

be statistically at par with the treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. The significant and higher plant dry weight was with the application of Rhizobium inoculation might be due to by increasing nodulation and rate of nitrogen fixation might have promoted plant development through symbiotic methods. Similar results were noticed by Kundu *et al.* (2013) [13]. Further significantly higher plant dry weight was with the application of phosphorous might be due to improved photosynthetic activity by improving light exposure, and increased nutritional availability to the plants. These findings were similar to Kumar and Debbarma (2023) [11].

Crop Growth Rate (g/m²/day)

The data recorded during 60-80 DAS; Highest crop growth rate (19.20 g/m²/day), was observed in treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)].

Relative Growth Rate (g/g/day)

The data revealed that During 60-80 DAS, treatment 2 [VAM + Phosphorus (40 kg/ha)] recorded significantly higher Relative Growth Rate (0.0429 g/g/day), though there was no significant difference among the treatments.

Yield and Yield Parameters

Number of pods/plant

Treatment-9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50kg/ha)] recorded significant and maximum number of pods/plant (28.00). However, treatment 3 [VAM + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] and treatment 6 [PSB + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] were found to be statistically at par with treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. The significant and maximum number of pods/plants was with the application of Rhizobium might be due to the improved uptake of nutrients, absorption of solar radiation, and development of roots and shoots in addition of the relocation and build-up of photosynthates in economic sinks. These findings are in accordance with the findings of Ajaykumar *et al.* (2022) [1]. Further significantly increased in number of pods/plant with the application of phosphorous might be due to the involved in the formation of seeds and healthy fruiting. These results are in conformity with those of Gadi *et al.* (2018) [7].

Number of seeds/pod

Significantly higher number of seeds/pod (11.27) was recorded in treatment-9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. However, treatment 3 [VAM + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] and treatment 6 [PSB + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] were found to be statistically at par with treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. The significant and higher number of seeds/pod with the application of Rhizobium is may be due to rise of bacteria as a result of artificial inoculation and plant has more leaves and branches, which allow it to create and transfer additional photosynthates and carbs to the lower regions. The result was in collaboration with Sajid *et al.* (2011) [16]. Further, increase in seeds/pod was obtained with the application of phosphorous may be due to greater rates of dry matter buildup and its transfer from sources to sinks in the plants were caused by phosphorus, resulted maximum number of seeds/pod. These results are in conformity with those of Singh *et al.* (2018) [15].

Test weight (g)

Statistically highest test weight (29.70g) was found in Treatment-8 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (40kg/ha)], though there is no significant difference found among all the treatments.

Seed yield (t/ha)

Significantly maximum Seed Yield (2.56 t/ha) was recorded in treatment-9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha]. However, treatment 3 [VAM + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] and treatment 6 [PSB + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] were found to be statistically at par with treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. The significant and higher seed yield was obtained with the application of Rhizobium might be due to increased nodulation, which subsequently helped to increase nitrogen availability which is a very important factor that influenced seed yield. The similar results were obtained by Nissa *et al.*, (2017) [9]. Further, significantly increased in seed yield with the application of Phosphorous may be due to fact that a larger seed production was eventually achieved by surplus assimilates being stored in the leaves and then translocated into seeds during senescence. These results are similar with those of Chirumella *et al.* (2023) [4].

Stover yield (t/ha)

Significant and higher haulm yield (3.10 t/ha), was observed in treatment-9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha]. However, treatment 3 [VAM + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)], treatment 4 [PSB + Phosphorus (30 kg/ha)], treatment 5 [PSB + Phosphorus (40 kg/ha)], treatment 6 [PSB + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha] and treatment 7 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (30 kg/ha)] were found to be statistically at par with treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. The significant and higher stover yield was with the application of Rhizobium may be due to increase effect of other nutrients, improves nutrient uptake, and the movement of photosynthates from source to sink and it also raises the photosynthetic activity of leaves. These results were in similar with those of Tripathi (2021) [19]. Further significantly increased in stover yield was obtained with the application of Phosphorous may be due to the result of the plant's increased photosynthetic activity and a root system that allowed the plant to draw up more moisture and minerals from the ground. These results are in agreement with those of Kumar and Debbarma (2023) [11].

Harvest Index (%)

Statistically highest harvest index (40.81%) was recorded in Treatment-3 [VAM + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)]. Though, there is no significant difference found among all the treatments.

Economics

The result showed that Maximum gross return (117024.00 INR/ha), higher net return (72706.00 INR/ha) and highest benefit cost ratio (1.67) was recorded in treatment 9 [Rhizobium + Phosphorus (50 kg/ha)] as compared to other treatments. Higher Gross returns, net returns, benefit cost ratio was recorded with application of PSB (20g/kg) seeds which might be due higher yield increases for grains and straw in comparison to the cost of cultivating at higher phosphorus levels. These results are in conformity with those of Singh *et al.* (2018) [15].

Table 1: Effect of bio-fertilizers and phosphorus on growth attributes of greengram.

S No	Treatments	Plant height (cm)	Number of Branches/Plant	Number of Nodules/plant	Plant dry weight (g)	CGR (g/m ² /day)	RGR (g/g/day)
1.	VAM + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	32.77	12.13	16.80	13.30	16.89	0.0571
2.	VAM + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	34.73	10.60	19.60	13.00	15.78	0.0535
3.	VAM + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	37.70	13.23	22.80	14.70	17.41	0.0510
4.	PSB + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	35.70	11.80	18.73	13.23	16.37	0.0540
5.	PSB + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	36.33	11.67	21.60	13.67	16.96	0.0545
6.	PSB + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	38.27	13.40	23.73	14.83	17.48	0.0513
7.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	35.80	10.93	19.67	12.13	13.63	0.0471
8.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	37.17	12.07	22.40	14.37	16.82	0.0500
9.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	40.40	14.20	28.20	15.80	18.15	0.0487
10.	Control (N:P:K) 20:40:20 kg/ha	31.27	10.00	18.80	12.43	16.30	0.0593
	F-test	S	S	S	S	NS	NS
	SEm(±)	1.20	0.35	1.83	0.58	1.38	0.0049
	CD (P=0.05)	3.57	1.05	5.43	1.73	--	--

Table 2: Effect of bio-fertilizers and phosphorus on yield attributes and yield of greengram.

S No	Treatments	Number of pods/plant	Number of Seeds/Pod	Test Weight (g)	Seed Yield (t/ha)	Stover Yield (t/ha)	Harvest index (%)
1.	VAM + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	20.67	9.40	22.50	1.17	2.09	35.86
2.	VAM + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	21.07	9.00	24.83	1.32	2.33	38.82
3.	VAM + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	25.93	10.30	24.60	1.72	2.49	40.81
4.	PSB + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	20.47	8.53	27.10	1.40	2.66	34.46
5.	PSB + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	21.80	9.27	27.73	1.24	2.50	32.47
6.	PSB + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	25.97	11.00	28.03	1.87	2.79	40.09
7.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	23.87	10.00	29.17	1.26	3.03	29.35
8.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	21.20	10.20	29.70	1.37	2.12	40.57
9.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	28.00	11.27	27.50	2.03	3.10	39.54
10.	Control (N:P:K) 20:40:20 kg/ha	20.13	9.93	22.40	0.95	1.98	32.36
	F-test	S	S	NS	S	S	NS
	SEm (±)	0.71	0.33	1.99	0.11	0.23	3.94
	CD (P=0.05)	2.10	0.97	--	0.32	0.69	--

Table 3: Effect of bio-fertilizers and phosphorus on economics of greengram.

S No	Treatments	Total cost of cultivation (INR)	Gross Returns	Net Returns	B:C ratio
1.	VAM + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	30394.00	77772.00	37091.00	1.22
2.	VAM + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	30394.00	83700.00	45701.00	1.50
3.	VAM + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	42094.00	86328.00	56241.00	1.34
4.	PSB + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	31144.00	93672.00	49846.00	1.60
5.	PSB + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	31144.00	96120.00	40806.00	1.31
6.	PSB + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	42844.00	97956.00	64191.00	1.50
7.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 30 kg/ha	31894.00	101664.00	41951.00	1.32
8.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 40 kg/ha	31894.00	111936.00	46636.00	1.46
9.	Rhizobium + Phosphorus 50 kg/ha	43594.00	117024.00	72706.00	1.67
10.	Control (N:P:K) 20:40:20 kg/ha	27244.00	80400.00	27976.00	1.03

Conclusion

From the results, it is concluded that in greengram (treatment 9), application of Rhizobium and Phosphorus (50 kg/ha) recorded highest grain yield and benefit cost ratio.

Acknowledgement

The authors are thankful to Department of Agronomy, Naini Agricultural Institute, Prayagraj, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and sciences, (U.P) India for providing necessary facilities to undertake the studies.

References

1. Ajaykumar R, Harishankar K, Sivasabari K, Rajeshkumar P, Saranraj T, Aravind J, *et al.* Effect of liquid *Rhizobium* with organic bio-stimulants on growth, yield attributes and yield of leguminous blackgram [*Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper]. An International Journal of Legume Research. 2022;1-6.
2. Barakzai K, Rahman D, Shiva A, Khalili M, Rasooli, Jamal T. Effect of sources of nutrient and biofertilizers on growth and yield of mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.). International Journal of Chemical Studies. 2020;8(1):555-559.
3. Choudhary SL, Sharma OP, Gora MK, Choudhary RR. Effect of organic manures and molybdenum on growth, yield and quality of groundnut. International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences. 2017;6(6):736-742.
4. Chirumella J, Singh S, Nawhal A. Effect of bio-fertilizer and phosphorus on growth and yield of green gram (*Vigna radiata* L.). International Journal of Environment and Climate Change. 2023;13(10):310-317.
5. Gomez KA, Gomez AA. Three or more factor experiment. In: Statistical procedures for agricultural research. 2nd ed. New York: John Wiley & Sons; c1976. p. 139-141.
6. Government of India. Agricultural statistics at a glance: Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. 2022. Available from: <http://www.agricoop.nic.in>

- Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences.
2017;6(7):3992-3997.