

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Effect of inorganic and bio-fertilizers on growth and yield of strawberry [*Fragaria x ananassa* L. Duch.] cv. CHANDLER in Central Uttar Pradesh

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### SUMMARY

A field experiment was conducted during 2014-15 to study the performance of different levels of inorganic fertilizers with combination of bio-fertilizers at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow. It comprised application of different level of inorganic and bio-fertilizers in Randomized Block Design with thirteen treatments *i.e.* T<sub>1</sub>- Control (No inorganic and no bio-fertilizer), T<sub>2</sub>- (100 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*), T<sub>3</sub>- (100 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB), T<sub>4</sub>- (75 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*), T<sub>5</sub>- (75 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB), T<sub>6</sub>- (60 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*), T<sub>7</sub>- (60 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB), T<sub>8</sub>- (45 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*), T<sub>9</sub>- (45 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB), T<sub>10</sub>- (60 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*), T<sub>11</sub>- (60 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB), T<sub>12</sub>- (45 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*) and T<sub>13</sub>- (45 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup>+ PSB). It was observed that overall minimum plant height was obtained (14.18 cm) at 90 days after transplanting in T<sub>1</sub>- Control and maximum plant height (18.67 cm) in T<sub>2</sub>- (100 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*). The maximum number of leaves was recorded highest (18.67) in T<sub>2</sub>- (100 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*) with followed by (17.67) in T<sub>4</sub>- (75 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*). The minimum spreading of plant in North- South direction (15.63 cm) was recorded in case of control. The highest yield per plant observed in T<sub>2</sub> (173.42g). Among the thirteen treatments T<sub>2</sub>- (100 Kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>+ *Azotobacter*) showed best performance in terms of maximum fruit yield of strawberry.

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