FORECASTING AND FOREWARNING OF MULBERRY DISEASES OF **EASTERN AND NORTH-EASTERN INDIA**

Introduction

Major foliar diseases of mulberry in the Eastern and North-eastern region of India are Powdery mildew (Phyllactinia corylea), leaf rust (Peridiopsora mori), bacterial leaf spot (Xanthomonas campestris pv. mori) and Myrothecium leaf spot (Myrothecium roridum), Pseudocercospora leaf spot (Pseudocercospora mori). Foliar diseases reduce 10-15% leaf yield and quality. Besides feeding of diseased leaf affects cocoon productivity and quality. This huge loss in leaf and cocoon productivity and quality can be minimized by taking up appropriate disease management practices in time by FORECASTING AND FOREWARNING of mulberry diseases of Eastern and North-eastern India.



Leaf rust



Symptoms:

Several small pin head shaped brown spot developed on the ventral surface of the leaf.

Reddish brown spot observed on the upper surface of the leaf

Bacterial leaf spot



Symptoms:

- Small water soaked spots developed on lower surface of leaf.
- The spots turns brown surrounded by yellow halo.

Myrothecium Leaf spot



Symptoms:

- Small brown color spots appears on both surfaces of the leaf.
- Spots coalesces and produces bigger necrotic spots.

Pseudecercospora leaf spot



Symptoms:

• Small to medium size velvety brown to black spot on the lower surface of the leaf.

DISEASE CALENDER OF EASTERN AND NORTH-EASTERN INDIA

Month	PMLD	BLS	MLS	PLS	LR
January	Malda/ Agartala*		Murshidabad (MSD)		Malda
February	M.P.Raj/ Aizwal/MSD			Murshidabad (MSD)	Malda/ Koraput*/ Singhanpur
March	Aizwal				Koraput*/ Singhanpur
April	Imphal/ Aizwal		Malda/ Aizwal/ Dimapur/ Jorhat		Koraput*/ Dimapur/ Aizwal
Мау	Kalimpong/ Rangpoo/ Agartala	MSD/ Birbhum	MSD/Malda/ Dimapur/ Jorhat/ Agartala	Dimapur/ MSD	Koraput*/ Dimapur/ Jorhat
June	Kalimpong/ Rangpoo/ Aizwal	MSD*/ Birbhum*/ M.P. Raj	MSD/Malda/ Dimapur/ Aizwal/ Singhanpur/ Agartala	Murshidabad (MSD)	Koraput/ Dimapur/ Aizwal/ Singhanpur/ Imphal
July	Kalimpong/ Rangpoo	MSD*/ Malda/ Birbhum*/M.P. Raj	MSD/Malda/ Aizwal/ Singhanpur	Murshidabad (MSD)	Aizwal/ Singhanpur/ Imphal
August	Kalimpong/ Rangpoo/ Aizwal/ Ranchi/ Koraput/ Imphal	MSD*/ Malda/ Birbhum*/ M.P. Raj	MSD/Malda/ Aizwal/ Jorhat/ Singhanpur/ Kalimpong	MSD/Malda/ Aizwal/ M.P. Raj	Singhanpur/ Kalimpong/ Aizwal/ Koraput
September	Kalimpong/ Rangpoo/ Aizwal/ Ranchi/ Koraput/ Imphal/ Jorhat	MSD*/ Birbhum*	MSD/ Aizwal/ Singhanpur/ Dimapur/ Agartala/Koraput/Jorhat	MSD* / Aizwal	Singhanpur/ Kalimpong*/ Aizwal/ Koraput/Jorhat
October	Agartala/ Jorhat/ Imphal/ Dimapur*/ Rangpoo/ Aizwal/ Ranchi/ Koraput/ Kalimpong	MSD*/ Malda	MSD/ Malda*/ Dimapur*/ Agartala/ Imphal/ Jorhat/Koraput	Aizwal	Kalimpong*/ Aizwal/ Jorhat/ Koraput/ Dimapur*/ Imphal
November	Jorhat/MSD/ Kalimpong/ Dimapur*/ Ranchi/ Agatala/ Koraput/ Malda	Murshidabad (MSD)	MSD/ Malda*/ Dimapur*/ Imphal/ Jorhat	Malda	Kalimpong*/ Jorhat/ Koraput*/ Dimapur/ Malda/ Imphal
December	Agatala/ Koraput/MSD		MSD	Malda	Malda/ Koraput

* > ETL (MSD-Murshidabad district) PMLD=Powdery mildew / BLS = Bacterial leaf spot / MLS = *Myrothecium* leaf spot / PLS = *Pseudocercospora* leaf spot / LR = Leaf rust

Disease calendar of Eastern & North – Eastern India For BLS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murshidabad												
Malda												
Birbhum												
M.P.Raj												

*BLS = Bacterial leaf spot

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murshidabad												
Malda												
Kalimpong												
Koraput												
Jorhat												
Agartala												
Aizwal												
Dimapur												
Imphal												

*MLS = *Myrothecium* leaf spot

Disease calendar of Eastern & North–Eastern India For PMLD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murshidabad												
Malda												
Kalimpong												
Ranchi												
Koraput												
Jorhat												
Agartala												
Aizwal												
Dimapur												
Imphal												
Rangpo												
M.P.Raj												

*PMLD = Powdery mildew

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murshidabad												
Malda												
Aizwal												
Dimapur												
M.P.Raj												

*PLS = *Pseudocercospora* leaf spot

Disease calendar of Eastern & North–Eastern India For LR

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murshidabad												
Malda												
Kalimpong												
Ranchi												
Koraput												
Jorhat												
Agartala												
Aizwal												
Dimapur												
Imphal												

*LR = Leaf rust

DISEASE IDENTIFIED LOCATION WISE AND

FORECASTING MODEL (Regression equation) When Severity is > ETL (Economic Threshold Level)

Murshidabad	BLS, PLS					
Malda	MLS					
Birbhum	BLS					
Kalimpong	LR					
Rangpoo	Disease < ETL					
Ranchi	Disease < ETL					
Maheshpur Raj	Disease < ETL					
Koraput	LR					
Singanpur	Disease < ETL					
Jorhat	Disease < ETL					
Dimapur	PMLD, MLS, LR					
Aizawl	Disease < ETL					
Agartala	PMLD					
Imphal	Disease < ETL					

BLS	= Bacterial Leaf Spot						
PLS	= Pseudocercospora leaf spot						
LR	= Leaf rust						
MLS	= Myrothecium leaf spot						
PMLD = Powdery mildew							

CORRELATION COEFFICIENT OF DIFFERENT DISEASE SEVERITY AND METEOROLOGICAL VARIABLES IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

AGARTALA										
Disease Max RH Min RH Max Temp Min Temp RF										
MLS -0.485 * -0.286 ** 0.210 0.262 ** 0.32										
PMLD	0.099	0.098	-0.475*	-0.492*	-0.224					
* 1% level	of significance									

** 5% level of significance

AIZAWL											
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF						
MLS	0.756*	0.748*	0.074	0.053							
lr	0.132	0.129	0.179	0.044							
PMLD	0.335**	0.357*	0.138	0.307**							
* 1% level	* 1% level of significance										
** 5% level	of significance	e									

	KORAPUT				
Min Temp	RF				
-0.08	0.107				
-0.234*	-0.083				
-0.012	-0.059				
* 1% level of significance					
-	Min Temp -0.08 -0.234* -0.012				

RANCHI						
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF	
PMLD	0.130**	0.231*	0.043	0.190*	-0.041	
* 1% level of significance ** 5% level of significance						

KALIMPONG					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
PMLD	0.102	0.131**	-0.033	-0.036	0.024
LR	0.222*	0.246*	0.078	0.084	0.024
YLR	0.038	0.060	-0.042	-0.063	-0.046
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

MALDA					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
BLS	0.215*	0.238*	0.164*	0.124**	0.239*
MLS	0.326*	0.362*	0.265*	0.357*	0.197*
PLS	0.245*	0.286*	0.217*	0.133**	0.257*
PMLD	-0.042	-0.099	-0.458	-0.486*	-0.161*
LR	0.053	-0.135**	-0.458*	-0.406*	-0.101
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

IMPHAL					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
LR	0.287	0.052	0.171	0.409*	-0.245
PMLD	0.200	0.006	0.005	0.107	-0.074
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

MAHESHPUR RAJ					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
PMLD	-0.124	-0.178	-0.063	-0.105	
BLS	0.231	0.296**	0.058	0.112	
PLS	-0.010	-0.023	-0.374	-0.375*	
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

DIMAPUR					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
LR	-0.519**	-0.487**	-0.756*	-0.636*	0.138
MLS	0.447**	-0.386	-0.860*	-0.545**	0.014
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

MURSHIDABAD					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
BLS	0.146**	0.493*	0.157**	0.393*	0.331*
MLS	0.024	0.026	0.113	0.215*	0.211*
PLS	0.087	0.015	0.035	0.049	-0.020
PMLD	0.071	-0.095	-0.039	-0.123**	-0.022
LR	-0.022	0.025	0.043	0.063	0.034

* 1% level of significance

** 5% level of significance

JORHAT					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
MLS	-0.109	0.244*	0.194*	0.181*	0.012
PMLD	0.025	0.193*	0.092	0.072	-0.046
LR	-0.029	0.201*	0.067	0.053	-0.073
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

RANGPOO					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
PMLD	0.458**	0.331	0.615*	0.597*	
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

BIRBHUM					
Disease	Max RH	Min RH	Max Temp	Min Temp	RF
BLS	0.204	0.111	0.192	0.333*	0.691*
MLS	-0.095	-0.079	0.136	0.102	-0.037
* 1% level of significance					
** 5% level of significance					

Factors influencing disease out break in Eastern and North Eastern India

(1) Murshidabad (West Bengal)



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Bacterial Leaf Spot (BLS)	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Maximum RH , Minimum RH and rainfall.
Myrothecium leaf spot (MLS)	Minimum temperature and rainfall
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Minimum temperature (Negative correlation)
Disease severity > FTI	BIS PIS

REGRESSION EQUATION (For BLS)

Developed disease forecasting model for BLS (*Bacterial leaf spot disease*) disease for Murshidabad district with accuracy and dependability Validity of the model was tested. Predicted disease severity has been found closely associated with observed disease severity, when coefficient of determination R2 = 0.516 (P=1.79x 10⁻¹⁴)

- - Y = 18.624 0.715 X1 + 0.850 X2 0.336 X3 + 0.360 X4 + 0.353 X5 X1 = MxTm
 - X2 = MnTm»
 - X3 = MxRH»
 - X4 = MnRH»
 - X5 = Rainfall

(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited) REGRESSION EQUATION (For PLS)

Developed disease forecasting model for PLS (Pseudocercospora leaf spot) disease for Murshidabad district with accuracy and dependability Validity of the model was tested. Predicted disease severity has been found closely associated with observed disease severity, when



- 1) 0.1% Carbendazim for PLS
- 2) 0.01% Pusamycin / Plantomycin for BLS



(2) Malda (West Bengal)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Bacterial Leaf Spot	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature,
(BLS)	Maximum RH, Minimum RH and rainfall.
Myrothecium leaf spot	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature,
(MLS)	Maximum RH, Minimum RH and rainfall.
PLS	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature,
	Maximum RH, Minimum RH and rainfall.
Powdery mildew	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature and
(PMLD)	rainfall. (with negative correlation).
Leaf rust (LR)	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature and
	Minimum RH (with negative correlation).

Disease severity > ETL	MLS

REGRESSION EQUATION (For MLS)

Developed disease forecasting model for <u>MLS (Myrothecium Leaf Spot)</u> <u>disease for Malda</u>_district with accuracy and dependability Validity of the model was tested . Predicted disease severity has been found closely associated with observed disease severity, when coefficient of determination R2 = 0.241 (P= 3.585×10^{-16})

- Y = -6.941 + 0.049 X1 + 0.073 X2 0.043 X3 + 0.026 X4 + 0.009 X5 X1 = MxTm
- » X2 = MnTm
- » X3 = MxRH
- » X4 = MnRH
 - X5 = Rainfall

(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited)

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.1% Carbendazim for MLS

(3) Birbhum (West Bengal)



Disease	Factors influencing disease
Bacterial Leaf Spot (BLS)	Minimum temperature and rainfall.
Disease severity >ETL	BLS



Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.01% Plantomycin / Pusamycin for BLS.

(4) Kalimpong (West Bengal)



Disease	Factors influencing disease
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Minimum RH
Leaf rust (LR)	Maximum RH and Minimum RH .
Disease severity >ETL	LR

REGRESSION EQUATION (For LR) Developed disease forecasting model for LR (Leaf rust) for Kalimpong of West Bengal with accuracy and dependability Validity of the model was tested. Predicted disease severity has been found closely associated with observed disease severity, when coefficient of determination R2 = $0.133 (P = 3.036 \times 10^{-7})$ • Y = - 67.248 + 2.252 X1 - 2.678 X2 + 0.444 X3 + 0.219 X4 - 0.010 X5 X1 = MxTmX2 = MnTm» X3 = MxRH» X4 = MnRH**»** X5 = Rainfall(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited)

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.2 % Mancozeb for LR.

(5) Koraput (Orissa)



Disease	Factors influencing disease
Myrothecium leaf spot (MLS)	Maximum RH and Minimum RH
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Maximum RH, Minimum RH; Maximum temperature and Minimum temperature (<i>with negative correlation</i>).

Disease severity >ETL	LR

REGRESSION EQUATION (For LR) Developed disease forecasting model for LR (Leaf rust) for Koraput of Orissa with accuracy and dependability Validity of the model was tested . Predicted disease severity has been found closely associated with observed disease severity, when coefficient of determination R2 = 0.291 (P= 3.39×10^{-9})

- Y = 5.494 + 0.011 X1 + 0.018 X2 0.042 X3 + 0.024 X4 + 0.070 X5 X1 = MxTm
- » X2 = MnTm
- » X3 = MxRH

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- X4 = MnRH
- X5 = Rainfall

(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited)

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.2 % Mancozeb for LR.

(6) Jorhat (Assam):



Disease	Factors influencing disease
Myrothecium leaf spot (MLS)	Minimum RH, Maximum temperature and
	Minimum temperature.
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Minimum RH .
Leaf rust (LR)	Minimum RH .
Disease severity <etl< td=""><td>NIL</td></etl<>	NIL

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL, incidence of MLS was recorded during April – May and August - November, PMLD during September - October and LR in May and September - November. Application of 0.1% carbendazim (25 - 30 days after pruning) is recommended for MLS and PMLD. If severity is more 2nd spray can be done 15 days after 1st spray. For LR application of 0.2% Mancozeb is recommended. There should be a gap of 10 days of 1st and 2nd spray of fungicide.

(7) Ranchi (Jharkhand) :



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Maximum RH, Minimum RH and Minimum
	temperature.

Disease severity >ETL NIL

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL incidence of PMLD was recorded during August to November and application of 0.1% carbendazim (25 - 30 days after pruning) is recommended for PMLD. If severity is more 2nd spray can be done 15 days after 1st spray.

(8) Agartala (Tripura) :



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Myrothecium leaf spot	Minimum temperature, rainfall ; Maximum RH and
(MLS)	Minimum RH (Negative correlation).
Powdery Mildew	Maximum temperature and Minimum temperature
(PMLD)	(Negative correlation).

Disease severity >ETL PMLD

REGRESSION EQUATION (For PMLD)

Developed disease forecasting model for PMLD (Powdery mildew) for Agartala (Tripura)

Validity of the model was tested . when,

coefficient of determination R2 = 0.299 (P= 4.135×10^{-4})

- Y = 42.301 + 0.211 X1 -1.636 X2 0.510 X3 + 0.542 X4 0.540 X5
- X1 = MxTm
- X2 = MnTm
- » X3 = MxRH
- » X4 = MnRH
- X5 = Rainfall

(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited)

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.1 % Carbendazim for PMLD.

(9) Aizwal (Mizoram) :



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Myrothecium Leaf Spot	Maximum RH and Minimum RH.
(MLS)	
Powdery mildew	Maximum RH, Minimum RH and Minimum
(PMLD)	temperature.

Disease severity >ETL NIL

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL incidence of MLS was recorded during April and June to September, PMLD during February – April, , June,and August to October, and LR during April and June to October, moreover application of 0.1% Carbendazim (25 - 30 days after pruning) is recommended for MLS and PMLD. If severity is more 2nd spray can be done 15 days after 1st spray. For LR application of 0.2% Mancozeb is recommended. There should have a gap of 10 days fro application of 1st and 2nd fungicide

(10) Imphal (Manipur) :



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Leaf rust (LR)	Minimum temperature.

Disease severity >ETL NIL

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL Leaf rust was recorded during June - July and October - November. Application of 0.2% Mancozeb is recommended (25-30 days after pruning). There should be a gap for 10 days of 1^{st} and 2^{nd} spraying of fungicide.

(11) M.P.Raj (Jharkhand):



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Bacterial Leaf Spot (BLS)	Minimum RH.
Pseudocercospora leaf spot (PLS)	Minimum temperature (Negative correlation).

Disease severity >ETL NIL

PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL, incidence of PMLD was recorded in February, incidence of BLS was recorded from June – August, PLS was recorded in August.

Application of 0.1% carbendazim (30 days after pruning) is recommended for PMLD & PLS and 0.01% Plantomycin / Pusamycin for BLS. If severity is more 2^{nd} spray can be done 15 days after 1st spray.

(12) Dimapur (Nagaland) :



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Leaf rust (LR)	Maximum RH, Minimum RH, Maximum temperature
	and Minimum temperature (Negative correlation).
Myrothecium leaf spot	Maximum RH ; Maximum and Minimum temperature
(MLS)	(Negative correlation).

Disease severity > ETL PMLD, MLS, LR

REGRESSION EQUATION (For PMLD) Developed disease forecasting model for PMLD (Powdery mildew) for Dimapur (Nagaland) Validity of the model was tested, when, coefficient of determination R2 = 0.335 (P= 9.25×10^{-5}) Y = -40.746 + 0.086 X1 + 0.506 X2 - 1.116 X3 + 1.543 X4 - 0.025 X5 • X1 = MxTmX2 = MnTm» X3 = MxRH**»** X4 = MnRH**»** X5 = Rainfall(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited) REGRESSION EQUATION (For MLS) Developed disease forecasting model for MLS (Myrothecium Leaf Spot) for Dimapur (Nagaland) Validity of the model was tested . when, coefficient of determination R2 = 0.292 (P= 5.29×10^{-4}) Y = -41.641 - 0.002 X1 - 0.574 X2 - 0.590 X3 + 1.056 X4 - 0.020 X5 • X1 = MxTmX2 = MnTmX3 = MxRH» X4 = MnRH**»** X5 = Rainfall(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited)

REGRESSION EQUATION (For LR) Developed disease forecasting model for LR (Leaf rust) for Dimapur (Nagaland) Validity of the model was tested . when, coefficient of determination R2 = 0.255 (P= 2.175×10^{-3}) Y = - 34.899 - 0.012 X1 + 0.492 X2 - 0.420 X3 + 0.807 X4 - 0.013 X5 • X1 = MxTmX2 = MnTm» X3 = MxRH» X4 = MnRH» X5 = Rainfall(When value of Y is >5, model will be exploited **PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE**

Forecasting model is to be exploited in order to device a precise spray schedule for its cost effective management - by application of 0.1 % carbendazim for PMLD and MLS And 0.2% Mancozeb for LR.

(13) Rangpo (Sikim):



Factors influencing the disease (Significant correlation)

Disease	Factors influencing disease
Powdery mildew (PMLD)	Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature and
	Maximum RH.

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Disease severity >ETL NIL
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PROPHYLACTIC MEASURE

Though severity is <ETL incidence of PMLD was recorded from May to October, application of 0.1% carbendazim (30 days after pruning) is recommended. If severity is more 2^{nd} spray can be done 15 days after 1^{st} spray.