## EFFECT OF SEED TREATMENT ON GERMINATION AND SURVIVABILITY OF CUSTARD APPLE

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**Abstract:** The experiment comprised of 14 treatments, viz.  $T_1$  (control/without water soaking),  $T_2$  (Water soaking), Gibberellic acid concentrations  $-T_3$  (200 ppm),  $T_4$  (300 ppm),  $T_5$  (400 ppm), and chemicals viz. $T_6$  (Thiourea 0.5%),  $T_7$  (Thiourea 0.75%),  $T_8$  (Thiourea 1.00%),  $T_9$  (KNO<sub>3</sub> 0.5%),  $T_{10}$  (KNO<sub>3</sub> 0.75%),  $T_{11}$  (KNO<sub>3</sub> 1.00%),  $T_{12}$  (Sodium thiosulphet-150 ppm),  $T_{13}$  (Sodium thiosulphet-200ppm),  $T_{14}$  (Sodium thiosulphet-250 ppm) was conducted to study the effect of chemicals and plant growth regulators on germination, vigour of seedling and survivability of custard apple. Among the various treatments,  $GA_3$ , concentration at 400 ppm ( $T_5$ ) was proved superior in respect to germination of custard apple seed as well as growth parameter and survival of custard apple seedling.

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