

STUDIES OF THE SEED GERMINATION OF SOME PLANT SPECIES OF ACANTHACEAE FAMILY

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ABSTRACT:- Both plants seeds show dormancy studies were conducted to break the dormancy of seed by various physical treatments. Among the physical treatment sand pounding, temperature, Treatment, light, X-ray ultraviolet and infrared treatment was given, temperature, and light has shown some positive result whereas ultraviolet and infrared show inhibitory effect. X-ray treatment showed positive effect on *P. bicalyculata*. Electric shock was given to the seed to see the change in germination percentage, it was favorable in case of *P. bicalyculata* but not on *A. vasica*.

KEYWORDS:-Seed Germination and Acanthaceae.

INTRODUCTION:-

Seeds are the first link in the food chain to retain the life of plant on earth through their viability and nutritive value for 5000 years, there is always a content effort from farmers, researchers, and scientist all over the world to produce good quality seeds. The seed germinates, studies was done from a variety of angles. A number of factors appear to influence the process of germination different type of dormancies, occurrence of ecotypes, permeability levels of the seed coat, drought resistance mechanism, polymorphism, differential precipitation of light and temperature have attracted the attention of researchers for germination studies mechanism, in seeds germination represents the commencement of subsequent growth phase.

During these days germination and dormancy of several plants have been studied by Amen (1963-1968), Vagis (1964), Wareing (1965), Bhat (1968), Chatterji (1975), Shukla (1977), Dubey (1987), and Salgane et al., 1990, Rajamanickam et al., (2002) Ratan & Reddy (2004), Dhoran & Gudadhe (2012).

MATERIAL AND METHODS:-

Seed Germination: The method used for growing seedlings was followed as Frankland and Wareing

(1960) for Lettuce. The seeds of *Peristrophe bicalyculata* and *Adhatoda vasica* of average. Uniform size were selected, disinfected and thoroughly washed were soaked in distilled water over a moisture filter paper in petridishes. Each petridishes was containing 8 ml of distilled water and 50 seeds.

Methods of breaking dormancy: Various physical treatments were given to break the dormancy following methods are-

(A). **Mechanical scarification:** The seeds were stratified in pestle and mortar along with the sand and washed seeds were set for germination.

(B). **Temperature treatment:** Soaked seeds were treated with different temperature from 20-40°C in incubator for the desired period and low temperature in Refrigerator was given

(C). **Treatment for different light intensities:** Soaked seeds under electric lamp in desired intensity. Effect of alternate light and dark period studies in dark-room for desired period.

(D). **Treatment** with different wavelength of light 60 watt electric lamp was wrapped with red or blue cellophane paper in dark- room.

(E). **Treatment with different radiation:** Ultra-violet and infrared radiation were provided with respective lamps in dark room. X-ray treatment was given to dry and soaked seeds for different duration in a local X-ray clinic.

(F). **Treatment with electric shock:** Seeds were put acidified water full beaker and electric shock was given for different duration.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

Various physical treatment given in table.1,2,3,4,5,6&7

Table.1 - Effect of sand Pounding in *P. bicalyculata* & *A. vasica*

Sr. No.	No. of seed given treatment	No. of seed germination		Time in days requirement for seed germination		% germination	
		<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>	<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>	<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>
1.	50	10	–	1	1	20±1	Nil
2.	50	30	–	5	5	60±2	Nil
3.	50	40	2	10	10	80±3	4
4.	50	42	4	15	15	84±3	8
5.	50	42	4	20	20	84±2	8
6.	50	35	28	control	control	70	56

Table.2 - Effect of different temperature

Sr. No.	Different temperature	No. of seeds given treatment	No. of seed germination		% germination	
			<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>	<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>
1.	10 ⁰	50	10	8	20±2	16±2
2.	20 ⁰	50	25	16	50±3	32±2
3.	30 ⁰	50	35	28	70±3	56±1
4.	35 ⁰	50	47	30	94±2	60±2
5.	40 ⁰	50	30	34	60±2	68±2
6.	45 ⁰	50	25	30	50±2	60±1
7.	50 ⁰	50	10	16	20±1	32±2
8.	30 ⁰ control	50	35	28	70	56

Table.3 - Effect of Alternate low and high temperature

Sr. No.	Time in hours given treatment	No. of seeds given	No. of seed germination		% germination	
			<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>	<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>
1.	12	50	45	36	90±3	72±3
2.	24	50	18	30	36±2	60±2
3.	48	50	0	20	0±0	40±2
4.	control	50	35	28	70	56

Table.4 - Effect of different light intensities

Sr.No.	Different light intensities in Lux	No.of seed given treatment	No.of sed germination		% germination	
			<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>	<i>P.b.</i>	<i>A.v.</i>
1.	0	50	49	26	98±2	52±2
2.	50	50	47	30	94±3	60±3
3.	100	50	47	26	94±3	52±2
4.	200	50	47	10	94±2	40±2

5.	300	50	47	6	94±3	24±1
6.	control	50	35	14	70	56

Table.5 - Effect of Alternate Light and dark period on seed germination

Sr. No.	Dark period hours	Light period hours	max. days required for germination		Mean % germination	
			A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.
1.	6	6	8	5	8.3±2	20±1
2.	12	12	7	6	50.0±2	53±2
3.	18	18	6	5	62.5±3	83±1
4.	24	24	5	2	62.5±4	96±1
5.	30	30	6	2	45.0±2	98±3
6.	36	36	5	3	50.0±1	90±4
7.	42	42	7	3	30.0±2	92±3
8.	48	48	6	4	30.0±1	90±2

Table.6 - Effect of Red and blue Light

PP	Time in hours	No. of seeds given treatment	Red Light				Blue Light			
			No. of seed germination		% seed germination		No. of seed germination		% germination	
			A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.
1.	0.5	50	22	35	44±2	70±3	22	34	44±2	68±3
2.	1	50	20	32	40±2	64±3	20	34	40±3	68±2
3.	2	50	4	10	8±1	20±2	10	27	20±2	54±2
4.	3	50	0	3	0±0	6±1	0	11	0±0	22±
5.	control	50	28	35	56	70	28	35	56	70

Table: 7- Effect of ultra violet rays, infrared, X-rays and electric shock

S. No.	Time of treatment in minutes	No. of sed given treatment	Mean% germination							
			Ultra violet rays		Infra red		×- ray		Electric shock	
			A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.	A.v.	P.b.
1.	1	50	48±2	60±2	56±3	64±3	56±2	80±2	56±2	96±2
2.	3	50	40±2	46±2	40±2	52±2	44±2	90±3	32±1	92±3
3.	5	50	20±1	20±1	20±2	40±1	32±1	70±2	20±1	80±2
4.	7	50	4±1	0±0	40±1	20±1	28±1	60±1	8±0	50±1
5.	9	50	0±0	0±0	0±0	0±0	20±1	50±1	4±1	16±1
6.	control	50	56	70	56	70	36	70	56	70

Symble-A.v = *Adhatoda vasica* P.b. = *Peristrophe bicalyculata*

The seed of *P. bicalyculata* and *Adhatoda vasica* show dormancy. It was confirmed by germinating seeds of both plants. Seed coat dormancy was studied by different Authors Bharadwas 1990 in *Tephrosia hamiltoni*, Chatterji (1975) observed increased percentage of germination in *Abutilon indicum* by sand pounding there in increase in percentage germination in *P. bicalyculata* with this treatment where as it reduces in *A. vasica* this confirm the earlier work of Singhal (1990) on *Ameranthus* and *Indigofera*.

Temperature plays important role in germination of seeds (Vegis 1964 a, b 1965). A lot of work has also been done by a number of excellent workers on the subject of effect of temperature on seed germination as *Colligonum polygonodes* (Bisnoi & Gautam 1990), *Purtalaca* sp. Chaudhary & Sinha 1990), *Tephrosia strigosa* (Khan & Bharadwaj 1990), *Hypoxes aurea* (Dubey 1987), *Abutilon indicum* (Chatterji 1975). In present study the plant *P. bicalyculata* show maximum germination on 45°C over control while in case of *A. vasica* seed maximum was seen of 40°C both the plants show negative response towards higher temperature. It seems that increased respiration and enzyme activities as well as chemical changes in the embryo and endosperm.

Pandey et al., (1968) mentioned that alternate low and high temperature increases the percentage germination of certain seeds. In the present study *P. bicalyculata* at 7°C & 50°C low & high temperature show maximum 90% germination under 12 hours treatment. Whereas in case of *A. vasica* show maximum 72% germination.

Light has pronounced effect on germination for photoblastic seeds may be positively or negatively photoblastic. Different photoblastic seeds require different quantum of light for germination *Artemisia menosperma* needs 24 Lux for high germination Kollar (1962) *Anagallis arvensis* required 120 Lux (Pandey 1969) Present study reveals that light intensity 50 Lux stimulates the germination percentage in case of *P. bicalyculata* but in *A. vasica* the light intensity up to 50 Lux has negative effect.

Effect of alternate light and dark period on seed germination has been studied by various authors Dubey (1987) Vyas (1981) Saxena (1963) on *Hyptis suaveolens* present study on *P. bicalyculata* and *A.*

vasica confirm this. It was also observed that photo induction of 18 hours showed promotion in germination percentage in *P. bicalyculata* where as in 30 hours showed the promotion the rate of germination. Red light promotes the percentage germination of both the plants. Blue light is reported to have effect on seed germination (Wareing 1969) Dubey (1987) on *Hypoxes aurea*. But in case of *P. bicalyculata* and *A. vasica* it was found to have inhibitory effect.

Ultra violet and infrared radiation inhibit the germination of both plants confirm the work of Saxena (1963) Chatterji (1975) Dubey (1987) Sharma (1990) Effect of X-rays treatment on seed germination has been studied by various authors Benedict and Kersten (1934) Kempton and Maxivell (1948) Baghel observed no effect on germination of seeds of *Ipomea* whereas the promotive effect in case of *Melionia*, Sharma (1990) observed the promotive effect on *Cucurbita* and in present study X-ray treatment 6 second has promotive effect on germination of soaked seeds of *P. bicalyculata* and inhibitory effect on *A. vasica*. Fraser and Pidgeon (1916 & 1933) showed that electric shock influence the germination of some seeds in the present study in case of *P. bicalyculata*. Study confirm the earlier work whereas electric shock has inhibitory effect on *A. vasica*. after slight increase in the beginning.

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