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High value Cut flowers



Module 3: Dendrobium Orchid Cultivation **Session 3: Media Preparation**



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Selection of Soil

- Should provide good drainage and aeration
- Rich in organic matter
- Reasonably stable
- Top soil with at least 30% OM is preferred



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Media

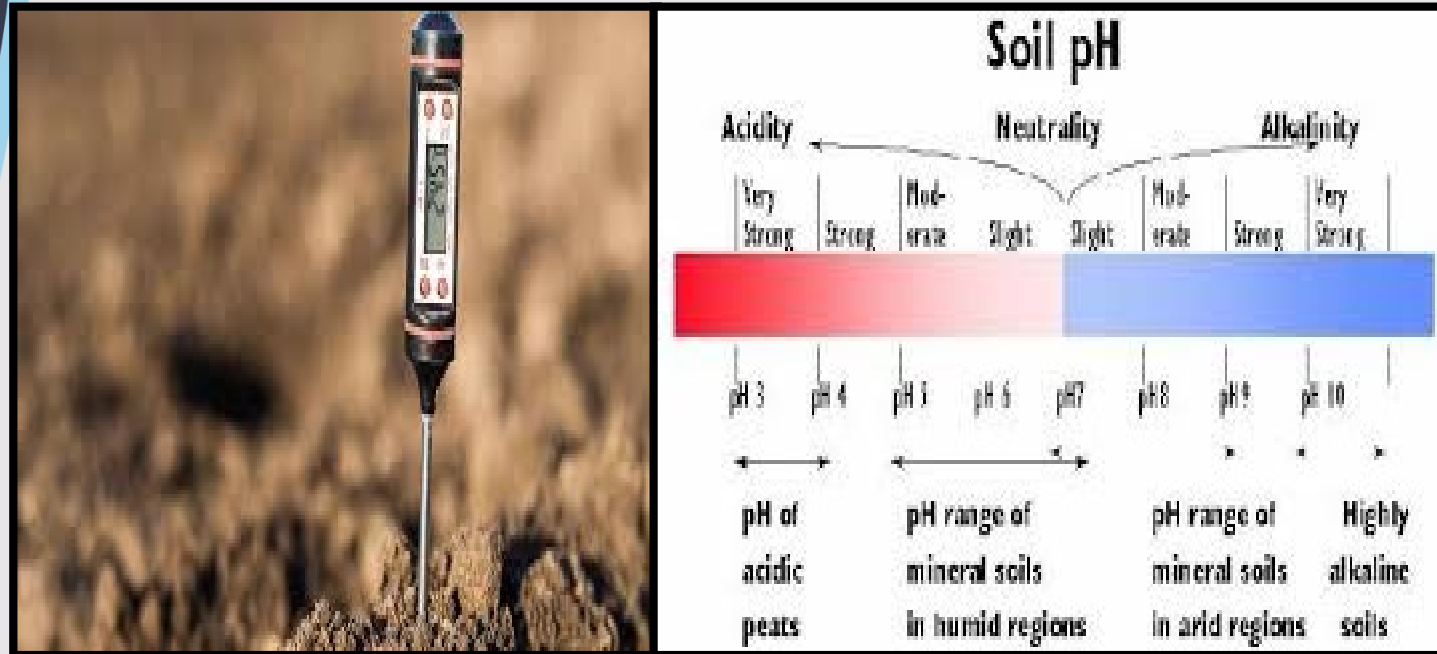
- Dendrobium is an epiphyte
- Requires porous media
- Should contain low salt



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Optimum pH



Optimum pH of 5 is preferred



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Electrical Conductivity



Optimum EC for dendrobium is 0.6mS/cm



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Soil preparation

- Dendrobium are sensitive to water logging
- Soil should be tilled for 2-3 times
- Land should be dug upto depth of 30 cm
- This facilitates removal of all unwanted materials



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Media Sterilization

- Media sterilization prevent diseases
- Popular disinfectants
 - H₂O₂ (Hydrogen Peroxide)
 - Formalin



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Steps in soil sterilization

Land should be irrigated



Hydrogen Peroxide @ 35ml/L



Allow to settle for 4-6 hrs



Recommended rate 1L per sq m



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