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Seed Multiplication of Traditional Varieties of Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L) for their Protection in Sustainable Agriculture

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ABSTRACT: Generally, seed multiplication procedure is followed only for the certification of high yielding, hybrid varieties etc. which are notified under Seed Act 1966. In this regard, we have challenge to protect our traditional varieties of paddy for the development of sustainable agriculture. These varieties' values are very significant because it's containing significant genes. Traditional rice varieties can be multiplied as seed in order to acquire high-quality seeds while maintaining the quality of their existing features. Therefore, sixty-two (62) traditional rice varieties of West Bengali were collected and stored at a low temperature in a deep freezer at -10 degrees centigrade at the Crop Research and Seed Multiplication Farm, The University of Burdwan. Seeds were multiplied after six months of storage in order to study yield and other important agronomic traits among the varieties. A wide variation of yield and other valuable agronomic traits like plant height (cm), total number of tillers per hill, number of panicles per hill, number of seeds per panicle, number of chaffy seeds per panicle, duration of 50% flowering (days), 100 seed weight (gram), maturity duration (days), length of panicle (cm), length of flag leaf (cm), grain characters like presence or absence of awning were found among the varieties during Kharif season of 2020 and 2021. These traits may be used in future to choose the parents in a breeding programme to develop high yielding, hybrid varieties.

Keywords: Paddy, Varieties, Yield & others traits, Seed multiplication, Preservation.

INTRODUCTION

Over half of the world's population consumes rice as a major food crop, making it one of the most important cereal food crops (Mahender et al., 2016; Li et al., 2017). West Bengal is the state that produces the most paddy out of all the states in India, making it the country's "food home" (Prahalad, 2010). One of the most vital factors in the seed production of improved rice varieties for sustainable agriculture is the utilizantion and adaptability of traditional rice varieties (Atlin et al., 2006; Anandan et al., 2011). Traditional varieties serve as the gene pool for a number of important traits that must be collected and conserved order to produce future high yielding, hybrid cultivars of pest resistant, salt resistant, draught resistant, etc., and eco-friendly varieties of rice. According to some researchers, traditional paddy varieties are very important in terms of flavour, nutrition, colour, aroma, pest-resistance, medicinal characteristics, etc. (Banerjee and Godda 2021). Due to the overuse of high yielding paddy varieties, traditional rice cultivation in West Bengal has been continuously reduced (Chatterjee et al., 2008; Chakravorty and Ghosh 2012). The study has been done for conservation and identification of various

traits of traditional rice varieties of Bankura district of West Bengal (Sinha and Mishra 2012; 2015). Farmers in southern West Bengal are gradually cultivating numerous traditional rice varieties since high yielding improved varieties couldn't survive the severe growing conditions (Deb, 1995). As per the section of 5 to the seeds Act. 1966, "Notified kind or variety", in relation to any seed, means any kind or variety thereof notified under section 5. To ensure genetic purity of high quality seeds of notified varieties, seed certification system is to maintain and make available to the farmers (Seed Act, 1966). Therefore, we have challenge to protect our traditional varieties of paddy for the development of sustainable agriculture because these varieties are not under section 5 to the seeds Act 1966. Present study was aim to assess the yield and other agronomic characters of different traditional rice varieties with try to follow of some cultivation practices as per seeds Act, 1966 to protect and obtain high quality traditional varieties of paddy seed at Crop Research and Seed Multiplication Farm, Tarabag, The University of Burdwan. The preservation and seed multiplication both are the major aspect for the protection of these traditional varieties from extinction and valuable

characters which may be utilized for the production of new high yielding varieties.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Seeds of traditional paddy varieties (Table 1) were collected from progressive farmer namely Rafikul Alam Sahana of the village Arjun Pukur, P.O.- Nadan Ghat, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713615; Central Rice Research Station, Chinsurah (Govt. of W.B.): Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, West Bengal; Amarkanan Rural Socio-environmental Welfare Society (ARSW Society) etc. to study about yield and others valuable agronomic characters of these traditional varieties those characters will help for researchers, students and also farmers for sustainable agriculture. After collection, seeds were properly dried in the sun to safe moisture content and kept in plastic container and then stored in a deep freezer at -10 degree centigrade. After six month of storage seeds were properly treated with mancozeb 64% WP @ 2 gm per kg of seed and directly sown on field (plot size 3 feet \times 3 feet) with spacing of 20×20 cm between rows and plants in the month of July of two consecutive Kharif season in the year of 2020 and 2021 under old alluvial soil in the Crop Research and Seed Multiplication farm (CRSMF)

of Burdwan University, Tarabag, Burdwan, West Bengal. The average soil pH of the study area was 6.6. Seed multiplication practices viz., proper isolation distance of 3 meter from one each variety, free from volunteer plants in selected plot and well pulverized soil, kept the plots wet with water and drain off excess water, kept the plots free of weeds, minimum doses of fertilizer (10:26:26) @ 100 gm during basal application per plot, rouging of off-type plants were done once prior to flowering and then at flowering and maturity, disease and insect infected plants were rouged off from time to time, seeds were threshed by hand and winnowed to remove chaff, light grains etc. These seed multiplication practices were followed for maintaining the seed quality of these traditional varieties and observations were recorded on three randomly chosen plants of each plot on various agronomical traits *i.e.*, plant height (cm), Number of panicles per hill, panicle length (cm), no of seeds per panicle, no of chaffy seeds per panicle, 100-grains weight (g), seed yield per plot (g) were recorded after harvesting and also recorded time to 50% flowering (days), maturity duration (days) of traditional paddy varieties individually.

 Table 1: List of collected traditional varieties of paddy of West Bengal which were used as given code in figure (1-10) for the study at CRSMF, The University of Burdwan.

Sr. No.	Name of Variety	Code	Sr. No.	Name of Variety	V31	
1.	ADAN SILPA	V1	32.	LALTIPPA	V32	
2.	AGRIBAN	V2	33.	LANGAL MUTHI	V33	
3.	ANJALI	V3	34.	LIKE KAKUA	V34	
4.	AUS KHAR	V4	35.	MANDIRA	V35	
5.	BADSHA	V5	36.	MEDHI	V36	
6.	BAHURUPI	V6	37.	MORAGI HATU	V37	
7.	BAKRI SAL	V7	38	MUGI SAL	V38	
8.	BANSKATA	V8	39	NABANNA	V39	
9.	BANSHFUL	V9	40.	NASKELYHOP	V40	
10.	BHART SAL	V10	41.	NC- KALMA	V41	
11.	BHARATI	V11	42.	NIKUNJA	V42	
12.	BHIM SAL	V12	43.	NUGABARO	V43	
13.	CHAMPA KHUSI	V13	44.	PANKHI RAJ	V44	
14.	CHANDARAKANTA	V14	45.	PURNENDU	V45	
15.	CHANDARA KANTI	V15	46.	SABITRI-2	V46	
16.	CHATUI MUKHI	V16	47.	SABITRI	V47	
17.	DADKHANI	V17	48.	SANKAR SAL	V48	
18.	DANARGURI	V18	49.	SATIA	V49	
19.	GANDHESWARI	V19	50.	SINDUR MUKHI	V50	
20.	GOKULSAL	V20	51.	SITA BHOG	V51	
21.	JAMAI NADU	V21	52.	SUKHASAL	V52	
22.	JHULUR2	V22	53.	SUYARTHA	V53	
23.	KAL GANDHESWARI	V23	54.	BHASA MANIK	V54	
24.	KALAM KATI	V24	55.	VALKI	V55	
25.	KALAMA	V25	56.	VADOI SAL	V56	
26.	KALBORA	V26	57.	TULSI BHOG	V57	
27.	KANAK CHUR	V27	58.	TALMUGUR	V58	
28.	KARTIK SAL	V28	59.	DANGAPATANI	V59	
29.	KLESH	V29	60.	FULPAGRI	V60	
30.	KOMAL KARI	V30	61.	PATNAI	V61	
31.	LAL DUDHESWAR	V31	62.	NARAYN KAMANI	V62	

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Quality seed of high yielding, hybrid, etc. varieties can be used to boost rice production, and these varieties can be developed with the help of traditional rice varieties because they have a high level of genetic variation (Cleveland and Soleri 2007). Development of new varieties of high yielded, improved and hybrids depends upon desirable genes those are existed in traditional paddy varieties only (Shiva, 1991; Holden *et al.*, 1993). In this connection the following parameters of yield and others agronomic characters of 62 important traditional paddy varieties of West Bengal (Table 2) were recorded individually at Crop Research and Seed Multiplication Farm, The University of Burdwan.

Plant height (cm). Gokulsal and Purnendu had the tallest plants (182.9 cm), whereas Sabitri 2 had the shortest plants (64 cm) than all other varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 1). The genetic diversity among the varieties are mostly to responsible for these differences of plant height. These findings are in accordance with those of Naha (2007); Banumathy *et al.* (2010), who observed variations in plant height between varieties as a result of genotype genetic makeup.

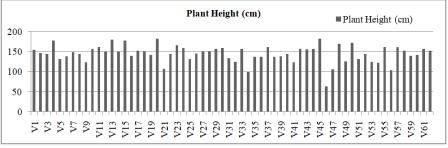


Fig. 1. Plant height of different traditional rice varieties.

Number of tiller/ hill. In order to produce rice, tilling is a key agronomic characteristic (Badshah *et al.*, 2014). In the current field study, Komalkari recorded the fewest tillar (10 nos.) compared to all other varieties, while Auskhar recorded the largest number of tiller per hill (31 nos.), followed by Fulpagri and Purnendu (Table 2 and Fig. 2). Varietal characteristics may be responsible for the variation in the obtained results showed of tillers per hill. Nuruzzaman *et al.* (2000) noted that the variety affected the overall number of tillers/hill.

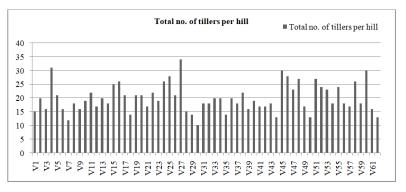


Fig. 2. Total tillers of different traditional rice varieties.

Number of panicles/hill. The number of reproductive tillers, also known as ear bearing tillers, is an important information for rice breeders because it directly affects yield per plant (Sadeghi, 2011). In this field study, Kanakchur has the highest number of panicles per hill (34nos.). It was found that Fulpagri had the second-fewest number of tillers (28 nos.), followed by Purnendu and Auskhar (28 nos.). Komarkari has the fewest panicles (10), followed by Sindurmukhi (12), and Kartiksal (13), when compared to the other varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 3).

Number of seeds/ panicle. The number of spikelets per panicle is useful data to rice breeders and directly affects production per plant (Sadeghi, 2011). According to Banumathy *et al.* (2010), overall variance was influenced by total grains per panicle. Here, the variety with the highest seeds per panicle was Bansphool (280 nos.), followed by Mugisal (274 nos.), and Komalkari (250 nos.), while the variety with the fewest seeds per panicle was Kanakchur (68 nos.), which was the lowest of all the varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 4). Additionally, Singh and Gangwar (1989) noted that different rice genotypes varied in the number of grains per panicle.

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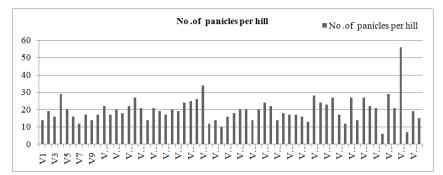


Fig. 3. Number of panicles of different traditional rice varieties.

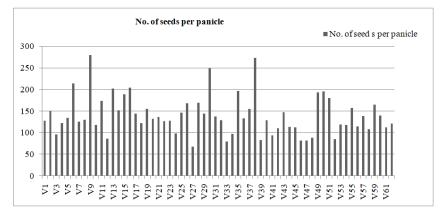


Fig. 4. Number of seeds of different traditional rice varieties.

No. of chaffy seeds/panicle. A negative character in a variety is chaffy seed. It seriously lowers yield and degrades a variety's popularity. In the current experiment, Klesh (57 nos.), Dangapatnai (56 nos.), and

Gandheswari (57 nos.) displayed the maximum number of chaffy seeds (56 nos.). In terms of chaffy seed, Bakrisal and Banskanta performed very less number among all the varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 5).

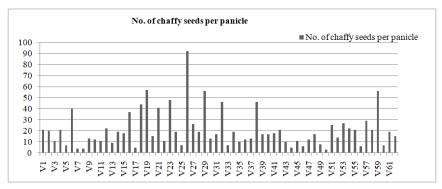


Fig. 5. No. of chaffy seeds of different traditional rice varieties.

Length of Panicle (cm). Long panicles of a variety may boost the crop yield. In Sankarsal, the maximum panicle length was recorded (35 cm). It was unique from all other varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 6). In terms of panicle length, Nugebaro produced the lowest panicle (19 cm), followed by NC Kalma, Jhulau 2, and Suyartha (Fig. 6). This diversity may be the result of heredity, which was directly connected to the genetic traits of variations. Idris and Motin (1990) reported similar findings.

Length of Flag leaf (cm). Among the traditional rice varieties, the highest length of flag leaf was recorded by Kartiksal (50.8 cm), while lowest length of flag leaf was recorded by Suyartha (25.4 cm) (Table 2 and Fig. 7).

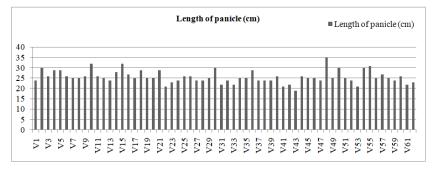


Fig. 6. Panicle length of different traditional rice varieties.

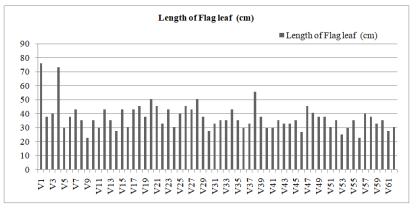


Fig. 7. Length of Flag leaf of different traditional rice varieties.

Duration of 50% flower (days). Vadoisal was an early 50% flowering (85 fays) and maturing (128 days) variety, while Champakhusi was the long duration of 50% flowering (106 days) and maturity (137 fays) (Table 2 & Fig. 8). According to Banumathy *et al.* (2010),

overall variance was influenced by days to fifty percent flowering. The most relevant traits that could be employed to increase rice yield, based to Augustina *et al.* (2013), are the number of grains per plant and days to 50% heading.

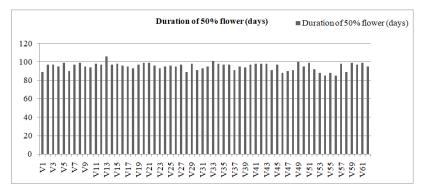


Fig. 8. Days of 50% flower of different traditional rice varieties.

Maturity Duration. In present experiment Kanakchur took long duration (164 days), while Kalama took short duration (101 days) and it was lowest maturity duration of variety than all other varieties (Table 2 & Fig. 9).

Test weight (g). The highest test weight (100 seed) was recorded by Naskelyhop (3.46g), while lowest was

recorded by Laltippa (1.10 g). Sreedhar and Reddy (2019), using correlation studies, came to the conclusion that yield showed a substantial positive association at both the genotypic and phenotypic levels with the number of productive tillers and 100-grain weight.

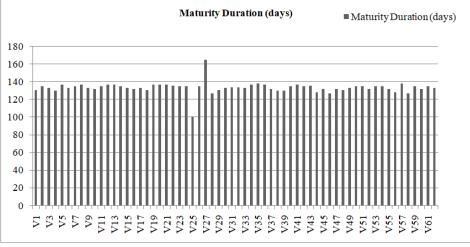


Fig. 9. Maturity days of different traditional rice varieties.

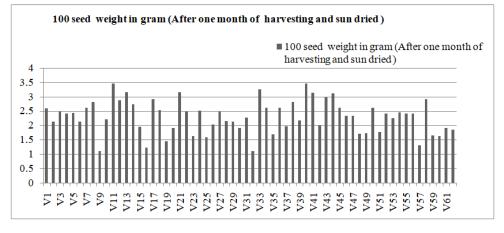
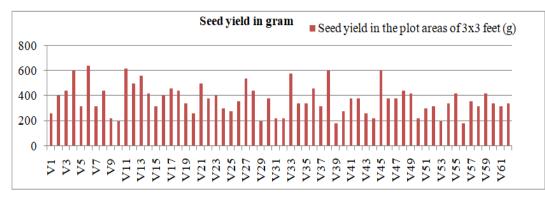
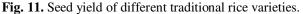


Fig. 10. Test weight of different traditional rice varieties.

Seed yield (g). The majority of breeding programmes remain to focus the highest priority on increasing grain yield (Yan *et al.*, 2002). In this experiment, Bahurupi had the maximum seed yield (640g) in the areas of 3 feet \times 3 feet, whereas Nabanna and Vadoisal had the lowest seed yields (each 180 grammes) (Table 2 & Fig. 11). There have been reports of variety variances in grain yield (Tyeb *et al.*, 2013; Islam *et al.*, 2014). Awan of seed grain. Awaning of seed grain was present only in Sindurmukhi, Bharatsal, Jhulur 2 and Kalamkati. Due to the protection provided by the awns in wild rice cultivars against pest attack and their crucial role in seed dissemination, they are classified as beneficial character (Takahashi *et al.*, 1986).





Sr. No.	Name of traditional variety of Oryza sativa (Poaceae)	Plant Height (cm)	Total no. of tillers per hill	Length of panicle (cm)	Length of Flag leaf (cm)	No. of seed s per panicle	No. of chaffy seeds per panicle	No .of panicles per hill	Duration of 50% flower (days)	100 seed weight in gram (After one month of harvesting and sun dried)	Seed yield in the plot areas of 3 ×3 feet (gram)	Maturity Duration (days)	Awning of seed grain (Absent /present)
1.	Adansilpa	155	15	24	76.2	128	21	14	89	2.60	260	131	Absent
2.	Agriban	147	20	30	38.1	151	20	19	97	2.13	400	135	Absent
3.	Anjali	144.7	16	26	40.6	96	11	16	97	2.50	440	133	Absent
4.	Auskhar	177.8	31	29	73.6	123	21	29	95	2.42	600	130	Absent
5.	Badsha	132	21	29	30.4	135	7	20	99	2.43	320	137	Absent
6. 7.	Bahurupi Bakrisal	139 149	16 12	26	38.1 43.2	215 126	40	16 12	90 97	2.13 2.61	640	133	Absent
7. 8.	Banskanta	149	12	25 25	43.2 35.6	120	04	12	97	2.81	320 440	135 137	Absent Absent
9.	Banshphool	124	16	26	22.8	280	13	14	95	1.10	220	137	Absent
10.	Bharatsal	157	19	32	35.5	118	12	17	94	2.21	200	132	Present
11.	Bharati	162.2	22	26	30.4	174	11	22	98	3.45	620	135	Absent
12.	Bhimsal	150	17	25	43.18	86	22	17	97	2.88	500	137	Absent
13.	Champa Khusi	180	20	24	35.56	203	9	20	106	3.16	560	137	Absent
14.	Chandarakanta	149.8	18	28	27.9	152	19	18	97	2.74	420	135	Absent
15. 16.	Chandrakanti Chatuimukhi	177.8 139.7	25 26	32 27	43.1 30.5	189 205	18 37	22 27	98 96	1.94 1.22	320 400	133 132	Absent
16.	Dadkhani	159.7	20	27	43.2	144	05	21	96 95	2.92	400	132	Absent Absent
18.	Danarguri	152.4	14	29	45.7	123	44	14	93	2.52	440	133	Absent
19.	Gandheswari	142	21	25	38.1	156	57	21	97	1.45	340	137	Absent
20.	Gokulsal	182.9	21	25	50.8	132	15	19	99	1.91	260	137	Absent
21.	Jamainadu	108	17	29	45.7	137	41	17	99	3.16	500	137	Absent
22.	Jhulur 2	145	22	21	33	127	11	20	96	2.50	380	136	Present
23.	Kal and heswari	167	19	23	43.1	128	48	19	93	1.62	400	135	Absent
24.	Kalamkati	160	26	24	30.48	98	19	24	95	2.52	300	135	Present
25. 26.	Kalama Kalbora	132 146	28 21	26 26	40.6 45.7	146.3 169	07 92	25 26	96 95	1.58 2.03	280 360	101 135	Absent Absent
20.	Kanakchur	140	34	20	43.1	68	26	34	93	2.03	540	165	Absent
28.	Kartiksal	152	15	24	50.8	170	19	12	89	2.16	440	127	Absent
29.	Klesh	157	14	25	38.1	145	56	14	98	2.13	200	131	Absent
30.	Komalkari	159	10	30	27.9	250	13	10	91	1.90	380	133	Absent
31.	Laldudheswar	134.6	18	22	33	138	17	16	93	2.28	220	134	Absent
32.	Laltippa	124.5	18	24	35.5	129	46	18	95	1.10	220	134	Absent
33.	Langalmuthi	157	20	22	35.5	80 97	7	20	101	3.25	580	133	Absent
34. 35.	Likekakua Mandira	99 137	20 14	25 25	43.2 35.5	97 197	19 10	20 14	98 97	2.62 1.68	340 340	137 138	Absent Absent
36.	Medhi	137	20	29	30.4	137	10	20	97	2.62	460	138	Absent
37.	Moragihatu	162	18	24	33	155	13	24	91	1.97	320	132	Absent
38.	Mugisal	138	22	24	55.8	274	46	22	95	2.81	600	130	Absent
39.	Nabanna	139	16	24	38.1	83	17	14	94	2.17	180	130	Absent
40.	Naskelyhop	144	19	26	30	129	17	18	97	3.46	280	135	Absent
41.	NC- Kalma	124	17	21	30.1	94	18	17	98	3.13	380	137	Absent
42.	Nikunja Nugebaro	157 156.4	17	22 19	35.5 33	111 148	21 10	17	98 98	2.00 2.97	380 260	135 136	Absent Absent
43. 44.	Pankhiraj	156.4	18 13	26	33	148	5	16 13	98 91	3.11	260	136	Absent
45.	Purnendu	182.9	30	25	35.6	114	11	28	97	2.62	600	123	Absent
46.	Sabitri 2	64	28	25	27	82	6	24	88	2.34	380	127	Absent
47.	Sabitri	106	23	24	45.72	82	12	23	90	2.34	380	132	Absent
48.	Sankarsal	170	27	35	40.64	89	17	27	91	1.71	440	131	Absent
49.	Satia	126	17	25	38	194	8	17	100	1.73	420	133	Absent
50.	Sindurmukhi	172.7	13	30	38.1	196	3	12	95	2.61	220	135	Ptrsent
51. 52.	Sitabhog Sukhsal	132 144.7	27 24	25 24	30.5 35.5	181 85	25 14	27 24	99 92	1.76 2.41	300 320	135 132	Absent Absent
52.	Suvartha	124.4	24	24	25.4	119	27	24	92 88	2.41	200	132	Absent
54.	Bhasamanik	124.4	18	30	30.4	119	27	18	85	2.25	340	135	Absent
55.	Valki	162	24	31	35.5	157.3	21	22	88	2.41	420	132	Absent
56.	Vadoisal	104	18	25	22.9	115	6	17	85	2.42	180	128	Absent
57.	Tulshibhog	162.2	17	27	40.6	139	29	17	98	1.31	360	138	Absent
58.	Talmugur	152.4	26	25	38.1	108	21	23	89	2.92	320	127	Absent
59.	Dangapatnai	140	18	24	33	165	56	18	99	1.65	420	135	Absent
60.	Fulpagri	142	30	26 22	35.5 27.9	140 113	7 19	28 16	97 99	1.63 1.91	340 320	132 135	Absent Absent
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Table 2 : Growth, yield and yield attributes of 62 nos. traditional varieties of Paddy (Oryza sativa).

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CONCLUSION

The future food supply depends critically on maintaining traditional paddy varieties. It can be possible when researchers, seed growers and farmers will try to apply the seed multiplication procedures for protecting these traditional varieties. With accordance to the yield and other agronomic characters examined, the current study showed great variance among the traditional varieties of paddy. These variance are helpful for evaluating genetic diversity among the varieties.

FUTURE SCOPE

This presumption is founded on the idea that continued genetic resource input into rice breeding efforts will lead to yield stability and growth. Therefore, Breeders, researchers, and farmers can use this work to find, replace, and conserve valuable genes for crop improvement programme.

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