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High value Cut flowers



Module 3: Dendrobium Orchid Cultivation

Session 6: Identification and Management of Pest in Dendrobium



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Identification of Aphids

- Aphids cluster around growing shoots and buds
- They suck the cell sap
- Affected plant parts get deformed



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Management of Aphids

- Imidachloprid @ 0.5 ml per litre of water
- Dimethoate @ 1.5 ml/ litre of water
- Acephate @ 0.75 g per litre of water
- Thiomethoxam @ 0.5 g per litre of water
- Spraying of neem or pongamia oil @ 2% is effective.
- Other than chemical management, hanging of yellow sticky trap is also beneficial.



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Identification of Scale Insect

- Reddish brown encrustations on shoots
- Both young and adult scales suck the sap from shoots.
- The insect damages the plant by secretion of honeydew which leads to development of sooty mould.
- Further, they cause yellow spots on leaves



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Management of Scale Insect

- Dimethoate @ 1.5 ml/ litre of water
- Chloropyriphos @ 2.1 ml/ litre of water
- Dichlorovos @ 1.0 ml/ litre of water
- Scales can be removed by rubbing the scurf encrustation with toothbrush
- Cotton swab dipped in 70% Isopropyl alcohol or methylated spirit



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Identification of Thrips

- Thrips damage new flush by sucking sap from tender parts
- Scirtothrips is a problem in polyhouse roses.
- It creates brownish spots on crippled flowers and deformed buds
- The leaves look silvery, caused by air pockets in the punctured holes
- Brownish marks underneath the leaves



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Management of Thrips

- Dimethoate @ 1.5 ml/ litre of water
- Acephate @ 0.75 g per litre of water
- Thiomethoxam @ 0.5 g per litre of water
- Dichlorovos @ 1.0 ml/ litre of water
- All infested plants and flowers should be removed
- Hanging of blue sticky trap is beneficial to manage thrips



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