

OUTBREAK OF COLLETOTRICHUM BLIGHT OF CHICKPEA AND ESTIMATION OF DISEASE INCIDENCE IN MAJOR CHICKPEA GROWING AREAS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

Rowing survey was conducted to record the incidence of *Colletotrichum* blight in five major chickpea growing mandals of Kurnool, Anantapur and Prakasam districts and additionally in some mandals of Kadapa and Nellore districts. The results on incidence of *Colletotrichum* blight disease ranged from 6.3 to 76.5 per cent with the lowest and the highest incidence in Anantapur and Nellore districts, respectively. The pathogen was isolated and identified as *Colletotrichum capsici*, based on morphological and cultural characteristics.

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