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## Influence of season and spacing on the growth performance of ambrette (*Abelmoschus moschatus* Medic.)

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**ABSTRACT :** An investigation was undertaken to study the influence of season and spacing on the growth performance of ambrette (*Abelmoschus moschatus* Medic.). The field experiment was conducted in two seasons *viz.*, January to June (season I) and July to December (season II) with five spacing levels ( $T_1 - 60 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ ;  $T_2 - 60 \text{ cm} \times 45 \text{ cm}$ ;  $T_3 - 60 \text{ cm} \times 60 \text{ cm}$ ;  $T_4 - 75 \text{ cm} \times 60 \text{ cm}$ ;  $T_5 - 75 \text{ cm} \times 75 \text{ cm}$ ). The design followed was Randomized Block Design with four replications. The observations regarding plant height, number of branches, stem girth, internodal length, number of leaves and leaf area were recorded and analysed statistically. The results revealed that the seeds sown during July to December (season II) with a spacing of 60 cm  $\times 60 \text{ cm} \times 60 \text{$ 

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