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BLACK MILDEW OF NEEM SEEDLINGS: A NEW DISEASE RECORD FROM INDIA

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ABSTRACT : Black mildew disease of neem is reported from a forest nursery of south Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh. The neem seedlings were found to be heavily infected with black mildew disease fungus, *Sarcinella azadirachtae*. The incidence of the disease was 21-32 %. This disease has not been reported from India hence it is a new disease record. The pathogen was earlier reported from Nepal and constitutes a new fungal record from India. An account of black mildew diseases occurring in different Indian trees is also given.

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