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Effect of integrated nutrient management on soil health of pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.) Orchard

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Abstract

The present investigation entitled “Studies on Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management on Soil Health, Disease Resistance and Nutrition of Pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.) Orchards” was carried out during the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 on the research farm of College of Agriculture, Golegaon, Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani. The experiment was planned in randomized block design with seven treatments i. e. T₁- Absolute Control, T₂- Farmer’s Practices (½ RDF), T₃- RDF (625:250:250 g N, P₂O₅, K₂O tree⁻¹), T₄- INM (15 kg FYM + 8 ml *Azotobacter*, 8 ml PSB, 100 g *Trichoderma* + RDF), T₅- RDF + Antibiotics (Streptocycline @ 250 ppm), T₆- T₄ + Antibiotics, T₇- T₄ + UMBER (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridised Soil (URHS @ 25 kg per tree) and four replications.

The result revealed that soil pH, EC, organic carbon and calcium carbonate content were improved due to application of FYM @ 15 kg, *Azotobacter* @ 8 ml per tree, PSB @ 8 ml per tree and *Trichoderma* @ 100 g per tree, 625:250:250 g N, P₂O₅ and K₂O per tree and 25 kg URHS (T₇). Soil pH, EC and calcium carbonate content were not reached to the significance level. The highest organic carbon content was recorded in surface and subsurface soil, due to application of treatment T₇ at flowering. Also the same treatment registered maximum available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium at flowering and harvesting at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, which was superior over all the treatments. In case of available N and P treatment T₇ remains at par with treatment T₆ receiving FYM @ 15 kg, *Azotobacter* @ 8 ml per tree, PSB @ 8 ml per tree and *Trichoderma* @ 100 g per tree, 625:250:250 g N, P₂O₅ and K₂O per tree and Streptocycline @ 250 ppm

Keywords: Organic carbon, available N, P, K, umber (*Ficus racemosa*) rhizosphere hybridised soil and pomegranate

Introduction

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.) belongs to family ‘Punicaceae’ and is native to Iran but extensively cultivated in Mediterranean region especially in Spain, Morocco, Egypt and Afghanistan. It is also grown in Burma, China, Japan, USA, Russia, Bulgaria and Southern Italy. In India it is cultivated over an area of 246.00 thousand hectare with a production of 2865.00 thousand MT (NHB, 2018-19). Amongst different states growing pomegranate, Maharashtra is the largest producer with a total area of 147.91 thousand hectare and production of 1789.47 thousand MT followed by Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan (Horticulture Statistics Division, 2018). The continuous and excess use of chemical fertilizers beyond the recommended dose has degraded the soil health in terms of fertility and has also caused soil pollution. The reduction in the soil fertility has resulted in low productivity of the crop. Besides, the increasing cost of fertilizers and their negative effect on soil health has led to intensified attempts to the use of bio-fertilizers and organic matter along with inorganic fertilizers. The integrated nutrient management infuses long term sustainability in the productivity level because of availability of nutrients in soil for next season crop. Incorporation of organic fertilizers is a common practice to improve the yield of many fruit crops. It also limits chemical intervention and finally minimizes the negative impact on the wider environment.

Materials and Methods

The experimental soil is dominated with smectite clays particularly montmorillonite mixed with chlorite, albite and quartz. The domination of montmorillonite leads to deep cracks on drying and expansion on wetting due to high coefficient of expansion and shrinkage. The soils are derived from basaltic trap parent material and according to USDA soil taxonomy it falls under mixed montmorillonitic hyperthermic typic haplusterts (Malewar, 1977). The soil samples were collected from the selected pomegranate orchards within the canopy at 0.5 m

away from tree trunk at the depth of 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm of each tree for estimation of different nutrients in order to know the soil nutrient status of the orchard soil. The soil samples were collected at flowering and after harvesting of pomegranate. The soil samples were analyzed by adopting standard procedures and methods and all the data were subjected to analysis of variance.

Results

Effect of INM on physico-chemical properties of pomegranate orchard soil

Soil pH

The initial pH of pomegranate growing soil was 7.96 and 7.93 at 0-22.5 cm depth while, 8.22 and 8.20 at 22.5-45 cm depth during 2017-18 and 2018-19 (Table 1). Soil pH was increased from flowering to harvesting. At flowering, soil pH was varied from 7.62 to 7.95 and 8.08 to 8.21 at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. While at harvesting, it was varied from 7.64 to 7.97 and 8.09 to 8.22 at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. Soil pH was recorded low and high values with treatment T₇ (INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) + Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere hybridized soil) and T₁ (absolute control), respectively at flowering and harvesting stage of pomegranate. The pH found to be increased at lower depth of pomegranate soil.

Electrical conductivity

The initial electrical conductivity of pomegranate orchard soils during 2017-2018 and 2018-19 were 0.25 and 0.23 dSm⁻¹ at 0-22.5 cm while, 0.32 and 0.28 dSm⁻¹ at 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively (Table 1). EC was not reach to the significant level in both the years of experimentation and in pooled. Minimum soil electrical conductivity was recorded with treatment T₇ - INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) + Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere hybridized soil at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively in both growth stages. Maximum soil electrical conductivity was recorded at flowering (0.34 dSm⁻¹) and harvesting (0.44 dSm⁻¹).

Organic carbon

It is one of the most effective soil property in context of soil properties and crop growth. In present study the organic carbon content was decreased from initial stage to harvesting (Table 2 and Fig. 1). In the treatments, devoid of RDF and FYM i.e. absolute control. However, the highest organic carbon content was recorded in surface and subsurface soil, due to application of treatment T₇ [INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) + Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere hybridized soil]. Further, it was very clear that the organic carbon content was increased in orchard soil at flowering and after harvest of pomegranate than the initial organic carbon of orchard soil (5.06 and 4.51 g kg⁻¹).

Calcium carbonate

The data (Table 2) showed that CaCO₃ content varied from 61.3 to 79.3 and 59.1 to 79.6 g kg⁻¹ with an average content 70.3 and 69.4 g kg⁻¹ at flowering and harvesting, respectively during 2017-18 and 2018-19. It is decreased from flowering to harvesting and increased with depth. Application of treatment T₇ - INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) + Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere hybridized soil showed numerical decrease in CaCO₃ content.

Effect of INM on available macro nutrients of pomegranate orchard soil

Available nitrogen

The available nitrogen was gradually increased from flowering to harvesting and decreased with depth (Table 3). Significantly maximum available nitrogen was noted at flowering (220.75 and 208.78 kg ha⁻¹) and harvesting (214.79 and 201.46 kg ha⁻¹) at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively with application of INM (compost + solubilizers + RDF) along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) rhizosphere hybridized soil (T₇). Which was at par with treatments T₆ - INM (compost + solubilizers + RDF) + Antibiotics (214.31 and 199.69 kg ha⁻¹), T₅ - Antibiotics (Streptocycline) + RDF (210.84 and 190.87 kg ha⁻¹) and T₄ - INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) (207.84; 181.61 kg ha⁻¹) at flowering at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. After harvesting of pomegranate, treatment T₆ followed by treatments T₇ and T₅ at 0-22.5 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. The available nitrogen was noted minimum with treatment T₁ (absolute control) at both depths i. e. 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm. Further, data showed that there was increase in available N in orchard soil as that of initial available N content of soil.

Available phosphorus

It is seen that (Table 3) available phosphorus of pomegranate orchard soil was decreased slowly from flowering to harvesting stage of pomegranate. Application of INM (compost + solubilizers + RDF) along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridized Soil (T₇) registered maximum available phosphorus at flowering and harvesting at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, which was superior over all the treatments. However, minimum available phosphorus was registered at absolute control (T₁) i.e 19.87 and 17.24 kg ha⁻¹ at flowering and 17.78 and 15.85 kg ha⁻¹ at harvesting at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. Further, data indicated that the available P₂O₅ in soil was improved over initial soil P content.

Available potassium

The available potassium of pomegranate orchard soil was decreased from flowering to harvesting of pomegranate with depth (Table 3). Application of INM (compost + solubilizers + RDF) along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridized Soil (T₇) recorded maximum available potassium at flowering (1045.58 and 1037.40 kg ha⁻¹) and harvesting (1029.60 and 1013.44 kg ha⁻¹) over rest of the treatments and remains at par with treatment T₆ [INM (Compost + Solubilizers + RDF) + Antibiotics] with values 988.98 and 963.16 kg ha⁻¹ at flowering and 961.63 and 955.84 kg ha⁻¹ at harvesting with 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. Nevertheless, minimum available potassium was recorded 866.33 and 827.24 kg ha⁻¹ at flowering and 814.11 and 630.10 kg ha⁻¹ at harvesting with treatment T₁ (absolute control) at 0-22.5 and 22.5-45 cm depth, respectively. Further, data indicated that the available K₂O in soil was increased at both the growth stages than the initial soil sample.

Discussion

The results regarding pH, EC, organic carbon and calcium carbonate content revealed that there was overall improvement in these properties of soil due to application of Umber rhizosphere soil along with FYM, solubilizers and

RDF. Decrease in alkaline pH, reduction in salt concentration, increase in organic carbon content and reduction in calcareousness of soil are the positive effects recorded and in turn making a soil healthy for pomegranate growth. These results are in accordance with the results of Cheke *et al.* (2016) [4] in sweet orange. Pandey and Palni (2007) [11] reported decrease in the pH of rhizosphere soil over the corresponding non rhizosphere soil. The reasons assigned for decrease in pH are root exudation, increased microbial activity and release of H⁺ ions by roots during nutrient uptake (Wang and Zabowski, 1998) [17]. Mir *et al.* (2013) [10] reported that conjoint application of organic manure and mineral fertilizers changed soil pH towards neutral range in pomegranate orchard soil. In general, organic sources have tendency bring the soil towards neutral pH. The maximum reduction of soil pH, EC were recorded with application of FYM + 100% NPK + *Azotobacter* + PSB (Srivastava *et al.*, 2014) [14]. It might be due to the production of acidity with fertilizer application and organic acid from FYM decomposition, resulted reduction in these parameters.

Bielinska (2008) [3] proved that the amount of organic carbon released by plants to the rhizosphere can amount to 40% of the total dry mass produced lower soil temperature below the tree species further reduce the oxidation rate of organic matter and hence organic matter get build up. Dutta *et al.* (2016) [7] further showed that vermicompost or FYM-treated soil gave maximum content of organic carbon followed by biofertilizer-treated soil in mango orchard. The increase in organic carbon of soil may be due to the addition of organic matter through organic manure and microbes and recycling of organic materials in the form of crop residue, which brings the soil pH nearer to neutral and increases the nutrient availability. These results are in close conformity with earlier findings of Dutta and Kundu, 2012 [6]. The calcium carbonate content tends to decrease with application of organic matter (Patil, 1997) [12] and stressed that rather application of high doses of organic matter is the only way to mitigate the detrimental effect of high calcium carbonate on plant growth.

The results (Table 3) clearly indicated that there was increase in available N and P content due to application of various inputs like fertilizers, FYM, nutrient solubilizers and Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridized Soil.

These results are similar to the findings of Mir *et al.* (2013) [10]. They reported that the conjoint application of VC₂₀ + B₈₀ + FYM₂₀ + GM + RDF (T₂₀) recorded significantly higher available N contents in pomegranate orchard. Increased availability of N and P with the application of bio-organics could be attributed to the greater

multiplication of microbes which converted organically bound N to organic form. Shivakumar *et al.* (2012) [13] reported similar result in papaya. Similarly, Cheke *et al.* (2018) [5] found that Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) rhizosphere soil shows very high available N content in sweet orange orchard

soils. Bardgett *et al.* (1999) [2] observed microbial communities nutrient recycling and nitrogen availability to the plant markedly differ in soils planted with different plants. They explained these differences largely in terms of variations in exudation pattern and plant nutrient acquisition strategies. Available P content improved with application of compost + solubilizers + RDF along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridized Soil in pomegranate orchard. These results are in agreement with those reported by Tandel *et al.* (2017) [15] that available phosphorus in soil after harvest of papaya were significantly influenced by bio-compost, vermicompost, castor cake and inorganic fertilizer. Soil microbes from rhizosphere soil enhanced phosphorus activities that mobilizes sparingly the available nutrient sources and ectozymes resulting in improve phosphorus uptake. The mechanism involved in solubilizing phosphorus was due to acid production and enzyme activities viz., dehydrogenase, phosphate and urenase activities. Thus, due to transport of solubilized phosphorus through hyphae to roots led to an efficient increase in phosphorus. The higher availability of phosphorus might be due to the production of organic acids by phosphorus solubilising bacteria which acts as a chelating agent and forms stable complexes with Fe and Al abundantly available in acid soils and thereby releasing phosphorus to the soil solution making it available for more uptake by the plant.

Application of compost + solubilizers + RDF along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) rhizosphere hybridized soil improved available K in pomegranate orchard. It might be due to increased microbial activities in rhizosphere soil have resulted in greater uptake of potassium in plant due to the solubilization action of certain organic acids produced during decomposition of organic manure and its greater capacity to hold K in available form in soil (Kuttimani *et al.*, 2013) [9]. Vanilarasu and Balakrishnamurthy (2014) [16] observed that available potassium recorded maximum with combined application of organic manures, amendments and green manures. Similarly, Srivastava *et al.* (2014) [14] revealed that the maximum K content of soil was recorded with application of FYM + 100% NPK + *Azotobacter* + PSB at the depth of 0-15 and 15-30 cm in papaya. Addition of organic manures like FYM or vermicompost along with inorganic fertilizers had a beneficial effect on increasing K availability (Satisha *et al.*, 2014).

Cheke *et al.*, (2016) [4] reported that Umber rhizosphere soil recorded maximum content of available N, P and K in sweet orange growing soil.

On similar lines, Hadole *et al.* (2015) observed that available N (257.53 kg ha⁻¹), P₂O₅ (26.86 kg ha⁻¹) and K₂O (542 kg ha⁻¹) of Nagpur mandarin orchard soil were improved with RDF (100% RDF + VAM 500 g/plant) + PSB (100 g/plant) + *Azospirillum* (100 g/plant).

Table 1: Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management on soil pH and Electrical conductivity (EC) of pomegranate orchard soil

Treatments	Soil pH				EC(dSm ⁻¹)			
	Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm		Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm	
	F	H	F	H	F	H	F	H
T ₁ : Absolute Control	7.95	7.97	8.21	8.22	0.31	0.41	0.37	0.46
T ₂ : Farmer's practices (1/2 RDF)	7.87	7.89	8.19	8.19	0.30	0.40	0.36	0.42
T ₃ : RDF(625:250:250 g N, P ₂ O ₅ , K ₂ O tree ⁻¹)	7.86	7.88	8.17	8.19	0.28	0.39	0.35	0.41
T ₄ : INM (FYM + Solubilizers + RDF)	7.80	7.82	8.18	8.20	0.26	0.37	0.33	0.40
T ₅ : RDF + Antibiotics (Streptocycline)	7.68	7.69	8.16	8.17	0.26	0.37	0.32	0.38
T ₆ : T ₄ + Antibiotics	7.67	7.69	8.11	8.13	0.25	0.36	0.31	0.36

T7: T4 + Umber (<i>Ficus racemosa</i>) Rhizosphere Hybridised Soil (URHS)	7.62	7.64	8.08	8.09	0.25	0.32	0.31	0.34
Average	7.78	7.79	8.16	8.17	0.27	0.37	0.33	0.40
S.Em.±	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06
CD at 5%	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Initial value	7.95	7.95	8.21	8.21	0.24	8.24	0.30	0.30

F- Flowering
H- Harvesting

Table 2; Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management on organic carbon and calcium carbonate of pomegranate orchard soil

Treatments	Organic Carbon (g kg ⁻¹)				CaCO ₃ (g kg ⁻¹)			
	Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm		Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm	
	F	H	F	H	F	H	F	H
T1: Absolute Control	5.05	5.04	4.53	4.49	75.8	75.8	79.6	79.6
T2: Farmer's practices (1/2 RDF)	5.13	5.09	4.73	4.55	75.3	72.4	79.4	75.6
T3: RDF(625:250:250 g N, P ₂ O ₅ , K ₂ O tree ⁻¹)	5.28	5.19	4.90	4.71	74.4	71.0	78.3	73.3
T4: INM (FYM + Solubilizers + RDF)	5.58	5.33	5.33	4.82	71.1	68.9	76.3	71.5
T5: RDF + Antibiotics (Streptocycline)	6.20	5.94	6.10	5.11	65.6	66.3	72.8	69.6
T6: T4 + Antibiotics	7.50	6.73	7.39	6.81	62.8	62.3	69.8	68.3
T7: T4 + Umber (<i>Ficus racemosa</i>) Rhizosphere Hybridised Soil (URHS)	8.03	7.74	7.75	7.39	61.3	59.1	67.3	62.1
Average	6.11	5.87	5.82	5.40	69.5	68.0	74.8	71.4
S.Em.±	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.42	0.44	0.42	0.37
CD at 5%	0.04	0.09	0.04	0.04	NS	NS	NS	NS
Initial value	5.08	5.08	4.51	0.51	7.56	7.56	7.95	7.95

F- Flowering
H- Harvesting

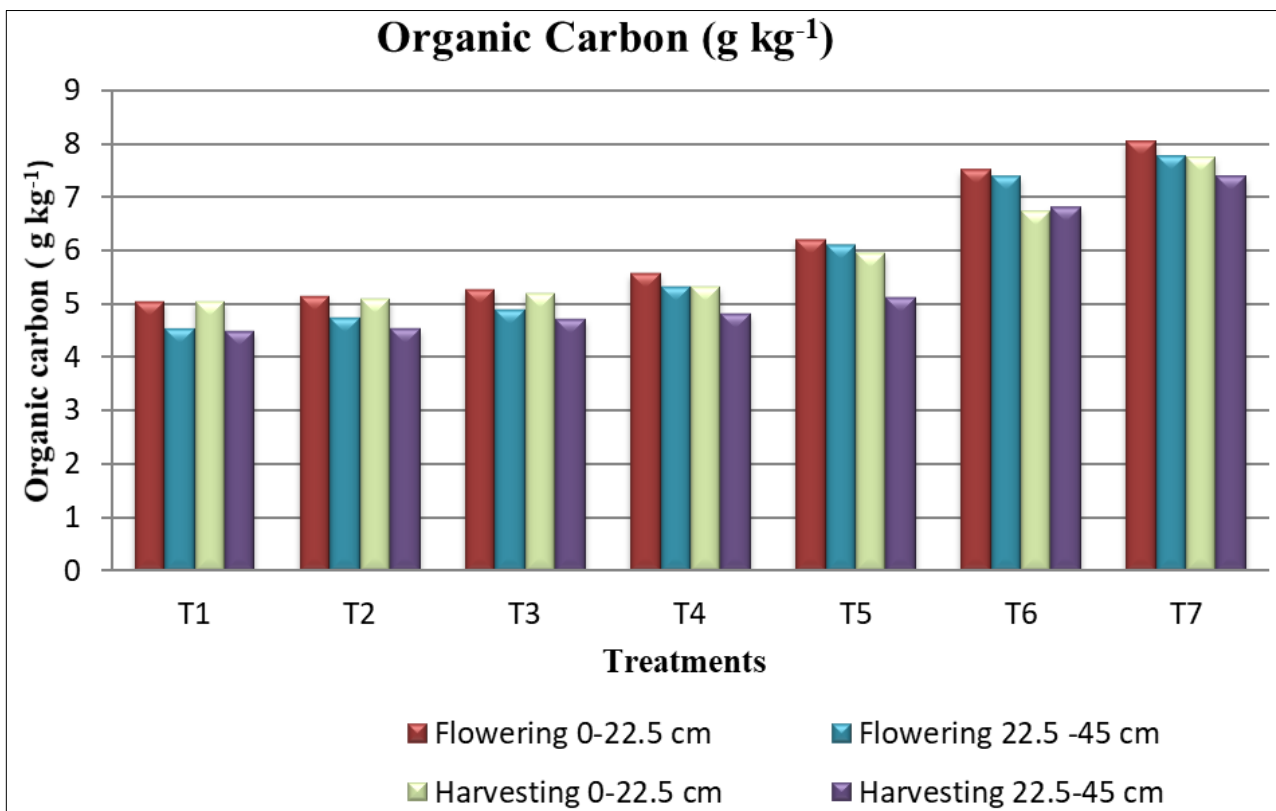


Fig 1: Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management on organic carbon content of pomegranate orchard soil

Table 3: Effect of Integrated Nutrient Management on available N, P and K of pomegranate orchard soil

Treatments	Available N (kg ha ⁻¹)				Available P ₂ O ₅ (kg ha ⁻¹)				Available K ₂ O (kg ha ⁻¹)			
	Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm		Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm		Depth 0-22.5 cm		Depth 22.5- 45 cm	
	F	H	F	H	F	H	F	H	F	H	F	H
T1	178.94	176.05	152.38	149.33	19.87	17.78	17.24	15.85	866.33	814.11	827.24	630.10
T2	191.88	181.61	174.05	169.46	21.12	19.28	17.90	17.12	902.72	829.75	850.22	702.23
T3	197.70	189.49	177.85	175.57	22.45	20.85	18.81	18.06	920.25	852.60	888.61	710.67
T4	207.84	200.61	181.61	177.90	23.99	21.56	20.26	19.39	931.80	869.98	920.11	719.42

T ₅	210.84	205.98	190.87	181.60	25.77	23.09	22.84	22.01	949.19	902.13	935.66	736.22
T ₆	214.31	209.83	199.69	186.81	27.64	24.82	25.07	24.55	988.98	961.63	963.16	955.84
T ₇	220.75	214.79	208.78	201.46	30.56	27.43	28.74	26.66	1045.58	1029.60	1037.40	1013.44
Average	203.18	196.91	183.60	177.45	24.48	22.12	21.55	20.52	943.55	894.26	917.49	781.13
S.Em.±	5.08	4.61	7.06	3.97	0.62	0.57	0.49	0.64	20.19	24.08	25.97	24.09
CD at 5%	14.58	13.24	24.43	11.39	1.78	1.64	1.41	1.82	57.96	69.12	74.55	69.14
Initial value	177.3	177.3	153.07	153.07	18.83	18.83	17.71	8.76	869.38	869.38	825.26	825.26

F- Flowering

H- Harvesting

Conclusion

Application of INM (FYM @ 15 kg, *Azotobacter* @ 8 ml per tree, PSB @ 8 ml per tree and *Trichoderma* @ 100 g per tree, 625:250:250 g N, P₂O₅ and K₂O per tree) along with Umber (*Ficus racemosa*) Rhizosphere Hybridised Soil (URHS) @ 25 kg showed gradual decrease in soil pH, EC and CaCO₃ while, increase in organic carbon content at flowering and harvesting at surface and subsurface. Soil fertility status (available N, P and K) improved significantly with combine application of INM practices.

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