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A REVIEW

Diversity in Mushrooms

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Abstract: This review paper present literature about the types and diversity of mushrooms which belong to a class of basidiomycetes of fungi. Mushrooms are spongy, fleshy, umbrella like structures which grow above the ground in dark and damp environment. The global production of mushrooms is 34 million tons out of which larger share is of china while in India Utter Pradesh is leading in mushroom production. Mushrooms had a history of being used as medicine and due to this, it is in high pharmaceutical demand now a days. Apart from edible and medicinal mushrooms which have high nutrient value there are mushrooms which are toxic in nature and are not safe for consumption.

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