

## Models for forecasting Incidence of Thrips in Jabalpur District of Madhya Pradesh

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### ABSTRACT:

This study was to describe the applicability of correlation, multiple regression procedure, ANOVA and t-test have been applied to raw data of incidence of average thrips' population on garlic crop. The data was collected from the Department of Entomology, J.N.K.V.V., Jabalpur (M.P.) in Kharif season 2011-12, 6 transplanting dates (1<sup>st</sup> November 2012, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012). The multiple regression procedure has been applied to study the pattern of seasonal fluctuations of garlic thrips through prediction models at different transplanting periods. Maximum temperature, vapor pressure, relative humidity, wind speed, evaporation and rainfall played an important role for governing the garlic thrips population at different of transplanting dates.

At On 1<sup>st</sup> November Trans planting date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with maximum temperature and evaporation while the other correlations were found to be non-significant. ANOVA was showing a combination of X<sub>1</sub> (Maximum Temperature) and X<sub>4</sub> (Rainfall) giving the value of R<sup>2</sup> as 75% towards the prediction of the thrips population.

**Key Words:** Garlic, Correlation coefficient, Regression coefficient

### Introductions

Garlic is the second most important bulb crop grown throughout the plains of India for spices and condiments. Many factors affect the production and productivity of garlic, of which infestation of insect pests is the major one. According to Hill (1983), some authorities consider that *Allium longicuspis* Regael, which is endemic to Central Asia, is the wild ancestor and spread in ancient times to Mediterranean region. It is known in Egypt in Predynastic times, before 3000 BC and also to ancient Greeks and Romans. It has long been grown in India and China. Garlic was carried to the Western hemisphere by the Spanish, Portuguese and French. Garlic was not liked by Romans due its strong odour. The production and productivity of garlic in India is very low compared to many other countries. Unawareness of farmers about improved varieties, climate, soil and agro-techniques, diseases and pests damaging the crops and their control measures as well as post-harvest management are though main reasons, inadequate market support is also responsible for limiting production and productivity indirectly.

Among the insects' pests the thrips (*thrips tabaci* family) "Thripidae" order "Thysanoptera" is one of the common and the most destructive pest of garlic. The species (*thrips tabaci*) was

referred to with various scientific synonyms viz.; *T. solanaceosorum*(portschinskii); *T. striatus*(Gilette);*T. allii*(Sirriner Lowe)and*T. flava obsoleta* (Uzei). It was first recorded in North America in 1872; thereafter in the early 1900s it spread throughout the United States and Southern Canada (Capinera, 2001). In India, the thrips were recorded in for the first time by Dyadechko (1977).The thrips,*T. tabaci*found infestingmanyvegetables such as asparagus,bean, beet, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrot, cauliflower, celery, cowpea, etc.Thripsprefertofeedonnewlyemergedleavesinthecentreofthe necktherefore,the majority of thrips are foundatthe base of theyoungerleaves inthelowercentreof the neck on garlic. The principal form of damage caused by thrips resulted from the piercing of cells and the removal of cell contents by nymphs and adults. This leads to an irregular or blotchy whitening of the leaves, a condition sometimes termed “blast”. High levels of feeding injury disrupt the hormonal balance of the plant, causing the leaves to curl and twist and the foliage to be stunted (Kendall and Biostad, 1990). Both nymphs and adults of the thrips were found between leaf sheaths and stems. In case of severe infestation, the bulb remains undersized and gets distorted (Butani and Verma, 1976). Thrips (*Thrips tabaci*) are perhaps the most important insect pests attacking garlic. They are most common during warm weather. They feed on leaf surfaces, causing them to whiten or silver. They are slender about 1/25" long and usually hide in angles of leaves.

## Materials and Methods

The data were gathered from the Department of Entomology based on Garlic Thrips incidence during the year 2011-12 and weather collected from the Department of Agro-Meteorology of the same year. For conducting analysis of the incidence of thrips in Garlic crops 2 transplanting dates 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

## Methods

### Correlation Analysis:

Correlation is a bivariate analysis that measures the strength of the association between two variables and the direction of the relationship. In terms of the strength of the relationship, the value of the correlation coefficient varies between +1 and -1. A value of ±1 indicates a perfect degree of association between the two variables. In statistics, we measure four types of correlations; Pearson correlation, Kendall rank correlation, Spearman correlation and the Point-Biserial correlation. In this analysis we used Pearson correlation.

**Pearson Correlation:** Pearson r correlation is used to measure the degree of relationship between the two variables. In this analysis, the dependent variable (Y) is taken as the average number of thrips per 5 plants and the independent variable (X) is taken as the weather parameters such as maximum temperature, minimum temperature, vapour pressure, relative humidity, wind speed etc. The following formula is used to calculate the Pearson r correlation:

$$r = \frac{\text{cov}XY}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} = \frac{N\sum xy - \sum x\sum y}{\sqrt{[N\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][N\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}}$$

where,

r = Pearson r correlation coefficient

$N$  = number of observations corresponding to Meteorological standard week

$\Sigma x$  = sum of the average weather parameters data having  $x_1$  as max. temperature,  $x_2$  as min. temperature and so on according to the number of parameters.

$\Sigma y$  = sum of the average thrips population taken according to the transplanting date corresponding meteorological standard week.

$\Sigma xy$  = sum of the product of the above two variables.

$\Sigma x^2$  = sum of squares of  $x$  variables.

$\Sigma y^2$  = sum of squares of  $y$  variables.

### Significance Test:

To test whether the association is merely apparent, and might have arisen by chance we use the t-test in the following calculation:

$$t = r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}}$$

where,

$r$  = correlation coefficient and  $n$  = number of observations.

### Regression Analysis

In statistical modeling, regression analysis is a set of statistical processes for estimating the relationships among variables. It includes many techniques for modeling and analyzing several variables, when the focus is on the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables (or 'predictors').

Models: Regression models involve the following parameters and variables:

- The unknown parameters, denoted as  $\beta$ , which may represent a scalar or a vector.
- The independent variable,  $X$ .
- The dependent variable,  $Y$ .

A regression model related  $Y$  to a function of  $X$  and  $\beta$   $Y \sim f(X, \beta)$

### multiple Linear Regression Models:

In this analysis we used multiple linear regression model followed by the least square method. In this model there are several independent variables as weather factors or functions of these variables.

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i + \epsilon_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$$

where,  $Y_i$  =  $i^{\text{th}}$  observation of the average week mean population

$\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  = parameters of the model to be estimated

$x_i$  = independent weather factors.

The description of these weather parameters attributing incidence on Garlic thrips is given below:

$X_1$  = Maximum Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

$X_6$  = Eve. Relative Humidity (%)

$X_2$  = Minimum Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

$X_7$  = Wind Speed km/hr

$X_3$  = Morning Vapour Pressure (mm)

$X_8$  = Sunshine hours

$X_4$  = Evening Vapour Pressure (mm)

$X_9$  = Rainfall (mm)

$X_5$  = Mor. Relative Humidity (%)

$X_{10}$  = Evaporation (mm)

**Coefficient of Multiple Determinations ( $R^2$ ):**

R-squared is a statistical measure of how close the data are to the fitted regression line. It is also known as the coefficient of determination, or the coefficient of multiple determination for multiple regression. It is the percentage of response variable that is explained by a linear model. Or:

$R\text{-squared} = \text{Explained variation} / \text{Total variation}$ .

R-squared is always between 0 and 100%.

- 0% indicates that the model explains none of the variability of the response data around its mean.
- 100% indicates that the model explains all the variability of the response data around its mean. In general, the higher the R-squared, the better the model fits your data.

**Square Root Transformation:**

Square Root Transformation is used for count data consisting of small whole numbers and the data, where the data ranges either between 0 to 30% or 70 to 100%.

Data obtained from counting the rare events like number of infected plants due to thrips where square root transformation can be used before taking up analysis of variance to draw a meaningful conclusion or inference. If most of the values in a data set are small (less than 10) coupled with presence of zero values. Instead of using  $\sqrt{x}$  transformation it is better to use  $\sqrt{x} + 0.5$ . Then Analysis of Variance to be conducted with transformed data and the mean table should be made from the transformed data instead of taking the mean from the original data because of the facts stated earlier.

**Analysis of Variance:**

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) is a collection of statistical models and their associated estimation procedures (such as the “variation” among and between groups) used to analyze the difference among group means in a sample. This technique enables us to break down the variance of the measured variables into the portions caused by several factors, varied singly or in combination, and a portion caused by experimental error.

The assumptions of the analysis of variance are:

- Observations are random to any conditions.
- Means and variances of measured variables are additive.
- Experimental errors are independent.
- Variances of the experimental errors ( $e_{ij}$ ) for all pairs ( $i, j$ ) are equal with common value  $\sigma^2$ .
- Distribution of experimental errors is normal.

**Model:**

There are three classes of models used in the analysis of variance. But in this analysis of Garlic thrips incidence, we used Fixed-effects models.

The Fixed-effects model (class I) of analysis of variance applies to situations in which the experimenter applies one or more treatments to the subjects of the experiment to see whether the response variable values change. This allows the experimenter to estimate the ranges of response variable values that the treatment would generate in the population as a whole.

In this analysis of variance, the two-way classified data will be employed to find out the effect of different plant protection approaches over the meteorological weeks, it can be shown by the mathematical fixed effect model given below:

$$y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + e_{ij} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

where,

$y_{ij}$  = effect of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  value of the meteorological data under  $i^{\text{th}}$  level of plant protection approach.

$\mu$  = general mean effect.

$\alpha_i$  = effect of  $i^{th}$  level of plant protection approach or treatments ( $i = 1, 2 \dots 4$ ).

$\beta_j$  = effect of  $j^{th}$  level of the data of particular meteorological data ( $j = 1, 2 \dots 10$ ).

$e_{ij}$  = is the error which are supposed to be normally, independently and identically distributed with zero mean and  $\sigma e$ .

**Results and Discussion**

The results emanated from the data considered under the purview of this investigation are presented as follows: The Table 1 shows the degree of association between the increases in average Garlic thrips population due to different weather conditions. To test whether the association was merely apparent and might have arisen by chance, we performed t-test. The test gave significant values in some of the transplanting dates which was shown by “\*” for significance at 5% level and “\*\*” for significance at 5 % and 1% both. On 1<sup>st</sup> November Transplanting date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with maximum temperature and Evaporation while the other correlations were found to be non-significant. the 15<sup>th</sup> November Transplanting date the thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with Evaporation and negatively correlated with morning relative humidity. On 1<sup>st</sup> December Transplanting date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with maximum temperature and Evaporation and negatively correlated with morning relative humidity. Similarly, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December Transplanting date evaporation is negatively correlated with the thrips population remaining others are non-significant. Similarly, at the 1<sup>st</sup> January Transplanting date Minimum temperature and morning vapor pressure are significantly and positively correlated with the thrips population, while evening relative humidity is negatively correlated, remaining others are nonsignificant. At 15th January Transplanting minimum temperature is significantly and positively correlated and negatively and morning relative humidity and wind speed significantly and negatively correlated with the thrips population remaining others non-significant. (Hole, U. B. and Salunkhe, G. N., 1997)

Table-1 Correlation Coefficient of Mean Thrip Population with Meteorological Parameters in Garlic Crop.

|           | Temp (Max) | Temp (Min) | Sunshine (hr) | Rainfall (mm) | RE (Morning) | RH (Evening) | Wind Speed (km/hr) | V.P (Morning) | V.P (Evening) | Evaporation (mm) | Rainy days |       |
|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|-------|
| 20 Nov1   | .799*      | 0.124      | 0.563         | -0.608        | -.859*       | -0.685       | -0.115             | -0.048        | -0.175        | .816             | -0.354     |       |
| 15 Nov15  | .845**     | 0.282      | 0.541         | -0.482        | -.821*       | -.587        | 0.473              | 0.199         | 0.035         | .775*            | -0.295     |       |
| 10 Dec1   | .804*      | 0.32       | 0.46          | -0.424        | -.770*       | -0.528       | -0.126             | 0.53          | 0.007         | .718*            | -0.239     |       |
| 5 Dec15   | .757**     | .809* 8    | 0.883         | 1.618         | 2.022        | 2.262        | 2.830              | 3.234         | 3.638         | 4.042            | 4.464      | 4.850 |
| 5 Jan1 SW | .957** 4   | .809* 8    | 0.883         | 1.618         | 2.022        | 2.262        | 2.830              | 3.234         | 3.638         | 4.042            | 4.464      | 4.850 |
| Jan15     | .870**     | .725*      | 0.588         | -0.382        | -.798*       | -0.657       | -.773*             | 0.647         | -0.031        | .707             | 0.449      |       |



### The graph show the changing pattern of Meteorological data during the Garlic crop season of the year 2011-12.

On **1<sup>st</sup> November Transplanting** date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with maximum temperature and Evaporation while the other correlations were found to be non-significant.

On **15<sup>th</sup> November Transplanting** date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with Evaporation and negatively correlated with morning relative humidity.

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At **15<sup>th</sup> January** Transplanting minimum temperature is significantly and positively correlated and negatively and morning relative humidity and wind speed significantly and negatively correlated with the thrips population remaining others non-significant.

**Table No.-2 Correlation coefficients among the weather variables at 1<sup>st</sup> November Transplanting period.**

|     | Y       | X1     | X2     | X3     | X4     | X5      | X6      | X7     | X8     | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1       |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X1  | .799*   | 1      |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X2  | 0.124   | 0.448  | 1      |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.563   | .781*  | -0.027 | 1      |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.608  | -0.367 | 0.619  | -0.626 | 1      |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X5  | -.859** | -0.666 | 0.090  | -0.660 | 0.605  | 1       |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X6  | -0.685  | -0.554 | 0.472  | -.714* | .926** | 0.702   | 1       |        |        |        |        |     |
| X7  | -0.115  | -0.253 | -0.407 | 0.008  | -0.397 | 0.220   | -0.211  | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| X8  | -0.048  | 0.347  | .953** | -0.057 | 0.644  | 0.304   | 0.542   | -0.307 | 1      |        |        |     |
| X9  | -0.175  | 0.055  | .881** | -0.370 | .798*  | 0.381   | .780*   | -0.427 | .892** | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .816*   | .796*  | -0.138 | .877** | -.756* | -.886** | -.883** | -0.040 | -0.255 | -0.517 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.354  | -0.522 | 0.237  | -0.644 | 0.694  | 0.174   | .748*   | -0.288 | 0.138  | 0.478  | -0.573 | 1   |

\*\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

**Table No.-3 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X1, X3, X6, X11)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -1.950       | 11.950     | -0.163  |
| X1       | 1.573        | 0.467      | 3.371   |
| X3       | -1.749       | 1.206      | -1.450  |
| X6       | -0.376       | 0.131      | -2.877  |
| X11      | 3.745        | 2.177      | 1.720   |

The mean population (1<sup>st</sup> November) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X1, X3, X6, X11 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -1.950 + 1.573X_1 - 1.749X_3 - 0.376X_6 + 3.745X_{11}$$

(0.467)                      (1.206)                      (0.131)                      (2.177)

**Table No.-4 Analysis of Variance of the regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X1, X3, X6, X11**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 229.540        | 4  | 57.385      | 7.303 | 9.120 | 0.907    |
| Residual   | 23.572         | 3  | 7.857       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 253.112        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  then null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 90%. Table- 4 ANOVA shows the weather variable combinations as X1 (Maximum Temperature), X3 (Sunshine), X6 (Evening Relative Humidity) and X11 (Rainy days) were taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the basis of zero-order correlation matrix. The value of the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 90% showing the importance of Minimum Temperature, Sunshine and Evening Relative Humidity up to 90% towards the prediction of the thrips population.

**Table No.-5 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X1, X6)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -8.938       | 15.045     | -0.594  |
| X1       | 1.002        | 0.467      | 2.144   |
| X6       | -0.152       | 0.124      | -1.234  |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -8.938 + 1.002X_1 - 0.152X_6$$

(0.467)                      (0.124)

**Table-6 Analysis of Variance of the regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on  $X_1$ ,  $X_6$** 

| Source     | df | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----|----------------|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 2  | 183.063        | 91.532      | 6.533 | 5.790 | 0.723    |
| Residual   | 5  | 70.049         | 14.010      |       |       |          |
| Total      | 7  | 253.112        |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then null hypothesis was rejected and there was significant

difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 72%. Table-6 ANOVA shows other combinations which were remained due to not multicollinearity taken as  $X_1$  (Maximum Temperature) and  $X_6$  (Evening Relative Humidity) which gave a 72% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population. There was a Critical difference of 9.619.

**Table No.-7 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop ( $X_1$ ,  $X_4$ )**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -16.671      | 9.980      | -1.670  |
| $X_1$    | 1.101        | 0.395      | 2.789   |
| $X_4$    | -0.212       | 0.139      | -1.524  |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -16.671 + 1.101X_1 - 0.212X_4$$

(0.395)      (0.139)

**Table-8 Analysis of Variance of the regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 190.713        | 2  | 95.356      | 7.641 | 5.790 | 0.753    |
| Residual   | 62.400         | 5  | 12.480      |       |       |          |
| Total      | 253.112        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

on  $X_1$ ,  $X_4$



Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then the null hypothesis was rejected and there was significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 75%. Table -8 ANOVA was showing a combination of X1 (Maximum Temperature) and X4 (Rainfall) had given the value of  $R^2$  as 75% towards the prediction of thrips population. There was Critical difference of 9.77.

**Table No.-9 Correlation coefficients among the weather variables at 15<sup>th</sup> November Transplanting period.**

|     | Y      | X1     | X2     | X3     | X4     | X5    | X6     | X7     | X8     | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1      |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X1  | .845** | 1      |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X2  | 0.282  | 0.448  | 1      |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.541  | .781*  | -0.027 | 1      |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.482 | -0.367 | 0.619  | -0.626 | 1      |       |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X5  | -.821* | -0.666 | 0.090  | -0.660 | 0.605  | 1     |        |        |        |        |        |     |
| X6  | -0.587 | -0.554 | 0.472  | -.714* | .926** | 0.702 | 1      |        |        |        |        |     |
| X7  | -0.173 | -0.253 | -0.407 | 0.008  | -0.397 | 0.220 | -0.211 | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| X8  | 0.109  | 0.347  | .953** | -0.057 | 0.644  | 0.304 | 0.542  | -0.307 | 1      |        |        |     |
| X9  | -0.035 | 0.055  | .881** | -0.370 | .798*  | 0.381 | .780*  | -0.427 | .892** | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .775*  | .796*  | -0.138 | .877*  | -.756* | -     | -      | -0.040 | -0.255 | -0.517 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.295 | -0.522 | 0.237  | -0.644 | 0.694  | 0.174 | .748*  | -0.288 | 0.138  | 0.478  | -0.573 | 1   |

\*\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

**Table No.-10 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X2, X3, X4)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -12.041      | 7.842     | -1.535  |
| X2       | 3.124        | 1.000     | 3.125   |
| X3       | -0.787       | 1.093     | -0.720  |
| X4       | -0.670       | 0.228     | -2.942  |

The mean population (15<sup>th</sup> NOV) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X2, X3, X4 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -12.041 + 3.124X_2 - 0.787X_3 - 0.670X_4$$

(1.000)      (1.093)      (0.228)

**Table-11 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X2, X3, X4**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 155.454        | 3  | 51.818      | 5.483 | 6.590 | 0.804    |
| Residual   | 37.806         | 4  | 9.451       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 193.260        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 80%. Table-11 ANOVA was showing the weather variable combinations as X2 (Minimum Temperature), X3 (Sunshine) and X4 (Rainfall) were taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the basis of zero order correlation matrix the value of coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 80% showing the importance of Minimum temperature, Sunshine and Rainfall up to 80% towards prediction of thrips population.

**Table No.-12 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X10, X11)**

| Model    | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -9.903       | 6.354     | -1.559  |
| X10      | 7.017        | 2.566     | 2.735   |
| X11      | 1.548        | 2.294     | 0.675   |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -9.903 + 7.017X_{10} + 1.548X_{11}$$

(2.566)      (2.294)

**TableNo.-13 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X10, X11**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 122.553        | 2  | 61.276      | 4.333 | 5.790 | 0.634    |
| Residual   | 70.708         | 5  | 14.142      |       |       |          |
| Total      | 193.260        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there were no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 63%. Table-13 ANOVA was showing another, combinations which was remained left due to not multicollinearity were taken as X10 (Evaporation) and X11 (Rainy days) which gave 63% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population.

**TableNo.-14 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X2, X4)**

| Model    | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -14.874      | 6.449      | -2.306  |
| X2       | 2.700        | 0.768      | 3.516   |
| X4       | -0.542       | 0.136      | -3.978  |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -14.874 + 2.700X_2 - 0.542X_4 \quad (0.768)$$

(0.136)

**TableNo.-15 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of garlic thrips on X2, X4**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 150.552        | 2  | 75.276      | 8.813 | 5.790 | 0.779    |
| Residual   | 42.708         | 5  | 8.542       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 193.260        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was rejected and there was significant difference among the

variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 77%. Table -15 ANOVA was showing a combination of X2 (Minimum Temperature) and X4 (Rainfall) had given the value of  $R^2$  as 77% towards the prediction of thrips population. There was Critical difference of 7.509

**Table No. 16 Correlation coefficients among the weather variables at 1<sup>st</sup> December Transplanting period.**

|     | Y       | X1     | X2     | X3     | X4      | X5      | X6      | X7     | X8     | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1       |        |        |        |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X1  | .804*   | 1      |        |        |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X2  | 0.320   | 0.448  | 1      |        |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.460   | .781*  | -0.027 | 1      |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.424  | -0.367 | 0.619  | -0.626 | 1       |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X5  | -.770** | -0.666 | 0.090  | -0.660 | 0.605   | 1       |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X6  | -0.528  | -0.554 | 0.472  | -.714* | .926**  | 0.702   | 1       |        |        |        |        |     |
| X7  | -0.126  | -0.253 | -0.407 | 0.008  | -0.397  | 0.220   | -0.211  | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| X8  | 0.153   | 0.347  | .953** | -0.057 | 0.644   | 0.304   | 0.542   | -0.307 | 1      |        |        |     |
| X9  | 0.007   | 0.055  | .881** | -0.370 | .798*   | 0.381   | .780*   | -0.427 | .892** | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .718*   | .796*  | -0.138 | .877** | -.756** | -.886** | -.883** | -0.040 | -0.255 | -0.517 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.239  | -0.522 | 0.237  | -0.644 | 0.694   | 0.174   | .748*   | -0.288 | 0.138  | 0.478  | -0.573 | 1   |

\*\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

Table No.-17 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X1, X2, X4)

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -13.785      | 9.162      | -1.505  |
| X1       | 0.092        | 0.888      | 0.104   |
| X2       | 2.072        | 2.089      | 0.992   |
| X4       | -0.397       | 0.356      | -1.114  |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -13.785 + 0.092X_1 - 2.072X_2 - 0.397X_4$$

(0.888)      (2.089)      (0.356)

**Table No.-18 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X1, X2, X4s**

| Source | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|--------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
|--------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|

|                   |         |   |        |       |       |       |
|-------------------|---------|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Regression</b> | 99.328  | 3 | 33.109 | 3.624 | 6.590 | 0.731 |
| <b>Residual</b>   | 36.544  | 4 | 9.136  |       |       |       |
| <b>Total</b>      | 135.872 | 7 |        |       |       |       |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 73%. Table -18 ANOVA was showing the weather variable combinations as X1 (Maximum Temperature), X2 (Minimum Temperature) and X4 (Rainfall) were taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the basis of zero order correlation matrix the value of coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 73% showing the importance of Maximum temperature, Minimum Temperature and Rainfall up to 73% towards prediction of thrips population.

**TableNo.-19 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X2, X3, X4)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -9.678       | 6.909     | -1.401  |
| X2       | 2.790        | 0.881     | 3.167   |
| X3       | -0.960       | 0.963     | -0.997  |
| X4       | -0.586       | 0.201     | -2.923  |

The regression equation was obtained as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -9.678 + 2.790X_2 - 0.960X_3 - 0.586X_4 \quad (0.201)$$

(0.963)      (0.201)

**TableNo.-20 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X2, X3, X4**

| Source            | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|-------------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| <b>Regression</b> | 106.525        | 3  | 35.508      | 4.840 | 6.590 | 0.784    |
| <b>Residual</b>   | 29.348         | 4  | 7.337       |       |       |          |
| <b>Total</b>      | 135.872        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. coefficient of determination was 78%. Table-20 ANOVA was showing another combination which was remained left due to not multicollinearity were taken as X2 (Minimum Temperature), X3 (Sunshine) and X4 (Rainfall), which gave 78% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population.



**TableNo.-21****Correlationcoefficientsamongtheweathervariablesat15<sup>th</sup>DecemberTransplantingperiod.**

|     | Y                  | X1                | X2                 | X3                 | X4                 | X5                  | X6                  | X7     | X8                 | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1                  |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X1  | .860 <sup>**</sup> | 1                 |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X2  | 0.332              | 0.448             | 1                  |                    |                    |                     |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.507              | .781 <sup>*</sup> | -0.027             | 1                  |                    |                     |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.463             | -0.367            | 0.619              | -0.626             | 1                  |                     |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X5  | -0.656             | -0.666            | 0.090              | -0.660             | 0.605              | 1                   |                     |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X6  | -0.567             | -0.554            | 0.472              | -.714 <sup>*</sup> | .926 <sup>**</sup> | 0.702               | 1                   |        |                    |        |        |     |
| X7  | -0.133             | -0.253            | -0.407             | 0.008              | -0.397             | 0.220               | -0.211              | 1      |                    |        |        |     |
| X8  | 0.225              | 0.347             | .953 <sup>**</sup> | -0.057             | 0.644              | 0.304               | 0.542               | -0.307 | 1                  |        |        |     |
| X9  | 0.027              | 0.055             | .881 <sup>**</sup> | -0.370             | .798 <sup>*</sup>  | 0.381               | .780 <sup>*</sup>   | -0.427 | .892 <sup>**</sup> | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .707 <sup>*</sup>  | .796 <sup>*</sup> | -0.138             | .877 <sup>**</sup> | -.756 <sup>*</sup> | -.886 <sup>**</sup> | -.883 <sup>**</sup> | -0.040 | -0.255             | -0.517 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.449             | -0.522            | 0.237              | -0.644             | 0.694              | 0.174               | .748 <sup>*</sup>   | -0.288 | 0.138              | 0.478  | -0.573 | 1   |

<sup>\*\*</sup>.Correlationissignificantatthe0.01level(2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

**TableNo.-22 Regressioncoefficientsofthemodelofthripspopulationwith meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X2, X3, X4, X5)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | 85.921       | 26.907    | 3.193   |
| X2       | 2.360        | 0.459     | 5.146   |
| X3       | -1.421       | 0.501     | -2.839  |
| X4       | -0.428       | 0.110     | -3.896  |
| X5       | -0.988       | 0.276     | -3.583  |

The mean population (15<sup>th</sup>DEC) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X2, X3, X4,

X5 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = 85.921 + 2.360X_2 - 1.421X_3 - 0.428X_4 - 0.988X_5$$

(0.459)   (0.501)   (0.110)   (0.459)

**TableNo.-23 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X2, X3, X4, X5**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal  | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 130.313        | 4  | 32.578      | 17.581 | 9.120 | 0.959    |
| Residual   | 5.559          | 3  | 1.853       |        |       |          |
| Total      | 135.872        | 7  |             |        |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then the null hypothesis was rejected and there was a significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 95%. Table-23 ANOVA was showing the weather variable combinations as X2 (Minimum Temperature), X3 (Sunshine), X4 (Rainfall) and X5 (Morning Relative Humidity) taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the basis of zero order correlation matrix the value of coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 95% showing the importance of Minimum temperature, Sunshine and Morning Relative Humidity up to 95% towards prediction of thrips population. There was a critical difference of 3.061.

**TableNo.-24 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X8, X10, X11)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -21.953      | 12.321     | -1.782  |
| X8       | 1.374        | 1.108      | 1.240   |
| X10      | 6.253        | 2.297      | 2.722   |
| X11      | 1.518        | 2.006      | 0.757   |

The mean population (15<sup>th</sup> DEC) of Garlic thrips per five plants  $Y_i$  considering variables i.e. X8, X10, X11 were obtained by the following regression equation.

**TableNo.-25 Analysis of Variance of the regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X8, X10, X11**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 92.656         | 3  | 30.885      | 2.859 | 6.590 | 0.682    |
| Residual   | 43.216         | 4  | 10.804      |       |       |          |
| Total      | 135.872        | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 68%. Table-25 ANOVA shows another combination which was remained left due to not multicollinearity were taken as X8 (Morning Vapour Pressure), X10 (Evaporation) and X11 (Rainy days), which gave 68% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population.

**TableNo.-26 Correlation coefficients among the weather variables at 1<sup>st</sup> January Transplanting period**

|     | Y      | X1      | X2     | X3     | X4     | X5      | X6      | X7     | X8     | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1      |         |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X1  | .957** | 1       |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X2  | .809*  | .800*   | 1      |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.683  | .805*   | 0.435  | 1      |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.486 | -0.544  | -0.035 | -0.670 | 1      |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X5  | -.815* | -.858** | -.772* | -0.640 | 0.119  | 1       |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X6  | -.742* | -.777*  | -0.287 | -.724* | .819*  | 0.569   | 1       |        |        |        |        |     |
| X7  | -0.601 | -0.571  | -0.474 | -0.312 | -0.017 | .780*   | 0.398   | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| X8  | .745*  | .730*   | .912** | 0.468  | -0.181 | -0.553  | -0.213  | -0.230 | 1      |        |        |     |
| X9  | -0.028 | 0.001   | 0.491  | -0.223 | 0.470  | -0.035  | 0.577   | 0.039  | 0.583  | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .913** | .941**  | 0.623  | .848** | -0.559 | -.870** | -.862** | -0.622 | 0.513  | -0.284 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.475 | -0.528  | -0.022 | -0.629 | .998** | 0.101   | .819*   | -0.017 | -0.163 | 0.471  | -0.538 | 1   |

\*\*.Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\*.Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

**TableNo.-27 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X6, X7, X10)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -12.103      | 17.051    | -0.710  |
| X6       | 0.055        | 0.142     | 0.391   |
| X7       | -0.162       | 2.342     | -0.069  |
| X10      | 5.566        | 2.624     | 2.121   |

The mean population (1<sup>st</sup> JAN) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X6, X7, X10 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -12.103 + 0.055X_6 - 0.162X_7 + 5.566X_{10}$$

$$(0.142) \quad (2.342) \quad (2.624)$$

**TableNo.-28 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X6, X7, X10**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 78.103         | 3  | 26.034      | 7.035 | 6.590 | 0.841    |
| Residual   | 14.803         | 4  | 3.701       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 92.905         | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then the null hypothesis was rejected and there was significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 74%. Table 4.2.7.2 ANOVA was showed the weather variable combinations as X6 (Evening Relative Humidity), X7 (Wind speed) and X10 (Evaporation) were taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the based on zero-order correlation matrix. The value of the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 84% showing the importance of Evening Relative Humidity, Wind speed and Evaporation up to 84% towards the prediction of thrips population. There was a Critical difference of 6.85.

**TableNo.-29 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X7, X10, X11)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -6.554       | 13.564    | -0.483  |
| X7       | -0.509       | 2.645     | -0.192  |
| X10      | 4.659        | 1.942     | 2.399   |
| X11      | -0.030       | 1.396     | -0.022  |

The mean population (1<sup>st</sup> JAN) of Garlic thrips per five plants  $Y$  considering variables i.e. X7, X10, X11 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -6.554 - 0.509X_7 + 4.659X_{10} - 0.030X_{11}$$

$$(2.645) \quad (1.942) \quad (1.396)$$

**TableNo.-30 Analysis of Variance of the regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X7, X10, X11**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 77.539         | 3  | 25.846      | 6.728 | 6.590 | 0.835    |
| Residual   | 15.367         | 4  | 3.842       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 92.905         | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then the null hypothesis was rejected and there was a significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 83%. Table-30 ANOVA was shown other combinations which were remained left due to not multicollinearity were taken as X7 (Wind Speed), X10 (Evaporation) and X11 (Rainy days) which gave 83% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population. There was a critical difference of 4.448.



**TableNo.-31 Correlation coefficients among the weather variables at 15<sup>th</sup> January Transplanting period.**

|     | Y      | X1      | X2     | X3     | X4     | X5      | X6      | X7     | X8     | X9     | X10    | X11 |
|-----|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Y   | 1      |         |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X1  | .870** | 1       |        |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X2  | .725*  | .800*   | 1      |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X3  | 0.588  | .805*   | 0.435  | 1      |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X4  | -0.382 | -0.544  | -0.035 | -0.670 | 1      |         |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X5  | -.798* | -.858** | -.772* | -0.640 | 0.119  | 1       |         |        |        |        |        |     |
| X6  | -0.657 | -.777*  | -0.287 | -.724* | .819*  | 0.569   | 1       |        |        |        |        |     |
| X7  | -.773* | -0.571  | -0.474 | -0.312 | -0.017 | .780*   | 0.398   | 1      |        |        |        |     |
| X8  | 0.647  | .730*   | .912** | 0.468  | -0.181 | -0.553  | -0.213  | -0.230 | 1      |        |        |     |
| X9  | -0.031 | 0.001   | 0.491  | -0.223 | 0.470  | -0.035  | 0.577   | 0.039  | 0.583  | 1      |        |     |
| X10 | .856** | .941**  | 0.623  | .848** | -0.559 | -.870** | -.862** | -0.622 | 0.513  | -0.284 | 1      |     |
| X11 | -0.373 | -0.528  | -0.022 | -0.629 | .998** | 0.101   | .819*   | -0.017 | -0.163 | 0.471  | -0.538 | 1   |

\*\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

\* .Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Through regression analysis least square method the regression coefficients  $B = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  was obtained as follows:

**TableNo.-32 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X3, X6, X8)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std.Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Constant | -7.788       | 9.624     | -0.809  |
| X3       | -0.227       | 0.678     | -0.335  |
| X6       | -0.150       | 0.093     | -1.602  |
| X8       | 1.937        | 1.043     | 1.858   |

The mean population (15<sup>th</sup> JAN) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X3, X6, X8 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -7.788 - 0.227X_3 - 0.150X_6 + 1.937X_8$$

$$(0.678) \quad (0.093) \quad (1.043)$$

**TableNo.-33 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X3, X6, X8**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | DF | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 31.426         | 3  | 10.475      | 3.249 | 6.59  | 0.709    |
| Residual   | 12.898         | 4  | 3.225       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 44.325         | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} < F_{tab}$  the null hypothesis was accepted and there was no significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 70%. Table-33 ANOVA was showing the weather variable combinations as X3 (Sunshine), X6 (Evening Relative Humidity) and X8 (Morning Vapour Pressure) were taken into consideration for predicting the thrips population on the basis of zero order correlation matrix. The value of coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was found to be 70% showing the importance of Sunshine, Evening Relative Humidity and Morning Vapour Pressure up to 70% towards prediction of thrips population.

**Table-34 Regression coefficients of the model of thrips population with meteorological parameters in Garlic crop (X6, X8)**

| Effect   | Coefficients | Std. Error | t-value |
|----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Constant | -9.006       | 8.079      | -1.115  |
| X6       | -0.127       | 0.058      | -2.173  |
| X8       | 1.774        | 0.837      | 2.121   |

The mean population (15<sup>th</sup> JAN) of Garlic thrips per five plant Y considering variables i.e. X3, X6, X8 were obtained by the following regression equation:

$$\hat{Y}_i = -9.006 - 0.127X_6 + 1.774X_8$$

(0.837)(0.058)

**Table-35 Analysis of Variance of regression model of mean thrips population of Garlic crop on X6, X8**

| Source     | Sum of Squares | DF | Mean Square | F-cal | F-tab | R Square |
|------------|----------------|----|-------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Regression | 31.065         | 2  | 15.533      | 5.857 | 5.79  | 0.701    |
| Residual   | 13.259         | 5  | 2.652       |       |       |          |
| Total      | 44.325         | 7  |             |       |       |          |

Since,  $F_{cal} > F_{tab}$  then the null hypothesis was rejected and there was a significant difference among the variables. And  $R^2$  i.e. coefficient of determination was 70%. Table-35 ANOVA shows other combinations which were remained left due to not multicollinearity were taken as X6 (Evening Relative Humidity) and X8 (Morning Vapour Pressure), which gave a 70% value of  $R^2$  towards the prediction of thrips population. There was a Critical difference of 4.183

**Conclusion-** The multiple regression procedure has been applied to study the pattern of seasonal fluctuations of garlic thrips through prediction models at different transplanting periods. Maximum temperature, vapor pressure, relative humidity, wind speed, evaporation and rainfall played an important role in governing the garlic thrips population at different transplanting dates. On 1<sup>st</sup> November Transplanting date thrips population was significantly and positively correlated with maximum temperature and Evaporation while the other correlations were found to be non-significant. ANOVA was showing a combination of X1 (Maximum Temperature) and X4 (Rainfall) giving the value of  $R^2$  as 75% towards the prediction of the thrips population.

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