf Spot
- Leaf Yield Potential:  
57 MT/ha/year (irrigated)



## Nutritive Value



Moisture  
(79%)



Sugar  
(40 mg/  
g fresh wt.)



Protein  
(46 mg/  
g fresh wt.)

## Suggested Recommendation

Irrigated Areas of  
Eastern & NE India

## TIPS

Adopt  
recommended package of  
cultivation practices



# Silkworm Hybrids



# N x SK6.SK7

19

- Year of Recommendation: 2010
- Parentage: Nistari (land race)  
SK6 & SK7: X-3D & X-5(PN)

## Salient Features

- Productive Multi x Bi Hybrid
- Larval Period: 22 - 23 days
- Marked Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 50 - 57kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 15 - 16
- Filament Length (m): 650 - 700
- Renditta: 8.5 - 9.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yields

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**All Through  
the Year**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)**

### **TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 28 - 30°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**





# MCon1 x BCon4

20

- Year of Recommendation: 2010
- Parentage: MCon1: JPN x CB5  
BCon4: M6DPCLm x D6P

## Salient Features

- Productive Multi x Bi Hybrid
- Larval Period: 23 - 24 days
- Marked Larvae with Bluish White Body
- White Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield: 50 - 57kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 17.5 – 18.00
- Filament Length (m): 700 - 775
- Renditta: 8.5 - 9.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yields

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**Agrahayani  
Falgooni  
Baisakhi**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)**

**TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 31°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**



# MCon4 x BCon4

21

- Year of Recommendation: 2010
- Parentage: MCon4: D6P x M6DPCLm  
BCon4: M6DPCLm x D6P

## Salient Features

- Productive Multi x Bi Hybrid
- Larval Period: 23 - 24 days
- Plain Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 50 - 55kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 17.00 - 18.00
- Filament Length (m): 700 - 750
- Renditta: 7.5 - 8.5
- Sustainable Cocoon Yields

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**Agrahayani  
Falgooni  
Baisakhi**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)**

**TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 31°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**



# M6DPC x SK6.SK7

22

- Year of Recommendation: 2018
- Parentage: M6DPC: M6M81 x DP  
SK6 & SK7: X-3D & X-5(PN)

## Salient Features

- Productive Multi x Bi Hybrid
- Larval Period: 22 - 23 days
- Marked Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 50 - 57kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 17.00 - 18.00
- Filament Length (m): 700 - 750
- Renditta: 8.5 - 9.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yields  
in Bhaduri season also

### Suitable Seasons

Agrahayani  
Falguni  
Baisakhi  
Bhaduri

### Suggested Recommendation

West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)

### TIPS

Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 32°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%



# 12Y x BFC1

23

- Year of Recommendation: 2020
- Parentage: 12Y: MCon4 x MH1  
BFC1: BCon1 x 4S

## Salient Features

- Productive Improved Crossbreed
- Larval Period: 22 - 23 days
- Plain Larvae with Bluish White Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 55 - 62kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 19.00 - 20.00
- Filament Length (m): 750 - 800
- Renditta: 8.0 - 8.5
- Sustainable Cocoon Yield

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**Agrahayani  
Falguni  
Baisakhi**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)**

### **TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 32°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**





# N x M12(W)

- Year of Recommendation: 2005
- Parentage: Nistari (land race)  
M12(W): R1(E) x M6DPC

## Salient Features

- Productive Multivoltine Hybrid
- Larval Period: 17 - 18days
- Marked Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 25 - 30kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 95%
- Shell (%): 13.00 - 14.00
- Filament Length (m): 300 - 350
- Renditta: 9.0 - 11.0

**Suitable  
Seasons**

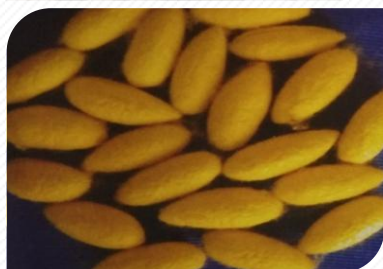
**Jaishta  
Bhaduri  
Aswina**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**Unfavourable  
Seasons of  
West Bengal**

### TIPS

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 30 - 35°C  
RH @ 75 - 85%**





# N x MCon4

25

- Year of Recommendation: 2010
- Parentage: Nistari (land race)  
MCon4: D6P x M6DPCLm

## Salient Features

- Productive Multivoltine Hybrid
- Larval Period: 17 - 18days
- Marked Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 35 - 40kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: 80 - 85%
- Shell (%): 14 - 16
- Filament Length (m): 350 - 400
- Renditta: 9.5 - 10.5

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**Jaishta  
Bhaduri  
Aswina**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**Unfavourable  
Seasons of  
West Bengal**

### **TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 30 - 35°C  
RH @ 75 - 85%**



# MCon1 x MCon4

26

- Year of Recommendation: 27-04-2010
- Parentage: MCon1: JPN x CB5  
MCon4: D6P x M6DPCLm

## Salient Features

- Productive Multivoltine Hybrid
- Larval Period: 17- 18days
- Marked Larvae with Yellowish Body
- Yellow Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 35 - 42kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: 80 - 85%
- Shell (%): 15 - 16
- Filament Length (m): 350 - 450
- Renditta: 9.0 - 10.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yield

### Suitable Seasons

Jaishtha  
Bhaduri  
Aswina

### Suggested Recommendation

Unfavorable  
Seasons of  
West Bengal

### TIPS

Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 30 - 35°C  
RH @ 75 - 85%



# SK6 x SK7

27

- Year of Recommendation: 2008
- Parentage: SK6: X-3D  
SK7: X-5(PN)

## Salient Features

- Productive Bivoltine Hybrid
- Larval Period: 22 -23days
- Plain Larvae with Bluish Body
- White Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 50 - 65kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 90%
- Shell (%): 19 - 20
- Filament Length (m): 850 - 900
- Renditta: 8.0 - 9.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yield

**Suitable  
Seasons**

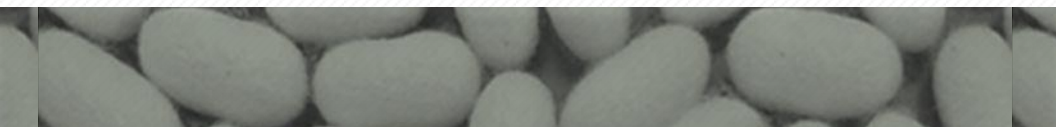
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Falguni  
Baisakhi**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Spring & Autumn)**

### **TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 30°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**



# BCon1 x BCon4

28

- Year of Recommendation: 2018
- Parentage: BCon1: CB5 x JPN  
BCon4: M6DPCLm x D6P

## Salient Features

- Productive Bivoltine Hybrid
- Larval Period: 22 - 23 days
- Plain Larvae with Bluish Body
- White Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 55 - 67kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 90%
- Shell (%): 19 - 20
- Filament Length (m): 850 - 900
- Renditta: 6.5 - 7.5
- Sustainable Cocoon Yield

**Suitable  
Seasons**

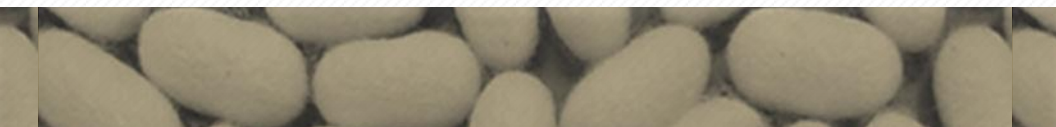
Agrahayani  
Falgooni  
Baisakhi

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Spring & Autumn)**

**TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 28°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**



# BHP-DH

## (BHP 3.2 x BHP 8.9)

29

- Year of Recommendation: 2020 (OFT)
- Parentage: BHP3: Gen3 x MC4E; BHP2: SK3C x Gen3  
BHP8: DUN22 x D6PN; BHP9: DUN22 x NB18

### Salient Features

- First Bivoltine Double Hybrid developed at CSRTI-BHP
- Better Fitness Traits acquired through G x E Interactions
- Larval Period: 23 - 25 days
- Marked Larvae with Bluish White Body
- Cocoon Yield: 65 - 70kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 90%
- Shell (%): 20 - 21
- Filament Length (m): 900 – 1000
- Raw Silk %: 14 - 16
- Renditta: 7.0 - 7.2
- Reelability: 85 - 90%

**Suitable  
Seasons**

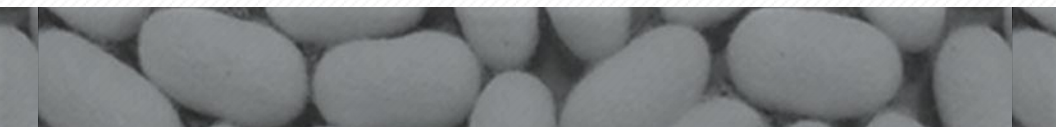
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Falguni  
Baisakhi**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Spring & Autumn)**

### **TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 25 - 30°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%  
(Oct-April)**





# WB-DH

## (WB 7.5 x WB 1.3)

- Year of Recommendation: 2020 (OST)
- Parentage: WB7: BHR3 x Gen3; WB5: SK4C x Gen3  
WB1: SK4C x D6(M); WB3: D6(M) x SK4C

### Salient Features

- Bivoltine Double Hybrid Tolerant to High Temperature
- Larval Period: 22 - 23 days
- Marked Larvae with Bluish White Body
- White Colour Cocoons
- Cocoon Yield : 60 - 65kg/100 dfls
- Pupation Rate: > 90%
- Shell (%): 19 - 21
- Filament Length (m): 850 - 900
- Renditta: 6.5 - 7.0
- Sustainable Cocoon Yields at high temperature

**Suitable  
Seasons**

**All Through  
the Year**

**Suggested  
Recommendation**

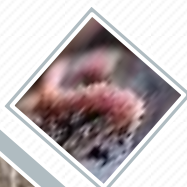
**West Bengal &  
North Eastern States  
(Summer & Autumn)**

**TIPS**

**Maintain Rearing Room  
Temp. @ 28 - 33°C  
RH @ 75 - 80%**



# Mulberry Cultivation



# Mulberry Nursery

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## Salient Features

- Well-drained loamy soil is ideal for nursery
- Deep plough the land two times in 1st week of October
- Prepare nursery beds (3 m × 1.2 m) with 5 cm bed height
- Maintain 30 - 45 cm wide furrows between two nursery beds
- Apply 5 pans of FYM/Compost/Vermicompost
- Prepare 15 - 20 cm length cuttings with 3 - 4 active buds
- Treat cuttings with 0.2% carbendazim solution for 30 minutes
- Plant cuttings with a spacing of 15 cm x 10 cm
- Place the cuttings vertically, exposing only one bud
- Irrigate immediately & then once in 4 - 5 days
- Apply Urea @ 250g/bed after 55 - 60 days
- 4 - 6 months old saplings to be supplied to farmers

**Healthy Mulberry Saplings  
E S S E N T I A L**

**for better establishment & uniform growth**

**“ GOOD ENTERPRISE OPTION ”**

### Do's

- ✓ Select 6 - 9 months old healthy branches
- ✓ Use 10 - 15 mm thick branches for cuttings
- ✓ Undertake plant protection measures

### Don't's

- X Do not use lower stout & tender-green shoots
- X Do not use Pest & Disease affected branches



# Mulberry Cultivation

## (Irrigated Condition)

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### Salient Features

- Most suitable high yielding varieties : S1635 & C2038
- Spacing with 60cm x 60cm for small scale plantation
- Economic mulberry yield starts from 2<sup>nd</sup> Year onwards
- Apply 20 MT of FYM or Vermicompost/ha/Year
- Apply NPK @ 336:180:112 kg/ha/year in Five splits or use Urea: 729 kg, SSP: 1125 kg & MOP: 187 kg/ha/year
- Irrigate once in 10 - 15 days based on soil type/moisture
- Undertake regular intercultural operations (weeding etc.)
- Manage pests & diseases through BCA/bio pesticides
- Cost of mulberry leaf production (Rs. 3.20 - 3.80 per kg)

This Package is  
**ESSENTIAL**  
For Quality Mulberry Leaves

### Do's

- ✓ Select high yielding mulberry varieties
- ✓ Harvest the leaves as per silkworm crops

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not plant closer than recommended spacing
- ✗ Do not harvest premature/over mature leaves



# Mulberry Cultivation

## (Rainfed Condition)

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### Salient Features

- Most suitable high yielding varieties are S1635 & C1730
- Spacing with 90cm x 90cm for small scale plantation
- Economic mulberry yield starts from 2<sup>nd</sup> Year onwards
- Apply 10 MT of FYM or Vermicompost/ha/Year
- Apply NPK @ 150:50:50 kg/ha/yr in 3 splits (June, Sept & Jan) or use Urea: 326 kg, SSP: 313 kg & MOP: 84 kg
- Arrange critical irrigation for maintenance, if rainfall is scanty
- Undertake intercultural operations (weeding etc.)
- Manage pests & diseases through BCA/bio pesticides
- Cost of mulberry leaf production (~Rs. 2.70 per kg)

This Package is  
**ESSENTIAL**  
For Quality Mulberry Leaves

### Do's

- ✓ Select high yielding mulberry varieties
- ✓ Harvest the leaves as per silkworm crops

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not plant closer than recommended spacing
- ✗ Do not harvest premature/over mature leaves





# Mulberry Plantation

## (Paired Row System)

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### Salient Features

- Most suitable high yielding varieties are S1635 & C2038
- Plantations are raised in Paired Rows
- Plantation Pattern:
  - Distance between two rows: 90 cm
  - Distance between two pairs: 150 cm
  - Distance between plants in a row: 60 cm
- Maintain a population of 13,888 plants per hectare
- Apply the recommended dose of fertilizers/manures
- Undertake intercultural operations (weeding etc.)
- Manage pests & diseases through BCA/bio pesticides
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 2.13 : 1

**E A S Y**

for Intercultural Operations  
by Power Tiller & Mini Tractor

### Do's

- ✓ Select high yielding mulberry varieties
- ✓ Harvest the leaves as per silkworm crops

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not plant closer than recommended spacing
- ✗ Do not harvest premature/over mature leaves



# Mulberry Plantation

## (3ft x 3ft System)

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### Salient Features

- Most suitable varieties: S1635, C1730, C2038 etc.
- Plantation Pattern:
  - Distance between two rows & plants: 90 cm
- Maintain a population of 1606 plants per bigha
- Apply the recommended dose of fertilizers/manures
- Undertake intercultural operations (weeding etc.)
- Manage pests & diseases through BCA/bio pesticides
- Easy for drip irrigation & other cultural operations
- High quality leaf production
- High productivity per plant
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 1.93 : 1

**E A S Y**  
for Intercultural Operation  
by Power Tiller & Weeder

### Do's

- ✓ Select high yielding mulberry varieties
- ✓ Harvest the leaves as per silkworm crops

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not plant closer than recommended spacing
- ✗ Do not harvest premature/over mature leaves



# Tree Mulberry Cultivation

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## Salient Features

- Most suitable varieties: C1730, S1635, C2038, BC<sub>2</sub>59 etc.
- Plantation Pattern:
  - Distance between two rows & plants: 6 ft or 8 ft
  - Maintain crown height at 150-180 cm
- Maintain a population of 399 or 224 plants per bigha
- Apply the rainfed recommendation of NPK/manures
- Undertake intercultural operations (weeding etc.)
- Manage pests & diseases through BCA/bio pesticides
- Easy for drip irrigation with hydrogel
- High quality leaf production & productivity per plant
- Economic yield starts from 3<sup>rd</sup> year onwards
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 1.78 : 1
- Intercropping with legume/vegetables for initial period

**E A S Y**  
for Intercultural Operation  
by Power Tiller & Tractor

## Do's

- ✓ Select suitable mulberry varieties
- ✓ Harvest the leaves as per silkworm crops

## Don't's

- ✗ Do not plant closer than recommended spacing
- ✗ Do not harvest premature/over mature leaves



# Nutrient Recommendation

## Salient Features

- Recommended for high yielding varieties in E & NE India
- Apply nitrogen in 5 equal splits, phosphorus & potassium in two equal splits in alternate crops (Irrigated)
- Apply RDF in 3 splits during June Sept & Jan (Rainfed)
- Fertilizers should be applied 15-20 days after pruning
- Apply the fertilizers nearer to root zone (5-8 cm soil depth)

Fertilizer	Irrigated	Rainfed
NPK (kg/ha/yr)	336:180:112	150:50:50
FYM (MT/ha/yr)	20	10
BCR	1.44 :1	1.65 :1

**ESSENTIAL**  
for High Quality Leaf Production

### Do's

- ✓ Irrigate immediately after the fertilizer application
- ✓ Maintain weed-free gardens
- ✓ Maintain 10 days gap between FYM & Fertilizers

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not apply chemical fertilizer & FYM together
- ✗ Do not apply overdose of chemical fertilizers



# Nitrofert

*(Azotobacter chroococcum)*

- Year of Recommendation: 2002

## Salient Features

- Eco-friendly biofertilizer
- Isolated from mulberry soil rhizosphere
- Reduces 50% chemical nitrogenous fertilizers requirement
- Improves biological activities in soil
- Apply in root zone of plant  
(10-15 cm depth; 10-15 days after pruning )

**ESSENTIAL**  
for Eco-friendly Nitrogen

## Do's

- ✓ Maintain soil moisture (35-40%) for better results
- ✓ Mix Nitrofert with FYM/soil in 1:2 ratio
- ✓ Irrigate immediately after the Nitrofert application
- ✓ Apply chemical fertilizers after 15-20 days

## Don't's

- ✗ Do not mix with chemical fertilizer while apply
- ✗ Do not use old (expired) Nitrofert



Nitrofert	Irrigated	Rainfed
Dose (kg/ha/yr)	20	10
Splits	Once in a Year	
BCR	2.9 :1	2.6 :1



# Phosphofert

*(Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi)*

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- Year of Recommendation: 2002

## Salient Features

- Eco-friendly biofertilizer from mulberry soil rhizosphere
- Improves disease & drought tolerance
- Reduces 70-80% chemical Phosphatic fertilizers requirement
- Enhances water & solute uptake, root proliferation, phosphate mobilization, plant growth & leaf yield
- Apply directly to the mulberry root zone  
10-15 cm depth; 10-15 days after pruning )

### ESSENTIAL

for Mobilizing the Phosphorus available in the soil, especially "P" deficit soils

### Do's

- ✓ Maintain soil moisture (35-40%) for better results
- ✓ Irrigate after application of Phosphofert
- ✓ Apply chemical fertilizers after 35-40 days

### Don't's

- ✗ Do not apply along with chemical fertilizers
- ✗ Do not use Old (expired) Phosphofert



Phosphofert	Irrigated	Rainfed
Dose (kg/ha/yr)	70-100	40-50
Splits	Once in 4 Years	
BCR	2.7 :1	3.5 :1

# Soil Test Based Fertilizer Application

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## Salient Features

- Mulberry production depends on soil nutrient status
- Collect soil samples (>20/acre) representing the whole field
- Mix samples, dry & pack 300 gm under the shade
- Submit the soil sample to soil test labs
- Fertilizers should be applied on the basis of Soil Test

Nitrogen (N)			Phosphorous ( $P_2O_5$ )			Potassium ( $K_2O$ )		
N (kg/ha)	Urea kg/ha/crop		P (kg/ha)	SSP kg/ha/crop		K (kg/ha)	MOP kg/ha/crop	
	Irrigated	Rainfed		Irrigated	Rainfed		Irrigated	Rainfed
<280	183	205	<45	311	217	<200	47	53
280-450	147	164	45 – 90	249	173	200 – 350	38	42
450	110	123	>90	187	130	>350	28	32

OC should be >0.5%; Apply FYM @ 20MT (Irrigated) & 10 MT (Rainfed)/ha/Yr

## ESSENTIAL

for Judicious Application of Recommended fertilizer doses & optimizing mulberry leaf yield

## Do's

- ✓ Test the soils once in 3 years
- ✓ Apply Vermicompost also @ 15-7.5 MT/ha/yr
- ✓ Apply fertilizers/manures as recommended

## Don't's

- ✗ Do not apply over/under doses of fertilizers
- ✗ Do not collect soil samples after fertilizing/rain/irrigation/pruning; from bunds/water logged areas/tree shades/near compost pits



# Sulphur Supplementation

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- Year of Recommendation: 2012-13

## Salient Features

- Recommended for Sulphur deficient soils in West Bengal caused by excessive leaching in low OC soils
- Sulphur deficiency results in marginal necrosis of emerging leaves followed by paling/yellowing of mature leaves
- Plants look stunted and produce inferior quality leaf
- Apply Ammonium sulphate as per recommendation based on Soil Test values

Sulphur Requirement (kg/ha/Yr)		
Soil Test Value (kg/ha)	Irrigated Plains	Rainfed Hills
5	94	34
10	76	28
20	42	18
30	8	7
35		2
40	Sufficient for Mulberry	



**ESSENTIAL**  
for  
Amelioration of  
Sulphur  
Deficiency

## Do's

- ✓ Test the soils once in 3 years
- ✓ Apply other fertilizers/manures as recommended

## Don't's

- ✗ Do not apply over dose or lower doses



# Morizyme-B

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- Year of Recommendation: 2007

## Salient Features

- MORIZYME-B is PGR formulation for foliar application
- MORIZYME-B results in 25-30% increase in leaf yield, besides improving mulberry leaf quality
- Spray during winter months accelerates leaf growth
- Leaves should be fully drenched with MORIZYME-B
- Dilute One ml MORIZYME-B in one litre water
- Spray twice per crop
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Spray (15-20 days after pruning)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Spray (15 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> spray)
- Expenditure: Rs.327/crop/acre
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 1.5 : 1
- Improves silkworm growth & productivity also



**ESSENTIAL**  
for General Improvement of  
Mulberry Leaf Quality & Yield,  
especially in WINTER months

## Do's

- ✓ Spray during cooler hours of the day
- ✓ Repeat the spray on next day, if rains within 7-8 hr

## Don't's

- ✗ Don't spray against the direction of wind



# Jal Sanjivini

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- Year of Recommendation: 2007

## Salient Features

- JAL SANJIVINI foliar application minimises water loss from mulberry leaf surface
- Increases moisture retention capacity
- JAL SANJIVINI spray results in ~10% increase in leaf yield under rainfed/water stress conditions
- Leaves should be fully drenched with JAL SANJIVINI
- 10g JAL SANJIVINI is dissolved in one litre water
- Spray twice per crop
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Spray (20 days after pruning)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Spray (10 days after the 1<sup>st</sup> spray)
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 1.2 :1

**ESSENTIAL**  
For  
Improving Mulberry Leaf Yield  
in WATER STRESSED conditions



## Do's

- ✓ Spray during cooler hours of the day
- ✓ Repeat the spray on next day, if rains within 7-8 hr
- ✓ Use fresh product for rainfed mulberry only

## Don't's

- ✗ Don't spray against direction of wind





# Low Cost Drip Fertigation System

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- Year of Recommendation: 2019

## Salient Features

- An efficient system for water & nutrient management
- Drum Kit System: Place plastic drum (1000 litre at 1-1.5 m height from the ground); 12 mm inline drip laterals (2.4 lph, 30 cm); 0.25 HP solar pump
- Drip Tape System: 16 mm thin drip tape laterals only
- Drip holes should face towards the soil surface
- Irrigate @ 27,653 litres on alternate days (2.8 lit/day/plant)
- Apply 75% RDF (20:11:8 NPK kg/ac/crop) in 6 split doses (15 -49 days after pruning @ 7 days interval)
- Enhances leaf yield by 27% by efficient nutrient utilization
- Saves water up to 24% & fertilizer by 25%
- Benefit-Cost ratio : 1.95 :1

## ESSENTIAL

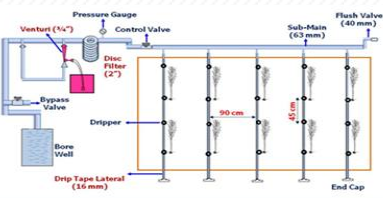
for Production of Superior Quality Mulberry Leaf

## Do's

- ✓ Pour the supernatant fertilizer (DAP/MOP) solution
- ✓ Clean the filters & laterals by flushing periodically
- ✓ Select low discharge drippers

## Don't's

- ✗ Do not extend the length of lateral >10-15 m



# Mulberry Protection



# Mulberry Crop Protection

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## Salient Features

- Timely & effective management measures need to be undertaken to ensure leaf harvests

Disease	Season	Foliar Spray
Bacterial Leaf Spot ( <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>mori</i> )	May - Nov	Streptomycin (9%) + Tetracycline (1%) @ 1 g/L of Water
Brown Leaf Spot ( <i>Myrothecium roridum</i> )	May - Nov	Carbendazim 50% WP @ 2 g/L of Water
Black Leaf Spot ( <i>Pseudocercospora mori</i> )	May - Feb	
Powdery Mildew ( <i>Phyllactinia corylea</i> )	Nov - Feb	
Brown Leaf Rust ( <i>Peridiopsisora mori</i> )	Jan - Feb	Mancozeb 75% WP @3.0 g/L of water
Root Rot ( <i>Fusarium solani</i> )		Rot-Fix @ 5g/Litre; 2 Litre/plant at root zone

**ESSENTIAL**  
for Minimizing Damages by  
Foliar/Root Diseases

### Do's

- ✓ 10-15 days safe period to be followed after spray
- ✓ Spray during cooler hours @ prescribed doses
- ✓ Use face mask & gloves while spraying

### Don't's

- ✗ Don't spray against direction of wind



# Pest Calendar

## Salient Features

- Timely & Effective management measures need to be undertaken for ensured leaf harvests

Months	Thrips	Mealy Bug	Whitefly
Jan			
Feb			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
Aug			
Sept			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

% PI
<5
5-10
>10

**ESSENTIAL**  
for Control Pests Damages by  
Appropriate IPM Measures

**Do's**  
✓ Take Measures (Chemical/Bio/Mechanical)

**Don't's**  
✗ Don't neglect the infestation of these pests



# Integrated Pest Management

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## Salient Features

- Timely & Effective Mulberry Pest-Specific measures need to be undertaken for minimizing damages

### Mechanical Method

- Remove & destroy infested portions by burning or by dipping in 0.5% soap solution
- Install Yellow sticky traps 15 days after pruning (June - Nov) @ 20/bigha for Whitefly management

### Chemical Method

- Spray 1.5% Neem oil (1500 ppm; @15ml/L) when Tukra infestation reaches 10%; Thrips population crosses 20/leaf & Whitefly infestation reaches 20/plant
- Safe period for feeding silkworms: 15 days after the spray

### Biological Method

- Release Lady Bird Beetles, *Scymnus pallidicollis* @1000/acre/year in two splits for Mealybug management
- Release eggs of Green Lacewing, *Chrysoperla zastrowi* @ 1000 eggs/acre/year in two splits for Thrips management

## ESSENTIAL

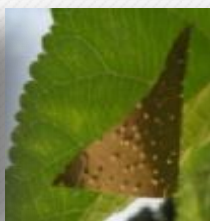
to Minimize Damages of Pests  
adopting integrated approaches

### Do's

- ✓ Take Appropriate Measures (Chemical/Bio/Phys.)
- ✓ Release beetles after 8-10 days of chemical spray

### Don't's

- ✗ Don't spray against direction of wind





# Silkworm Cocoon Production



# Bleaching Powder

## (Disinfection of Rearing House & Appliances)

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### Salient Features

- Effective disinfectant against all silkworm pathogens
- Cost-effective chlorine based disinfectant

### Usage

- Cleaning of rearing house after crop harvest
- Disinfection of rearing houses, surroundings & appliances
- Hygiene maintenance

### Preparation

- To prepare 100 litres bleaching powder solution, mix 5 kg bleaching powder and 300g slaked lime
- Initially, make a thick paste, then add 100 litres of water to make disinfectant solution (5% bleaching powder solution)

### Do's

- ✓ Use quality bleaching (30-32% available  $\text{Cl}_2$ )
- ✓ Use mask while spraying the solution
- ✓ Keep the powder in air-tight bags/vessels
- ✓ Clean sprayer thoroughly with water after use

### Dont's

- ✗ Never expose the bag to direct sunlight
- ✗ Don't spray on metallic items (corrosive)
- ✗ Don't use muddy & impure water

**Expenditure: Rs. 140/- (100 dfls)**  
**Benefit-Cost Ratio: 5 :1**



# Chlorine Dioxide

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## (Disinfection of Rearing House & Appliances)

### Salient Features

- Commercially available as Sanitech at 20,000 ppm
- Less corrosive, less hazardous & highly germicidal

### Usage

- Disinfection of rearing houses, surroundings & appliances
- Maintenance of personal & rearing hygiene

### Preparation

- To prepare 100 liters chlorine dioxide, mix 250g activator crystals and 2.5 litre Sanitech solution. Keep for 10 min and then add 97.5 litres water + 500g slaked lime. Mix thoroughly and use as disinfectant

✓ Make sure that solution turns yellow upon mixing with the activator crystals

Do's

✓ Use mask while spraying the disinfectant

✓ Clean the sprayer thoroughly with fresh water

Dont's

X Never prepare solution in direct sunlight

X Don't mix Sanitech & lime together

X Don't use impure & muddy water

**Expenditure: Rs. 500/- (100 dfls)**

**Benefit-Cost Ratio: 8 : 1**



# Ghar Sodhon

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## (Disinfection of Rearing House & Appliances)

- Recommended Year: 2016

### Salient Features

- An user friendly fumigant room disinfectant

### Usage

- Disinfection of rearing houses & appliances

### Preparation

- Keep the Ghar Sodhon (50g) in a glass or non-metallic bowl/dish as a thin layer
- Keep the doors, windows & ventilators of the rearing room in closed condition for a period of 24 hours
- Open the doors and windows of rearing room early in the morning; on the day of brushing or shifting the chawki worms
- Ghar Sodhon is available in 50g packets in a sealed cover (sufficient for a room size of 18m<sup>3</sup> area which is suitable for 100 dfls rearing)

### Do's

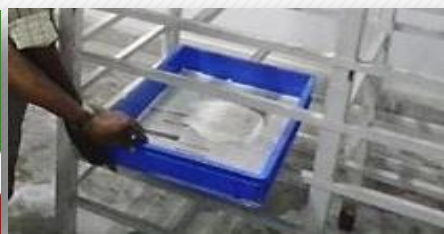
- ✓ Make sure the room is air tight
- ✓ Use mask while opening the room

### Dont's

- ✗ Do not stay in the room during fumigation
- ✗ Do not open ventilators during fumigation

**Expenditure: Rs. 100/- (100 dfls)**

**Benefit-Cost Ratio: 5.19 :1**



# NIRMOOL

## (Disinfection of Rearing House & Appliances)

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- Recommended Year: 2020

### Salient Features

- Eco & User friendly disinfectant effective against all the common silkworm pathogens
- Cost-effective, non-corrosive, stable, easily soluble & odorless
- CSRTI-BHP Patented Technology (Applied; June 2020)

### Usage

- Disinfection of rearing houses, appliances & surroundings
- Maintenance of personal & rearing hygiene

### Preparation

- Mix 2 Kg NIRMOOL powder to 100 liters of water
- Drench spray the rearing room & rearing appliances with a power/gator sprayer
- A rearing room of 20 m<sup>3</sup> area suitable for 100 dfls rearing requires 100 litres of NIRMOOL solution

- Do's**
- ✓ Ensure adequate ventilation
  - ✓ Use water at room temperature
  - ✓ Use mask while disinfecting the rearing room

- Dont's**
- ✗ Avoid direct exposure to eyes/skin
  - ✗ Do not inhale or swallow NIRMOOL

**Expenditure: Rs. 120/- (100 dfls)**  
**Benefit-Cost Ratio: 6.8 :1**





# Chawki Rearing

## (Improved Silkworm Productivity)

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### Salient Features

- Collect Quality Pebrine free eggs for Chawki rearing
- Maintain 27-28°C temperature & 85-90% humidity in CRC
- Remove paraffin paper one hour before every feeding & allow cross ventilation for bed drying
- Dust slaked lime when worms settle for moult & dust bed disinfectant when larvae come out of moult
- Conduct chawki certification (for larval growth & health) during II moult, dust lime & transport to farmers in cool hours
- Missing larvae should be < 5% & undersized < 15%
- Weight of 100 larvae during 2<sup>nd</sup> moult (3.4-3.8 g for BV & 2.2-2.6 g for CB)

Healthy Larvae  
**VITAL / ESSENTIAL**  
for harvesting of successful cocoon crops  
“ **GOOD ENTERPRISE OPTION** ”

### Do's

- ✓ Organize chawki rearing in Mini CRCs
- ✓ Raise chawki garden for succulent & nutrient leaf
- ✓ Equip CRCs with necessary equipment
- ✓ Maintain proper hygiene in CRC

### Dont's

- X Do not transport eggs during hot hours
- X Do not cover beds with paraffin paper moult
- X Don't distribute Pebrinized chawki to farmers



# Late Age Rearing

## (Sustainable Cocoon Yields)

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### Salient Features

- Rearing of silkworms from 3<sup>rd</sup> instar to cocooning
- Requires well-ventilated separate rearing room
- Rearing racks could be made of iron, wood, bamboo or hard plastic or any locally available materials
- Rearing shelves are prepared using nylon ropes/GI wire strips
- Transfer worms under II moult (Chawki) onto shelves
- Provide 2 feedings in a day with fresh mulberry shoots
- Maintain room temp. (24-26 °C) & relative humidity (75-80%)
- Dust slaked lime when worms settle for moult
- Dust Bed disinfectant when larvae come out from moult
- Provide adequate space for optimal growth of larvae (3 sq.ft for shoot rearing & 2 sq.ft for tray rearing per dfl)
- Provide spacing of 700-800 sq.ft bed area for 100 dfls

**SHOOT/SHELF Rearing**  
**ESSENTIAL**  
for Economic Cocoon Production

Do's

- ✓ Harvest mulberry shoots during cooler hours for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> instar larvae & wrap with wet gunny cloth
- ✓ 50-70 larvae per sq. ft is ideal for better growth
- ✓ Destroy diseased & under grown larvae
- ✓ Mount with suitable mountages when >50% matures

Dont's

- ✗ Don't dust bed disinfectants on feeding larvae
- ✗ Don't delay feeding after dusting of bed disinfectants



# LABEX

## (Rearing Bed Disinfectant)

- Recommended Year: 2005

### Salient Features

- Silkworm body & rearing seat disinfectant to prevent spread of common silkworm diseases
- CSRTI-BHP Patented Technology (IP No. 200199/15.12.2006)

### Usage

- For prevention of common silkworm diseases during rearing

### Application

- Apply after every moult before resumption and also on 4<sup>th</sup> day of final instar
- Dust on silkworm body & rearing seat @ 3-4 g/sq.ft

- Do's**
- ✓ Feed silkworms 30 minutes after dusting
  - ✓ Wear a mask while dusting LABEX
  - ✓ Dust LABEX in recommended quantity

- Dont's**
- ✗ Don't dust the mixture on feeding larvae
  - ✗ Don't cover the tray or rack after dusting

Stage	LABEX (100 dfls)	Expenditure (Rs. 220/100 dfls)
After I moult	90 g	<b>Benefit-Cost Ratio</b> (2.95 :1)
After II moult	270 g	
After III moult	510 g	
After IV moult	960 g	
4 <sup>th</sup> day of V instar	1670 g	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3500g (3.5 kg)</b>	



# SERICILLIN

## (Rearing Bed Disinfectant)

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- Recommended Year: 2013

### Salient Features

- Silkworm body & rearing seat disinfectant to prevent spread of especially Muscardine and common diseases
- More effective during rainy & winter seasons

### Usage

- For prevention of muscardine disease during rearing

### Application

- Apply after every moult before resumption and also on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> day of final instar
- Dust on silkworm body & rearing seat @ 3-4 g/sq. ft

- Do's**
- ✓ Feed the silkworms 30 minutes after dusting
  - ✓ Wear a mask while dusting
  - ✓ Dust recommended quantity as per schedule

- Dont's**
- ✗ Never dust the mixture on feeding larvae
  - ✗ Don't cover the tray or rack after dusting

Stage	SERICILLIN (100 dfls)	Expenditure (Rs. 300/100 dfls)
After I moult	80 g	Benefit-Cost Ratio (6.4 :1)
After II moult	120 g	
After III moult	300 g	
After IV moult	800 g	
3 <sup>rd</sup> day of V instar	1200 g	
5 <sup>th</sup> day of V instar	1500 g	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4000g (4.0 kg)</b>	





# Mounting & Harvesting

## (Improved Cocoon Quality)

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### Salient Features

- Cross ventilation, uniform light, 24-25°C Temperature & 60-70% relative humidity are essential in the mounting hall
- Mount only mature larvae with proper mounting density (Crossbreed: 50 larvae/sq. ft; Bivoltine: 40 larvae/sq. ft)
- Mountages like chandriki (bamboo), plastic collapsible & rotary could be used
- Mounting on bamboo chandriki's results in high defective cocoons & large variations in cocoon size & shape
- Quality cocoons could be harvested on plastic mountages
- Plastic collapsible mountages are used as self-mounting devices on shelves to save labour
- Cover mountages by nylon net/straw/news paper for proper spinning & take-off news paper after three days
- Remove unspun/dead/diseased larvae, if any
- Harvest Crossbreed cocoons on 5/6<sup>th</sup> & Bivoltine on 7/8<sup>th</sup> day
- Defloss the harvested cocoons & pack in thin-aerated bags
- Transport the cocoons during cooler hours
- Clean mountages from floss, dead/diseased & melt cocoons
- Disinfect mountages in 2% bleaching powder for a day
- Sun-dry the mountages & store in a disinfected area

### Do's

- ✓ Prefer the plastic collapsible mountages
- ✓ Lift mountages from the bed after 3 days

### Dont's

- ✗ Do not mount the immature larvae
- ✗ Do not close windows during spinning





# Suvarna with Souroneer

## (Improved Silk Reeling)

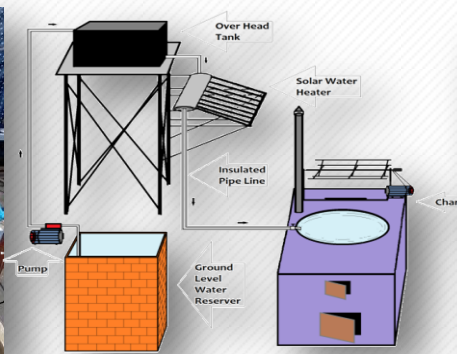
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- Recommended Year: 2019

### Salient Features

- An Improved Package for Charkha Silk Reeling
- SUVARNA ensures production of good quality weft yarn
- Motorization with 0.5 HP (Single Phase) motor for reel rotation
- An option for variable reel-speed is with SUVARNA for reeling different quality cocoons in all seasons
- Provision to stop the machine instantly to avoid size variation
- Duster cloth roller for removal of excess moisture for reducing gum spots on yarn
- Motorization ensures filament uniformity & yarn quality
- SOURONEER ensures pre-heated water & saves ~ 50% fuel costs
- Conversion cost is reduced by ~37% as compared to 'Katghai'
- Saves labour & drudgery
- Improves working environment
- Benefit-Cost Ratio: 1.5 :1 (SUVARNA with SOURONEER)

**RIGHT CHOICE**  
to replace  
**KATGHAI (Traditional Charkha)**  
in Eastern India



# Sericulture Training Programmes

@ CSRTI-BHP & Nested Units

Programme	Course	Duration	Persons/ Batch
<b>PGDS – Mulberry</b> (Kalyani University)	Post Graduate Diploma in Mulberry Sericulture	<b>15</b> Months	30
<b>Farmers Skill Training</b>	Chawki Rearing	<b>10</b> Days	25
	Late Age Rearing	<b>10</b> Days	25
	Mulberry Cultivation	<b>5</b> Days	25
	Integrated Pest & Disease Management	<b>5</b> Days	25
	Handicrafts Training	<b>5</b> Days	25
<b>Technology Orientation</b>	Biological Control of Insect Pests	<b>5</b> Days	25
	Pebrine Detection Methods	<b>2</b> Days	20
	Faculty Refresher Programme	<b>5</b> Days	20
<b>Post-Cocoon Technology</b>	Cocoon Processing & Reeling Technology	<b>5</b> Days	25
<b>Hands-on-Training</b>	Demonstration of Silkworm Rearing	<b>10</b> Days	20
<b>Intensive Mulberry Sericulture</b>	Bivoltine Rearing Technology	<b>30</b> Days	20
<b>Exposure Visit</b>	Sericulture Technologies in Progressive Areas	<b>3</b> Days	30



# Sericulture Crop Calendar

## Silkworm Crops Across East & NE India

STATE	CROP-I	CROP-II	CROP-III	CROP-IV	CROP-V
<b>BIHAR</b>	<b>Chaitra</b> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	<b>Baisakhi</b> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Week	<b>Shravani</b> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Bhaduri</b> Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	<b>Agrahayani</b> Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Week
<b>CHHATTISGARH</b>	<b>Spring</b> Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	<b>Summer</b> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	<b>Late Autumn</b> July 4 <sup>th</sup> Week	<b>Autumn</b> Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	
<b>JHARKHAND</b>	<b>Spring</b> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Week		<b>Monsoon</b> Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Autumn</b> Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	
<b>ODISHA</b>	<b>Spring</b> Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Summer</b> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Monsoon</b> Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Autumn</b> Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	
<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	<b>Falguni/ Chaitra</b> March-April	<b>Baisakhi</b> April-May	<b>Jaishtha/ Shravani</b> June-July	<b>Bhaduri/ Aswina</b> Sept	<b>Agrahayani</b> Nov-Dec
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	<b>Spring</b> March-April			<b>Autumn</b> Sept-Oct	
<b>ASSAM &amp; BTC</b>	<b>Spring</b> March			<b>Autumn</b> Sept	
<b>MANIPUR</b>	<b>Spring-I</b> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Week	<b>Spring-II</b> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Week	<b>Summer</b> June	<b>Autumn-I</b> Sept	
<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	<b>Spring</b> April			<b>Autumn</b> Aug-Sept	
<b>MIZORAM</b>	<b>Spring</b> April		<b>Summer</b> July	<b>Autumn</b> Sept	
<b>NAGALAND</b>	<b>Spring</b> March		<b>Summer</b> July	<b>Autumn</b> Sept	
<b>SIKKIM</b>	<b>Spring</b> April			<b>Autumn</b> Aug/Sept	
<b>TRIPURA</b>	<b>Spring-I</b> Feb Last Week	<b>Spring-II</b> April-May	<b>Summer</b> June	<b>Autumn-I</b> Sept	



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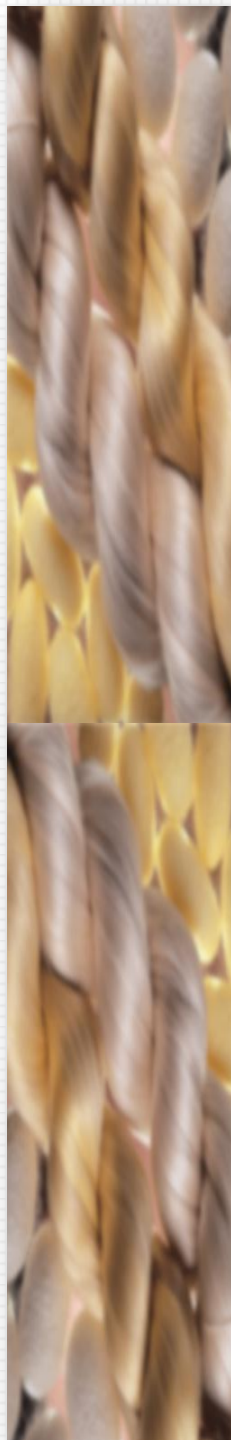
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