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## First report of Leaf spot of Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera* Dunal) caused by *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* from West Bengal, India

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Aswagandha (*Withania somnifera* Dunal) suffers from many fungal diseases which include damping off and seedling blight caused by *Alternaria alternata*; leaf blight and die back caused by *Alternaria alternata*; leaf spot caused by *Myrothecium roridum*; wet rot caused by *Choanephora cucurbitarum*. During fixed plot survey a new disease was observed and after studying morphometric characters of the pathogen and identification of the pathogen upto species level the pathogen was identified as *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* by National Center of Fungal Taxonomy, Inderpuri, near Pusa Institute, New Delhi 110012. This is the first report of *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* on *Withania somnifera* Dunal.

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