A.3. Diseases
A.3.1. **Blast** (*Pyricularia grisea*)

**Description:** The disease caused by fungal infection.

**Leaf blast:** An infected leaf has diamond-shaped or elliptical or spindle-shaped spots with gray or white centers and brown margins. The spots may merge leading to a complete drying of the infected leaf.

**Collar blast:** Lesion is located at the junction of the leaf blade and leaf sheath and can kill the entire leaf.

**Node blast:** The infected node rots causing all above parts to die.

**Panicle blast:** The infected panicle turns white and dies before being filled with grain.

**Neck blast:** Symptoms appear at the base of the panicle. Infected panicles appear white and are partly or completely unfilled. The whitehead symptoms can easily be confused with a stem borer attack which also results in a white and dead panicle.

**Factor favoring disease development:**
- Infested or diseased seeds.
- Excessive use of nitrogen.
- Poor air flow and poor sunlight penetration.
- Rainy days with high humidity.
- Cloudy skies, frequent rain, and drizzles.

**Host plant:** Specific to rice.
A.3.2. Leaf Blight (*Xanthomonas oryzae pv. oryzae*)

**Description:**
The disease is caused by the bacterial pathogen. An infected leaf has yellow water soaked lesions at the margin of its leaf blade. The lesions run parallel along the leaf and when they join together may cover the whole leaf. Bacterial discharge appears on young lesion early in the morning that looks like a milky dewdrop. As the disease progresses, the leaf dries-up with white lesions and the leaf blade has wavy margins.

**Damage:** Yellowing and drying of leaves.

**Factor favoring disease development:**
- Presence of weeds.
- Presence of rice stubbles of infected plants.
- Presence of bacteria in the rice paddy and irrigation canals.
- Warm temperature, high humidity, rain and deep water.
- Over fertilization.

**Host plan:**
Rice and others.
A.3.3. Leaf Streak (*Xanthomonas oryzae pv. oryzicola*)

**Description:**
The disease is caused by bacterial pathogen. Initial symptoms are dark-green and water-soaked streaks on interveins from tillering to booting stage. Streaks later enlarge to become yellowish gray and translucent. Bacterial exudates on surface of lesions. Lesions turn brown to grayish white then dry.

**Damage:**
- Browning and drying of leaves.
- Reducing yield under severe condition.

**Factors favoring disease development:**
- Presence of the bacteria on leaves and in the water or those surviving in the debris left after harvest.
- High temperature and high humidity.

**Host plant:** Species of Oryza.
A.3.4. Tungro

**Description:** Tungro virus disease is transmitted by leafhoppers, wherein the most efficient vector is the green leafhopper.
- Discoloration begins from leaf tip and extends down to the blade or the lower leaf portion.
- Infected leaves may also show mottled or striped appearance – stunting.
- Reduced tillering.
- Delayed flowering, which may delay maturity.
- Panicles are small and not completely exserted.
- Most panicles are sterile or partially filled with grains and covered with dark brown blotches.

**Damage:**
- Reduce tillering.
- Delay flowering and maturity.

**Factor favoring disease development:**
- Presence of the virus sources.
- Presence of the vector.
- Age and susceptibility of host plants.

**Host plants:** Rice and others.
A.3.5. Rice Grassy Stunt Virus

**Description:** Transmitted by Brown Planthopper. The symptom develops in 10-20 days after infection. The main symptoms of infected plant are:
- Stunting.
- Excessive tillering.
- Very upright growth habit.
- Leaves which are short, narrow, and yellowish green.
- Small rusty spots or patches.
- Infected plants usually survive until maturity.

**Damage:** No panicles have been produced by infected plants.

**Factor favoring disease development:**
Presence of brown planthopper.

**Host plants:** The disease found only on rice crop.

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Picture 113: Infected plant.

Picture 114: Infected and healthy plants.
Rice Ragged Stunt Virus

**Description:** The disease is transmitted only by Brown Planthopper. The infected plants are:
- Stunting during early growth stages of the crop.
- Leaves which are short and dark green with serrated edges.
- Leaf blades are twisted at the apex or base.
- Galls are caused by swollen phloem cells and developed on the leaf blades and sheaths.
- Leaf edges are uneven and the twisting gives the leaves a ragged appearance.
- Ragged portions of the leaves are yellow to yellow-brown.
- Flag leaves are twisted, malformed, and shortened at booting stage.
- Flowering is delayed.
- Incomplete panicle emergence.

**Damage:** Partially exserted panicles and unfilled grains.

**Factor favoring disease development:**
Presence of the vector and the host.

**Host plants:** Rice and others.
A.3.7. Sheath Rot  
(Sarocladium oryzae)

**Description:**
The disease is caused by fungus pathogen and presents:
- Irregular spots or lesions, with dark reddish brown margins and gray center.
- Discoloration in the sheath.
- Lesions enlarge and often coalesce and may cover the entire leaf sheath.
- Severe infection causes entire or parts of young panicles to remain within the sheath.
- Unemerged panicles rot and florets turn red-brown to dark brown.
- Whitish powdery growth inside the affected sheaths and young panicles.
- Infected panicles that are sterile, shrunken, or partially filled with grains.

**Factors favoring disease development:**
- Associated with insect injury.
- High amount of nitrogen.
- High relative humidity.
- Dense crop growth.
- Temperature from 20 to 28° C.

**Host plants:** Rice, maize and others.

**Damage:**
- Development of spots or lesions.
- Unfilled and discolored panicles.
A.3.8. Sheath Blight \textit{(Rhizoctonia solani)}

**Description:**
The disease is caused by the fungal pathogen. The initial symptoms usually develop as lesion on sheath leaf, just below the leaf collar as oval-to-elliptical, green-gray, water-soaked spots. The lesions expand and the center of the lesions may become bleached with an irregular tan-to-brown border. The infection spreads to upper part of plant, including leaf blade, causing extensive, tan, irregularly shaped lesions with brown borders. The lesion will turn dark brown at maturity.

**Damage:**
- Formation of lesions.
- Production of empty grains.

**Factors favoring disease development:**
- Presence of the disease in the soil.
- High humidity.
- Temperature from 28-32 °C.
- High levels of nitrogen fertilizer.
- Presence of irrigation water.

**Host plants:**
Citrus, chili, groundnut, crucifers, soybean, cotton, rice, lettuce, maize, potatoes and others.
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B.1.1. Leaf

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