



“SURVEY OF SOME COMMON WEED PLANTS IN SUGARCANE *SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM* FIELD IN BARAMATI TEHSIL, DIST. PUNE, MAHARASHTRA.”

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Abstract-

The present survey was taken in Baramati taluka Pune district of Maharashtra; India The present paper provides information regarding some common weeds in sugarcane. Sugarcane (*Saccharum Officinarum*) is the most important crop in the world it is a member of the Poaceae family. India is one of the countries that produce a large number of sugarcane crops. Weeds are unwanted plants growing in the cultivated crop. The major characteristic of weeds is their unwanted occurrence, undesirable features, and ability to adapt to a disturbed environment. Weed plants that grow and reproduce aggressively.

Index Terms-Sugarcane (*Saccharum Officinarum*), weed.

INTRODUCTION

Sugarcane (*Saccharum Officinarum*) is the most important crop in the world it is a member of the Poaceae family. India is one of the countries that produce a large number of sugarcane crops. Sugarcane (*Saccharum Officinarum*) a crop in tropical and subtropical areas, provides around 60% of the world's production of sugar and 35% of the ethanol (FAO 2012). A member of the Poaceae, has tillers or stem branched into two primary shoots with a sucrose content of 10-18% and fiber content of 10-15 at harvest. It is a multipurpose crop and is used in the manufacturing of sugar and its products, fuel, and in the manufacture of industrial products. The reduction in the

yield of sugarcane due to weeds could be 10-15% (Bhatti and Soomro). Weeds are uninvited plants growing in the cultivated crop. Weeds are affecting human affairs in most areas of the earth. The major characteristic of weeds is their unwanted occurrence, undesirable features, and ability to adapt to a disturbed environment., Weed in general science is a plant, usually wild or feral, that is commonly considered to be a nuisance in a garden, lawn or other agricultural development. Weed plants that grow and reproduce aggressively.

STUDY AREA

Baramati is one of the tehsils in the Pune District. Baramati tehsil lies between $18^{\circ} 2' 44''$ N to $18^{\circ} 23' 19''$ North latitudes and $74^{\circ} 13' 8''$ E to $74^{\circ} 42' 47''$ East longitudes. It is located at an altitude of 538 meters above mean sea level. The tehsil lies in the eastern part of the Pune district of Maharashtra. The river Nira flows west to the east forming the southern boundary of the Tehsil and the district. The river Karha flows northwest to south-east Baramati tehsil is bounded by Indapur tehsil towards the east, Satara district towards the south, Purandar tehsil towards the west, and Daund Tehsil towards the north. The total geographical area (TGA) of Baramati tehsilis 1382 sq. km., which is about 8.80 percent of the TGA of the Pune district

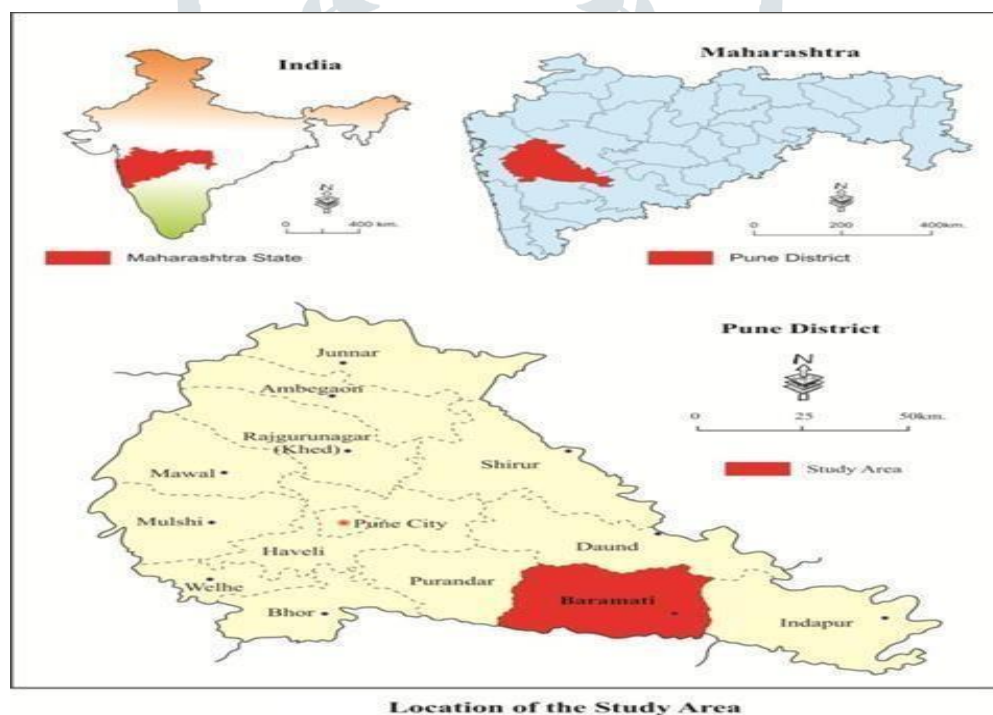


Fig: Study Area Map (Baramati)

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The surveys of weeds were conducted from Some Villages of Baramati Tehsil, District Pune. The selected area is under the peninsular zone and the variety of sugarcane is Co86032 and Co 265 mostly cultivated. Where the collection of the different weed species which medicinal value from the sugarcane farm. The different species collected during the surveys were identified with the help of The Flora of the Presidency of Bombay (Cook,1908), and the Flora of Baramati (Bhagat, et al 2008). The collected data was arranged as a list with names of plants, and

their family with used by the local people for different purposes.

Family-wise distribution of weeds is observed in study area

Sr. no.	Name of Species	Family
<u>1</u>	<i>Abutilon hirtum</i>	Malvaceae
<u>2</u>	<i>Abutilon indicum</i>	Malvaceae
<u>3</u>	<i>Acalypha indica</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>4</u>	<i>Acanthospermum hispidum</i>	Asteraceae
<u>5</u>	<i>Alternanthera bettzickiana</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>6</u>	<i>Alternanthera paronychioides</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>7</u>	<i>Alternanthera pungens</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>8</u>	<i>Amaranthus spinosus</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>9</u>	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>10</u>	<i>Argemone mexicana</i>	Papaveraceae
<u>11</u>	<i>Blumea oxyodonta</i>	Asteraceae
<u>12</u>	<i>Boerhavia erecta</i>	Nyctaginaceae
<u>13</u>	<i>Brachiaria deflexa</i>	Poaceae
<u>14</u>	<i>Brachiaria eruciformis</i>	Poaceae
<u>15</u>	<i>Brachiaria ramosa</i>	Poaceae
<u>16</u>	<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Asclepiadaceae
<u>17</u>	<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	Sapindaceae
<u>18</u>	<i>Cassia tora</i>	Fabaceae
<u>19</u>	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Chenopodiaceae
<u>20</u>	<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Chenopodiaceae
<u>21</u>	<i>Chrozophora rotleri</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>22</u>	<i>Commelina diffusa</i>	Commelinaceae
<u>23</u>	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Convolvulaceae
<u>24</u>	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Asteraceae
<u>25</u>	<i>Corchorus trilocularis</i>	Tiliaceae
<u>26</u>	<i>Croton bonplandianum</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>27</u>	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Poaceae
<u>28</u>	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae
<u>29</u>	<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	Poaceae
<u>30</u>	<i>Digera arvensis</i>	Amaranthaceae
<u>31</u>	<i>Diplocyclos palmatus</i>	Cucurbitaceae
<u>32</u>	<i>Echinochloa colona</i>	Poaceae
<u>33</u>	<i>Eclipta Alba</i>	Asteraceae
<u>34</u>	<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>35</u>	<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>36</u>	<i>Euphorbia Microphylla</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>37</u>	<i>Hibiscus panduriformis</i>	Malvaceae
<u>38</u>	<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>	Convolvulaceae
<u>39</u>	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Verbenaceae
<u>40</u>	<i>Launaea nudicaulis</i>	Asteraceae

<u>41</u>	<i>Malvastrum coromandelianum</i>	Malvaceae
<u>42</u>	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Asteraceae
<u>43</u>	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae
<u>44</u>	<i>Physalis minima</i>	Solanaceae
<u>45</u>	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Plumbaginaceae
<u>46</u>	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Portulacaceae
<u>47</u>	<i>Rhynchosia minima</i>	Fabaceae
<u>48</u>	<i>Setaria viridis</i>	Poaceae
<u>49</u>	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Asteraceae
<u>50</u>	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Asteraceae
<u>51</u>	<i>Solanum xanthocarpum</i>	Solanaceae
<u>52</u>	<i>Stemsodia viscosa</i>	Scrophyllariaceae
<u>53</u>	<i>Trianthema portulacastrum</i>	Aizoaceae

DISCUSSION

The study revealed a total of 54 weeds listed alphabetically according to the families. In this study total of 54 different weed species distributed in 43 genera belonging to 22 different families were reported during the study. From the survey the most dominant or frequent family categories recorded were - Asteraceae represented by 9 members; Poaceae & Euphorbiaceae represented by 7 members each; Amaranthaceae represented by 6 members or Malvaceae represented by 4 members. Most of the species have medicinal value in the local area. The part of weed plant species was used in the herbal form or the vegetable purpose.

CONCLUSION:

The study conducted that the sugarcane crop is dominated by most of the weed species which are medicinally useful for the important. The traditional knowledge or information about weed species remains unexplored. There is a need of transferring the knowledge of the local use of weeds to the next generation as well as those people who are unaware of it. This study shows that in the Baramati area there are many useful or important weed species that are grown on sugarcane farms. The information about these commonly used weed species must be recorded for their usefulness or importance.

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