

**RESEARCH ARTICLE**

# A new record on sheath blight disease of finger millet from Uttarakhand, India

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## **SUMMARY**

Sheath blight, a new disease of finger millet appeared in Kotabagh, Nainital, situated in hills of Uttarakhand. Wide spread occurrence of this disease in this region can have alarming consequences as it causes serious yield loss. This could adversely affect the livelihood of marginal farmers of Uttarakhand. The causal agent was identified as *Rhizoctonia solani* Kuhn. The pathogenicity of the fungus was established by artificial inoculation on healthy plants.

**Key Words :** Finger millet, Small millet, Sheath blight, *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Eleusine coracana*

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