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**MUSHROOM, AN AMAZING HERBAL
FOOD: CULTIVATION IN INDIA**

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India is an agriculturally important Country. Two Thirds of its Population is engaged in agricultural activities. Agriculture is a Primary activity, which Produces most of the food that we Consume. Besides food grains, it also Produces raw material for various industries.

••• Introduction •••

■ What is mushroom:~

A mushroom is the reproductive structure Produced by some fungi. It is some what like the fruit of a Plant, except that the 'seeds'. It Produces are in fact millions of microscopic spores that form in the gills or pores underneath the mushroom's cup.

■ Types:~

Mushrooms may be edible or poisonous. A relatively few species are delicious, many are edible but tough or of an unremarkable flavor, some are inedible and produce varying degrees of illnesses some commonly known food stuff are violently deadly poisonous.

Kingdom : Fungi

Genus

Agaricus
Amanita
Ganoderma
Polyporus

■ Edible Mushroom:~

Enoki also known as Enokitake, winter mushrooms, winter fungus, the edible variety of these mushroom is small, shiny white caps attached to thin stems, and is crunchy. These mushrooms are usually used in



East Asian food and cooking. Enokitake mushroom are also called golden needle mushrooms.

■ Poisonous mushroom :m

Mushrooms with white gills are often poisonous. So are those with a ring around the stem and those with a volva. Because the volva is often underground, it's important to dig around the base of a mushroom to look for it. Mushroom with a red colour on the cap or stem are also either poisonous or strongly hallucinogenic.



Poisonous mushrooms, such as Amanita sp. and others, can cause acute fetal liver necrosis. Intoxication by Amanita Phalloides, known as the death cap, is caused by a group of toxins termed toxic cyclopeptides.

■ Why edible mushroom are important :m

Mushroom are edible fungus can provide several important nutrients. Nowadays, mushrooms are popular valuable foods because they are low in calories, carbohydrates, fat, and sodium. Also, they are cholesterol free. Besides, mushrooms provide important nutrients including selenium, potassium, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin D, proteins, and fiber.

■ Nutrient Content of edible mushroom :m

- Amount Per 100 grams.

Calories 22

% Daily value

Total Fat 0.3 gm	0%
Saturated fat 0.1 g	0%
Cholesterol 0 mg	0%
Sodium 5 mg	0%
Potassium 318 mg	9%
Total Carbohydrate 3.3 g	1%

Dietary fiber 1g	4%	Vitamin C	3%
Sugar 2g		Iron	2%
Protein 3.1g	6%	Vitamin B-6	5%
Calcium	0%	Magnesium	2%
Vitamin D	1%	Cobalamin	0%

Percent Dairy values are based on a 2000 Calorie diet. Your daily value may be higher or lower depending on your caloric needs.

Medicinal values of mushroom:~

More than 100 medicinal functions are produced by mushrooms and fungi and the key medicinal uses are antioxidant, anticancer, antidiabetic, antiallergic, immunomodulating, cardiovascular protector, anticholesterolemic, antiviral, antibacterial, antiparasitic, antifungal, detoxification and hepatoprotective effects.

Some references of cultivation of different types of mushroom worldwide:~

The world mushroom industry is dominated by five species: Shiitake (*Lentinula* sp.) (20%), Oyster mushrooms (*Pleurotus* spp.) (19%), wood ear mushroom (*Auricularia* spp.) (17%), Common or white button mushroom (*Agaricus bisporus* (Lange) Imbach) (15%) and Enoki mushrooms (*Flammulina velutipes* (Curtis) Singer) (11%) with China accounting for 87% of total production (Royse et al. 2017). Outside of Asia, *A. bisporus* is the dominant species grown horticultural crop in the Republic of Ireland (Alexander 2015) that was developed in 1980s, the Horst-11 strain varieties.

Types of mushroom cultivation in India:~

There are three sorts of Mushroom that are being cultivated in India, they are button mushroom, straw mushroom and Oyster mushroom. Paddy straw mushrooms can develop in temperatures ranging from 25° to 40°C. Button mushrooms grow at some point of winter. Oyster mushrooms are grown in the northern plains.

■ Cultivation of Mushroom :m

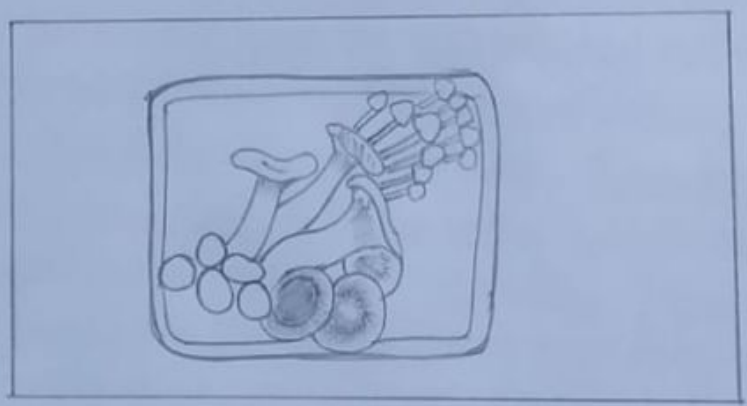
▲ why cultivation of mushroom become popularized/ advantages of mushroom cultivation :m

Mushroom is a popular food due to their special flavour, nutritive value and medicinal Properties. There are many varieties of waste materials that could be used in oyster mushroom cultivation such as crops, corn cob, Peanut hull, Sawdust, Straw, dried mushroom residue, vegetable leaves etc.

▲ Ease of Cultivation :m

Mushroom cultivation is an indoor activity and does not require cultivable land. The relative ease with which mushroom can be mass multiplied on lignocellulosic wastes with minimal water requirement makes them a befitting nutrition source under adverse conditions.

▲ Photos of different types of cultivated mushrooms in other parts of world:



Objective

To Produce Protein-rich food for family Consumption :m

Mushroom is an excellent source of nutrition, tonic, medicine and dietary food items being produced and consumed all over the world. Mushrooms are rich in crude fibre, protein, vitamins, minerals, contain low fat, calories and no starch. They provide carbohydrates of high quality ~~and~~ enhancing the human health.

Mushrooms are considered as substitute for meat and its nutritional value is comparable to several vegetables. It is now considered as an important activity for recycling of agro-waste to provide better nutrition and medicinal attributes to the vegetarian population. Mushroom growing is a potential activity to convert waste into best nutritional food with high protein conversion efficiency.

To Produce herbal, medicinal food at low cost :m

People have used mushrooms medicinally and as food for thousands of years. The oldest written reference to people using mushrooms medicinally is from an Ayurvedic source from 5000 BP. Medicinally mushrooms have an established history of use in traditional oriental medicine. Many traditionally used mushrooms from genera, *Auricularia*, *Flammulina*, *Gravolium*, *Grifola*, *Lentinus*, *Tremetes (Coriolus)* and *Tremella* have been demonstrated to possess significant medical properties. More than 100 medicinal functions are produced by mushrooms and fungi and the key medicinal uses are antioxidant, anticancer, antidiabetic, anti-allergic, immunomodulating, cardiovascular protector, anticholesterol, antihypertensive, antiviral, antibacterial, antiparasitic, antifungal, detoxification and hepatoprotective effects.

To make people aware about the importance of consumption of mushroom :m

Nowadays, mushrooms are popular valuable foods because they are low in calories, carbohydrates, fat and sodium; also, they are cholesterol free. Besides, mushrooms provide important

nutrients, including (Selenium, Potassium, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin D, Proteins and fiber). In other hand there is no requirement of agricultural field and sunlight for its cultivation. The cost of cultivation is nominal. you also don't have to spend a lot of time looking after it. But mushrooms have many benefits so if we can grow mushroom in our garden with a little care, then what is bad! It is now popular all over the world due to their delicious food quality. But even today there is very little awareness and publicity about the benefits of eating mushrooms in this country.

■ To get trained to become self-employed by cultivating mushroom at Pilot or Commercial Scale: m

Starting a Mushroom Farming Business in 6 Easy Steps Growing Oyster Mushrooms.

1. Get your spawn and substrate. you'll need a spawn to start the culture.
2. Prepare the substrate. First, chop the straws into short pieces.
3. Pack the plastic bags.
4. Incubation.
5. Fruiting.
6. Harvest.

In around one square meter of mycelium, we can grow 30 kg of mushrooms. In order to produce 1 kg of mushroom 2.2 kg dry substrate materials are required.

■ To encourage empowerment of women and unempLOYed youth (especially from rural areas): m

Mushroom cultivation - A women Friendly Profession. Mushroom growing is one of the agricultural activity in which women can play a vital role without sacrificing their household responsibilities. Mushroom cultivation is simple, low cost, and suitable for rural areas. It is labour intensive and provide employment in both the semi-urban and rural areas. Mushroom

Materials and Methods

Materials:

Mushroom Strains:

Spores of *Pleurotus sajor-caju* or *P. Ostreatus* or *P. Florida*, *Agaricus bisporus*, *Volvariella volvacea* (as applicable) Procured from Commercial Cultivar.

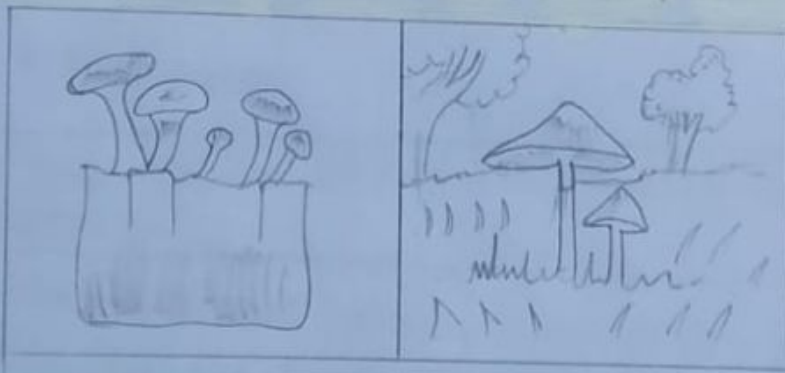
Substrate:

Paddy straws collected from farmers of nearby villages.

Methods:

Mushroom bed preparation by (Photos of different types of beds):

Soak the straw bundles in water for 12-18 hr. Place the bundles over the platform with their butt end on one side. Place the small quantity of spawn 8-12 cm inside the margin at an interval of 10-15 cm all along the periphery. Apply a spoonful of coarsely powdered dhal powder before placing spawn.



Polythene bag/tray method for oyster mushroom:

Spawn can be mixed thoroughly or mixed in layers. Spaced substrates can be filled in polythene bags (60x45 cm) of 125-150 gauze thickness. Ten to 15 small holes (0.5-1.0 cm dia) should be made on all sides especially two to four holes in the bottom to leach out excess water.

• Compost preparation for button mushroom:~

Mushroom should be grown on an artificially prepared substrate called 'compost', and is prepared by two methods, viz, long method and short method. The compost preparation by short method is relatively more expensive and technical, and therefore, may not be economical for seasonal growers. The long method of compost preparation is most suitable for seasonal growers.

• Compost Preparation by Long method

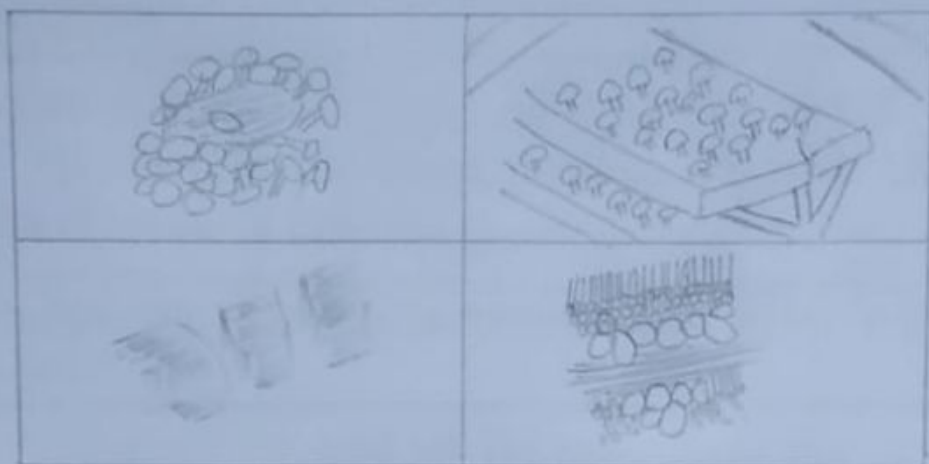
Ingredients

• wheat straws	300 kg
or	
Paddy straws	400 kg
• Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	9 kg
• Urea	3 kg
• Muriate of Potash	3 kg
• Single Superphosphate	3 kg
• wheat bran	15 kg
• Gypsum	30 kg
• BHC or Lindane Dust (5%)	250 gms
• Molasses	5 kg.

• Cris-Cross method of bed preparation for paddy straws mushroom:~

Soak the straws bundles in water for 12-18 hr. Place the bundles over the platform with their butt end on one side. Place a small quantity of spawn 8-12 cm inside the margin at an interval of 10-15 cm along the periphery. Apply a spoonful of coarse powdered dhal powder before placing spawn.

Temperature and other favourable conditions for each type of mushrooms



Most mushroom farmers harvest for 35 to 42 days, although some harvest a crop for 60 days, and harvest can go on for as long as 150 days. Air temperature during cropping should be held between 57° to 62° F for good results.

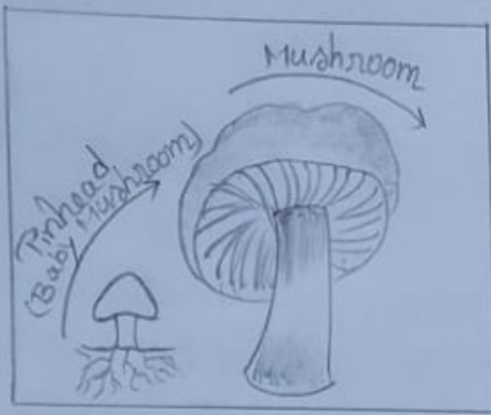
Mushrooms, like all fungi, thrive in moist environments. Button mushrooms need moist growing media such as compost or manure. Shiitake mushroom logs should be kept at a moisture level from 35 to 45%, which requires soaking for 48 hours in the event the logs become dry.

Results

- Mushroom pin-heads appear on the beds after 12-15 days of spawning :-

Spawn run takes place after 12-15 days of spawning and dark brown compost turns whitish. At this stage, application of casing soil is essential for fruiting.

- Pin headed mushrooms become mature after 7-10 days more :-



Not all the pins from the mycelium colony will grow, most of them will stop growing. This makes it easier to 'pin' point the healthy pins that will eventually sprout into full-grown mushrooms, where a new mushroom life cycle will begin.

- Full bloom mushrooms harvested by twisting method :-

The mature fruiting bodies should be carefully separated from the beds/substrate by lifting and shaking slightly left or right and then twisting them off.

- Mushroom collected upto 3rd flush :-

During the 3rd flush mushrooms take most of their water from the compost. Excess water in the casing soil doesn't have to be evaporated then. Only sprinkle after the second flush if the casing soil appears fresh and the mycelium is vigorous.

Mushroom cultivation consists of 5 Phases

Establishment of fruiting culture

1. Growing out a chosen mushroom culture on an agar filled Petri dish.
2. Transferring the mushroom culture (known as mycelium) onto sterilized grain.
3. Expanding the grain jar exponentially to create grain spawn.
4. Spawning the grain into a suitable substrate and fruiting container.

Spawn/Seed/Inoculum preparation

In the spawn-production process, mycelium from a mushroom culture is placed onto steam sterilized grain, and in time the mycelium completely grows through the grain. This grain/mycelium mixture is called spawn, and spawn is used to "seed" mushroom compost.

Compost preparation

It is the product of a fermentation process brought out by a number of mesophilic and thermophilic and thermophilic microorganisms that decompose plant residues and other organic and inorganic matters. The quality of compost influences the yield of mushroom. Compost prepared out of horse manure and wheat straw is ideal one.

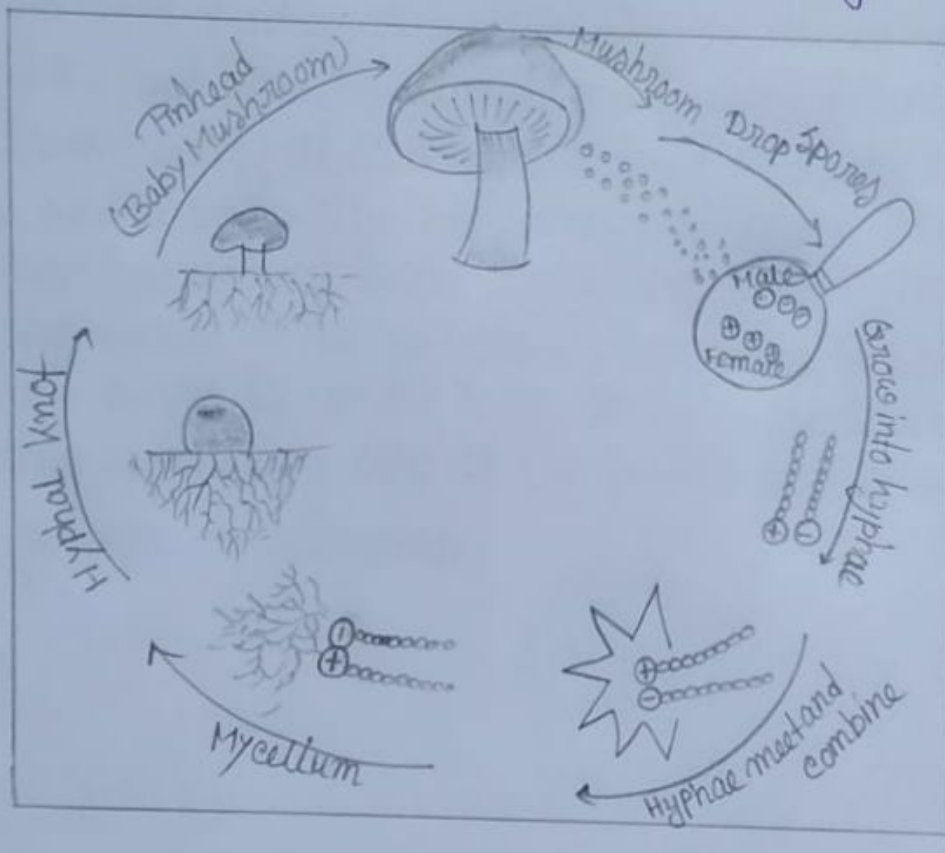
Spawn running:

After spawning, come spawn-run or the stage where the spawn or the mycelium is allowed to grow through the substrate. Thus, as the mycelium develops, the substrate starts to break down and becomes available to the growing mycelium. This period is also called the

vegetative growth or incubation.

Mushroom development

A mushroom develops from a nodule, or pinhead, less than two millimeters in diameter, called a primordium which is typically found on or near the surface of the substrate. It is formed within the mycelium, the mass of threadlike hyphae that make up the fungus.



❁❁ Conclution ❁❁

As we know cultivation of mushrooms and in particular the tropical mushrooms is the easiest way of agro-waste utilization in the shortest possible duration with an additional advantage of producing a quality food, possessing good proportion of essential amino acids, elements, fibre, ash and fatty acids. The additional advantage with Paddy straw mushroom is, its shorter life cycle, fast growth, simple cultivation technique and high acceptability at consumers' level because of its unique texture and aroma. The bottle-neck of lower biological efficiency has almost been sorted out after bringing in of the cotton waste as the substrate, however, much more research work is needed to be done for developing suitable processing technology like of the button and other commercially grown mushrooms.

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