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## RESEARCH ARTICLE:

## Assessment of integrated nutrient management on yield, quality and economics of chilli (*Capsicum annuum* L.)

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FYM, Vermicompost, VAM, Azospirillum, Chilli, Ascorbic acid **SUMMARY :** This study was aimed to assess the effects of integrated nutrient management on yield, quality and economics of chilli (*Capsicum annuum* L.). The present study was carried out during 2012 *Rabi* season at Research Farm, J.N.K.V.V. College of Agriculture, Tikamgarh, (M.P.), India with 10 treatment combinations (V<sub>1</sub>I<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>I<sub>4</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>I<sub>5</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>I<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>I<sub>4</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>I<sub>5</sub>, wheres V<sub>1</sub>- Pusa Jwala, V<sub>2</sub>-Garima -12 and INM facors, I<sub>1</sub>- recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) or Control (100:50:50 kg NPK ha<sup>-1</sup>), I<sub>2</sub>. RDF + FYM (10 t ha<sup>-1</sup>), I<sub>3</sub> - RDF + Vermicompost (2.5 t ha<sup>-1</sup>), I<sub>4</sub> - RDF + Vesicular arbuscular mycorrhiza (VAM) @ 2 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, I<sub>5</sub> - RDF + *Azospirillum* in Factorial Randomized Block Design with 3 replications. Application of RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup> showed significant increase in fruit yield plant<sup>-1</sup> (271.5 g) and fresh fruit yield of 6816 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Significantly the lowest fruit yield plant<sup>-1</sup> and fresh fruit yield of chilli (227.8 g and 4218 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) was noticed in recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) or Control (100:50:50 kg NPK ha<sup>-1</sup>). Combined application of RDF + Vermicompost 2.5 tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup> showed significant increase in ascorbic acid content (190.8 mg 100g<sup>-1</sup>) and in terms of benefit cost ratio was economical with highest net returns (181607 Rs. ha<sup>-1</sup>) and B:C (3.19). However lowest ascorbic acid content (170.8 mg 100g<sup>-1</sup>) and minimum net returns (95194 Rs. ha<sup>-1</sup>) was noticed in control (100:50:50 kg NPK ha<sup>-1</sup>) while, minimum B:C ratio (3.19) with I<sub>2</sub>.

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