

INDIAN CITRUS RING SPOT DISEASE: EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTION IN FRUITS OF RESISTANT AND SUSCEPTIBLE VARIETIES OF KINNOW (*CITRUS RETICULATA*) AND ITS CONTROL MEASURES.

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Abstract : Viral diseases are considered as the most dangerous of all diseases in the modern fruit production industry which have been highly developed in last few decades. Kinnow (*Citrus reticulata*) which is a variety of citrus fruits grown in Pakistan, India, Indonesia, China, Spain, Japan and Brazil etc. and there are so many varieties of Kinnow to be relished for their distinctive and sweet flavor, easy peeling, wide range of adaptability and high nutritious values. But the production of fruits is profusely affected by the different pests and diseases, in which viral diseases cost a lot of damage amongst all. Virus infected fruit trees are subjected to permanent damage of fruit quality and yield, a general decline of tree growth and even death. The damage by viral infections can only be checked by delivering adequate and precise information about viral diseases to the fruit growers, because if they are not managed in time, they can even wipeout the whole citrus industry.

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