

Genetic studies and response of rice germplasm (*Oryza sativa* L.) to brown spot incidence in aerobic condition

Abstract

The present investigation was carried out with 150 rice genotypes and three check varieties namely Rajshree, Pankaj and Rajendra Neelam with the view of screening these varieties for brown spot resistance under the aerobic condition. These genotypes were evaluated for brown spot incidence and yield potential by recording observation for 11 quantitative traits by using augmented randomized complete block design at Rice research farm of RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar, during Kharif season of 2019. Analysis of variance revealed significant differences amongst the genotypes for all the eleven traits under studied. Based on the mean performance, 14 genotypes out of 150 genotypes were found significantly superior to the best check, Rajendra Neelam, for the three traits viz., grain yield/plant, PDI and AUDPC, which are considered as ~~utmost importance~~ key traits for the assessment of brown spot incidence. The genotypes viz., VLD 16 entry no. -5, Udyagiri entry no.-9, and SKL 6 entry no.-94 were found displaying the significantly exhibited high mean for majority of the traits under study. Based on the AUDPC values, four genotypes viz., Satabdi, PS-4, Haryana Basmati, and SKL6 were found resistant for brown spot incidence. For most of the traits studied, moderate to low value of PCV and GCV was recorded. Higher magnitude of broad sense heritability (broad sense) and GAM were perceived for days to 50% flowering, plant height, no. of tillers per plant, no. of panicles per plant, filled grains per panicle, grain yield per plant, PDI, AUDPC signifying that direct selection by these traits can be rewarding for achieving yield improvisation and resistance to brown spot disease. All the 153 genotypes (including checks) were grouped into 17 clusters using D^2 statistics. The maximum inter cluster distance was chronicled among between clusters VII and cluster XVI. Cluster XVI holds the desirable mean value for the traits like the highest mean value for the number of tillers per plant (18.66) and grain yield per plant (??) and the lowest mean value for the PDI (??) and AUDPC (??) which are necessary to develop the varieties required for the genetic improvement of the crop for the resistance from the brown spot disease.

Keywords: AUDPC, PDI, GCV, PCV, Heritability, Selection

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is an annual monocotyledonous cereal grass encompassed within the genus *oryza* and the family *Gramineae*. Around the world Globally, rice is a staple food for more than 2.5 billion individuals and it also provides daily calorie intake upto of about 50 to 80% (Ref??). The demand for rice will be projected to grow by 2.5% per year in the upcoming decades (Ref??).

For over centuries, rice production has been largely dependent on the irrigated lowland rice system, but in present day scenarios, the sustainability of rice production in the lowland areas is under threat due to water shortage, water contamination and competition for water use (Ref??). Hence due to this impeding water crisis and water exhaustive nature of the rice farming drives the need to search an alternative approach(es) that increases the water productivity of rice. Thus, one such forthcoming One of the potential approaches of that contributes to increased rice cultivation productivity is the aerobic rice cultivation, which This technique reduces the water demand in rice production and increases the water use efficiency (Ref??). Experiments on aerobic rice has shown that

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| water requirement in aerobic rice were 50% lower (470-650 mm) and water productivity were 64-88% higher than lowland rice (1). In aerobic rice system, crop is established by direct seeding under non-puddled, non-flooded soil and field remain unsaturated throughout the season.

| The significant production constraints among different yield constraining variables are pests and diseases. Rice experiences a few infections among them, a couple of them happen in epiphytic form in various parts of India and cause substantial yield losses. In general, aerobic rice cultivation is affected by similar pest and diseases as transplanted rice; however, certain diseases like blast, brown spot, seedling blight and foot rot show higher levels of outbreak under aerobic condition (Ref??).

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| Among them, brown spot of rice whose causal organism is *Bipolaris oryzae* (teleomorph = *Cochliobolus miyabeanus*) is considered as the deadliest disease of rice which is known to have worldwide occurrence (Ref??). This disease is very frequent in various rice growing nations. The disease assumes epiphytic form under the direct seeded rice cultivation which is commonly practiced within the states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Bihar. This epiphytic form of the disease is known to cause mammoth losses of approximatively 90% when it adopts the epiphytic form as it was seen reported in the great Bengal famine incidence during the year of 1942 (Ref??). The pathogen infects the crop from seedling to milk stage but the infection is most critical during from the tillering stage upto the maturation stages of crop.

| Although there are several fungicide treatments are available for brown spot management, but the use of the host-plant resistance treatment is most cheapest and most feasible means of practice for the management of brown spot the disease. Likewise, The utilization of fungicides is considered as the less promising option for controlling the disease in future because of due to the restrictions on its use due to tackle the its harmfulness of its to nature. Hence, the exploitation of the resistant cultivar can serve us with the simple, harmless efficient and economical mode of controlling various crop diseases which can lead to stabilization of the crop yield. However, the variation and diversity in pathogen population often make host plant resistance short lived and unstable. The short life and instability are due to the advent of novel or more contagious races of the pathogens. Therefore, there is endless need for us, breeders often engage on routine screening and for identification and selection of effective and broad -spectrum brown spot resistance genes in diverse germplasm for deployment in high yielding varieties to achieve the sustainable production of rice.

Material and method

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| The present investigation was executed at the research farm, of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar, India, during the Kharif season of 2019. The experimental material used in this study included 150 rice genotypes along with the 3 check varieties named (Rajshree, Pankaj and R. Neelam). Out of these three checks Rajshree was used as moderately resistant check and Neelam was used as resistant check while Pankaj was used as susceptible check. Eleven parameters viz., panicle length days to 50% flowering, plant height, disease intensity % (PDI), area under disease progress curve (AUDPC), days to maturity, number of panicles per plant, test weight, filled grains per panicle, number of tillers per plant, grain yield per plant. For the estimation of PDI and AUDPC, an epiphytic condition for the brown spot was created by artificial inoculation by using the inoculum collected from Department of Plant Pathology, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar after 65 days after sowing by using an aerosol sprayer. The PDI was estimated by carrying out the

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field scoring for three times during the entire cropping period, *i.e.* 20th October, 5th November, 20th November. Screening for brown spot resistance consists of visual scoring of affected plants following disease rating scale of Standard Evaluation System of Rice published by IRRI (2013) presented in table 1. During scoring the tagged plants inside each plot was visually assessed for percent foliar affected area at fifteen days span. Disease intensity % (PDI) was calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Disease intensity \%} = \frac{\text{Sum of all numerical ratings} \times 100}{\text{Number of plants observed} \times \text{Maximum rating}}$$

The percent disease intensity (PDI) was estimated by carrying out the field scoring for three times during the entire cropping period, *i.e.* 20th October 2019, 5th November 2019, 20th November 2019. Then the integration of PDI readings (disease severity) recorded from the rice variety estimated the values of AUDPC. AUDPC also summarizes the level of disease intensity along a period which is computed using the following formula as given by Campbell and Madden (1990).

$$\text{AUDPC} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (Y_{i+1} + Y_i) 0.5 (T_{i+1} - T_i)$$

Where,

Y_i = PDI on i^{th} date

T_i = date of scoring of the disease

n = numbers of dates on which disease was scored.

Table 1: Disease rating scale of standard evaluation system of Rice published by IRRI (2013) for assessment of brown spot incidence

Scale	% Foliar infected	Host response
0	No incidence	Immune
1	Less than 1%	Highly Resistant
2	1-3%	Resistant
3	4-5%	Resistant
4	6-10%	Moderately Resistant
5	11-15%	Moderately Resistant
6	16-25%	Moderately Susceptible
7	26-50%	Susceptible
8	51-75%	Susceptible
9	76-100%	Highly susceptible

Result and discussion

Genetic variability parameters and mean performance

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The ANOVA for eleven quantitative attributes including grain yield for rice genotypes taken into consideration has been performed and displayed in ~~the~~ Table 2. ANOVA revealed that for all eleven traits the mean sum of squares for the total treatments, varieties, and Checks vs. Varieties were found significant showing significant differences between the genotypes used in the present investigation. Comparable findings were likewise reported by Padmaja *et al.* (2), Sameera *et al.* (3), Dariush *et al.* (4) where ANOVA showed a significant difference for all the traits they had taken into consideration.

Study of mean performance pre-requisite for the initiation of any research program as it provides first-hand information about the material used in any research study which can be exploited further to accelerate the breeding process as well as to understand the underlying biological mechanisms. The mean performance of individual rice test entries beside the three check entries which were studied under the aerobic condition for all the traits is tabularized in Table 3. The mean, range and coefficient of variation of all the traits are tabularised in the Table 4.

Among the 150 test genotypes evaluated -56 genotypes were significantly early in days to 50% flowering over best check Rajendra Neelam, 31 genotypes were significantly early in days to maturity over best check Rajendra Neelam, only 39 genotypes were significantly shorter for plant height than the best check Rajendra Neelam, 43 genotypes have significantly longer panicle length than the best check Rajshree, only 6 genotypes have significantly higher number of tillers per plant than the best check Rajshree, only 3 genotypes have significantly higher number of panicles per plant than the best check Rajshree, 21 genotypes have significantly higher number of filled grains per panicle than the best check Rajendra Neelam, 30 genotypes have significantly higher test weight than the best check Rajshree, 81 genotypes were significantly higher yielding than the best check Rajendra Neelam, 14 germplasm and 22 germplasm showed significant superior mean performance over the best check Rajendra Neelam for AUDPC and PDI respectively. Proposing that the selection for desired genotype premised on the characters evaluated for material can be efficacious.

The genotypes that displayed a wide range of variation under aerobic condition provide an enormous **highlight** for the selection of desirable cultivar by the plant breeders for imminent crop **highlight** program in rice. An evaluation of heritable segments of the total variability is imperative in **highlight** any appropriate breeding **? highlight**. Genetic variability parameters for all the attributes investigated are **highlighted** under the presented in table 5. **highlight** The **highlight** variability studies**highlight** indicated that the PCV estimates **was** **were** slightly higher than the corresponding GCV for all the **highlight** characters studied**highlight** traits, signifying that these characters were under a lesser environmental influence. **highlight** Both PCV and GCV **highlighted** values **was** **perceived** **a moderate value for most of the traits under study viz., moderate values for** percent disease intensity, number of panicles per plant, grain yield per plant, AUDPC, plant height, number of tillers per plant, filled grains per panicle, **and** days to 50% flowering. Comparable findings were **likewise chronicled** **also found** by Dhanwani *et al.* (5), Singh *et al.* (6), Behera *et al.* (7). The Low **estimates of** PCV and GCV values **were** observed for **the traits like** days to maturity, panicle length, and test weight **in the present study are consistent with** **Comparable findings were likewise chronicled those obtained** by Lahari *et al.* (13) **for days to maturity, panicle length, and test weight. However,** Karim *et al.* (8), Thomas *et al.* (9) and Dhurai *et al.* (10) **only had low PCV and GCV values** for days to maturity; **whereas** Singh *et al.* (11), Padmaja *et al.*, and Prajapati *et al.* (12) **for found low PCV and GCV values for** panicle length; **Lahari et al. (13) for days to maturity, panicle length, and test weight.** The moderate estimates of the coefficient of variability specify that there is a reasonable opportunity for the selection and refinement of these attributes. The low values of coefficient

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of variability indicate that there is the necessity for engendering of variability either through hybridization or by mutagenesis and transformation prior to the selection. From the perusal of the data (Table 5), it can be stated that all the eleven characters exhibited high heritability, which ranged from 80.25% to 94.85 %. However, high broad sense heritability (broad sense) and high genetic advance as percent of mean was obtained for days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of tillers per plant, number of panicles per plant, filled grains per panicle, grain yield per plant, PDI, and AUDPC. Comparable findings were likewise chronicled by Durrishahwar *et al.* -(14) and Zewdu *et al.* (15) for PDI and AUDPC; Dhurai *et al.* and Sameera *et al.* for days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of tillers per plant, number of panicles per plant, filled grains per panicle, grain yield per plant.

Hence, it can be interpretFindings implied that the traits like days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of tillers per plant, number of panicles per plant, filled grains per panicle, grain yield per plant, PDI, and AUDPC emerged as the bestkey traits which possessith reasonable genetic variability amidst in the studied genotypes and higher response to selection for the breeding varieties for brown spot resistance.

Genetic divergence

The distribution pattern of the rice cultivars, cluster mean of the traits, intra-cluster, and inter-cluster divergence (D^2) and contribution percentage of traits towards genetic divergence were structured within the are presented in Tables 6, 7, 8, and 9. Accordingly, the D^2 analysis conducted in the present investigation has grouped the 153 rice genotypes into seventeen clusters, reflecting indicating the presence of the greater amount of heterogeneity among the genotypes used in the present investigation. Comparable clustering pattern premised on the D^2 Mahalanobis was chronicled by Chauhan and Singh (16), Sankar et al. (17), Banumathy et al. (18). The maximum inter cluster distance was chronicled among cluster VII and cluster XVI, subsequently followed by cluster III and XVI, cluster XIV and cluster XVI inferring that the crossing of the genotypes grouped within these clusters would be useful in procuring the heterotic combination and transgressive segregants. Cluster XVI holds the desirable mean value for the traits like the highest mean value for the number of tillers per plant (18.66) and grain yield per plant and the lowest mean value for the PDI and AUDPC which are necessary to develop the varieties required for the resistance from the brown spot. Towards the genetic divergence, the maximum percentage contribution was attributed by PDI subsequently followed by filled grains per panicle, number of tillers per plant, and AUDPC, suggesting that the selection of desirable genotypes may be beneficial for the further use in the breeding programme.

Response of test germplasm to brown spot incidence

The screening was done using the brown spot incidence scale of the standard evaluation system of -IRRI, 2013. The assessment of the response of the rice genotypes to this disease was done by estimation of a parameter known as AUDPC. AUDPC revealed the quantitative summary of the disease intensity over the period. Hence, the genotypes used in the current research investigation were allotted into different responses using the mean AUDPC values which are tabularized in table 10.

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Table 2: Analysis of variance for various traits under study for rice genotypes

Source of variation	d.f	DFF	DM	PH (cm)	P L (cm)	NTP	NPP	FGP	TW (g)	GYP (g)	PDI	AUDPC
Blocks (ignoring treatments)	5	1.52	3.95	25.78	0.79	6.42	243.74	179.54	1.73	19.85	21.08	17.45
Treatments (eliminating blocks)	152	130.30 **	140.70 **	355.97 **	3.92 **	6.62 **	235.57 **	205.95 **	31.30 **	59.80 **	68157.82 **	188062.71 **
checks	2	953.55 **	1358.38 **	113.54 **	3.66 **	2.67	480.64 **	54.99 **	107.44 **	40.84 **	424475.59 **	1339229.37 **
Varieties	149	95.46 **	102.20 **	359.71 **	3.84 **	6.70 **	233.04 **	210.57 **	29.90 **	45.05 **	58859.48 **	158987.15 **
Check vs.Varieties	1	3676.32 **	3442.49 **	284.10 **	15.12 **	2.48	122.88	8.38	88.36 **	2295.59	740975.75 **	2217988.75 **
ERROR	10	1.15	1.85	15.80	0.58	1.44	35.77	9.48	1.97	2.60	38.91	13.84

** Significance at 1% level

* Significance at 5% level

Days to 50% flowering (DFF), Days to maturity (DM), Plant height (PH), Panicle length (PL), Number of tillers per plant (NTP), Number of panicles per plant (NPP), Filled grains per panicle (FGP), Test weight (g.) (TW), Grain yield per plant (g.) (GYP), Percent disease intensity (PDI) and Area under disease progress curve (AUDPC)

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Table 3: Mean performance of 153 rice genotypes for eleven characters under aerobic condition

S.no	Genotype name	DFF	DM	PH	PL	NTP	NPP	FGP	TW	GYP	PDI	AUDPC
1	Srabani	90.00	121.00	94.00	19.40	12.00	8.66	68.33	25.36	36.36	20.25	487.03
2	Golaka	101.00	132.00	122.20	19.60	8.00	7.66	65.00	27.00	20.52	85.19	1403.63
3	IR-64	78.00	101.00	94.80	21.60	11.60	10.00	68.33	26.76	35.12	23.23	540.96
4	Daya	75.00	106.00	96.60	22.00	8.33	7.00	62.66	31.00	24.12	70.37	1237.49
5	VLD-16	78.00	101.00	121.40	23.40	10.00	7.66	94.33	31.16	32.16	30.61	712.65
6	Sebati	92.00	116.00	70.40	15.60	8.66	6.30	51.66	29.36	36.51	18.52	410.79
7	Govinda	82.00	109.00	90.60	18.80	8.00	6.66	46.66	28.00	24.32	56.38	1052.36
8	PR113	93.00	125.00	84.80	17.80	10.33	7.66	56.00	34.40	23.58	63.12	1155.86
9	Udyagiri	79.00	101.00	100.00	21.00	8.66	7.00	67.66	26.00	36.52	19.48	451.26
10	IR-72	82.00	104.00	105.00	21.60	14.66	10.66	52.00	30.60	32.96	30.26	625.50
11	Narendra-1	83.00	111.00	93.40	20.40	11.66	9.66	50.33	27.00	31.31	31.42	670.06
12	VLD221	82.00	111.00	121.00	22.00	13.33	12.66	70.00	31.80	29.56	33.45	702.52
13	Khira	93.00	116.00	100.20	16.20	18.66	8.00	68.00	37.52	35.42	20.31	455.42
14	SARSA	84.00	113.00	101.40	21.40	13.00	8.33	61.66	27.56	31.29	34.56	746.63
15	MILYANG46	87.00	113.00	157.20	23.40	9.33	5.66	75.00	29.92	24.56	68.25	1287.64
16	Annada	76.00	104.00	90.00	20.80	8.66	6.00	57.66	25.84	28.54	62.48	908.87
17	Luna sankhi	88.00	115.00	128.40	23.60	16.00	10.00	52.66	28.20	20.56	77.19	1322.14
18	Radhi	78.00	105.00	120.00	22.40	7.66	7.33	84.66	24.48	25.30	65.12	1141.23
19	Sahabagi dhan	76.00	113.00	114.40	23.40	9.66	6.33	55.33	28.00	36.12	25.38	468.51
20	Kalinga-3	75.00	108.00	138.60	24.20	10.66	8.00	57.66	21.04	24.52	62.96	1279.61
21	Satabdi	93.00	116.00	84.80	17.60	7.00	6.00	58.66	24.52	38.34	16.54	360.81
22	Tara	80.00	106.00	125.40	20.40	10.33	8.33	77.33	25.12	32.56	42.38	635.63
23	ASD18	105.00	132.00	125.80	22.40	8.00	6.33	143.00	18.36	20.29	78.23	1410.39
24	Purnandu	80.00	106.00	129.20	23.60	14.33	7.00	63.66	29.60	28.56	44.56	876.62
25	BUD110	88.00	114.00	103.40	20.80	14.66	8.33	64.33	24.00	36.21	18.56	437.41
	RAJSHREE	105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
	PANKAJ	113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
	R. NEELAM	88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
	Ci - Cj	1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
	BiVi - BiVj	3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
	BiVi - BjVj	3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
	Ci - Vi	3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
	overall mean	86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
	CD 5%	5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
	S Em	1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

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26	ASD14	96.00	126.00	90.00	22.00	12.00	8.33	55.66	21.36	33.26	36.42	747.17
27	Sasyashree	107.00	131.00	109.20	23.80	9.00	6.66	50.33	29.60	32.48	34.39	697.79
28	PS3	80.00	101.00	99.60	22.00	7.66	7.00	68.66	25.84	31.56	35.46	744.53
29	Varsa	88.00	117.00	89.80	21.60	9.33	7.00	103.00	36.94	22.26	74.12	1236.91
30	Sarathi	83.00	113.00	103.60	20.80	14.00	11.00	60.66	25.44	23.24	76.12	1190.84
31	GR103	64.00	96.00	106.80	21.40	8.33	5.33	72.33	23.08	19.56	81.48	1457.15
32	Abhaya	65.00	96.00	103.20	20.40	6.33	6.00	49.66	24.24	20.19	89.35	1570.14
33	Dandi	98.00	124.00	104.60	21.20	9.66	7.33	72.00	22.28	20.52	92.59	1584.54
34	PS-4	80.00	109.00	102.80	22.20	8.33	6.00	52.33	25.16	38.56	18.53	391.56
35	Khandagiri	84.00	113.00	115.00	23.00	11.66	7.00	65.33	24.00	20.14	92.59	1562.93
36	NDR-97	104.00	129.00	96.00	21.40	7.00	5.66	81.00	26.76	32.46	36.26	648.98
37	Santhi	86.00	119.00	133.60	24.20	12.33	8.33	91.00	24.64	24.62	77.78	1277.70
38	Vaisak	80.00	109.00	130.80	24.60	7.33	6.00	59.66	32.84	18.23	85.19	1611.87
39	Pyari	82.00	116.00	121.40	20.60	16.00	7.00	69.33	28.52	24.51	59.26	1297.40
40	Jyati	96.00	128.00	98.20	19.80	9.00	6.33	81.33	34.16	32.42	33.64	701.22
41	Bhagyabati	86.00	111.00	114.80	22.00	9.66	5.33	80.66	23.04	20.45	80.37	1419.62
42	BVS1	86.00	116.00	123.40	21.20	9.00	8.66	127.00	25.04	32.56	32.38	644.84
43	CO-49	78.00	101.00	89.40	18.80	11.00	6.00	58.66	23.60	36.15	27.46	454.85
44	Bardhan	80.00	109.00	111.00	23.00	10.66	9.00	73.66	27.20	20.36	81.48	1489.95
45	Bhoi	80.00	109.00	104.40	23.00	10.66	5.33	53.00	25.36	28.56	56.23	949.13
46	Sarjo 52	82.00	115.00	100.60	22.40	8.33	7.00	84.33	27.60	32.42	34.65	645.05
47	BR -72	85.00	116.00	106.40	24.60	8.33	7.66	70.66	28.48	35.12	27.54	562.00
48	CSR35	92.00	126.00	101.60	23.80	9.00	7.33	67.00	29.24	36.52	16.39	401.04
49	BD-202	94.00	126.00	134.60	23.60	9.66	8.00	98.33	26.12	28.42	62.59	985.21
50	CSR27	78.00	110.00	110.00	23.40	8.33	6.33	70.66	33.56	35.26	24.59	516.37
	RAJSHREE	105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
	PANKAJ	113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
	R. NEELAM	88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
	Ci - Cj	1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
	BiVi - BiVj	3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
	BiVi - BjVj	3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
	Ci - Vi	3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
	overall mean	86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
	CD 5%	5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
	S Em	1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

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51	DRR Dhan 39	89.00	121.00	88.80	19.60	10.66	8.00	70.00	30.52	31.59	34.21	705.26
52	GR 64	94.00	124.00	101.40	20.00	6.66	4.33	84.00	18.00	31.12	37.92	779.32
53	Indrabans	74.00	106.00	120.60	23.60	11.66	9.66	109.66	23.56	23.56	66.67	1222.78
54	Danteshwari	88.00	116.00	139.20	23.80	8.33	7.33	83.00	23.80	23.80	77.78	1231.51
55	Red triveni	78.00	108.00	136.20	22.40	7.66	7.00	71.66	25.04	20.04	74.07	1313.01
56	RR-8588	86.00	116.00	111.20	22.40	8.00	5.33	89.00	29.96	18.23	81.48	1628.70
57	Pantdhan-12	78.00	101.00	107.00	23.40	12.33	7.00	52.33	25.92	32.23	31.48	664.38
58	VL dhan61	85.00	113.00	129.00	25.40	11.33	7.66	57.33	32.76	23.56	66.67	1146.01
59	VL Dhan209	80.00	101.00	84.60	19.80	10.66	7.66	62.33	21.44	20.19	70.37	1349.32
60	Samyakhala	78.00	109.00	139.00	22.20	8.00	7.66	70.33	29.20	19.56	72.39	1382.40
61	Rajendra Dhan 102	105.00	128.00	136.80	22.20	9.00	8.00	66.33	31.92	23.56	62.96	1231.58
62	GNR 3	92.00	121.00	110.40	19.40	12.66	7.33	77.00	28.36	19.56	85.19	1480.06
63	Varun dhan	70.00	103.00	128.80	22.20	15.66	7.66	76.66	26.16	19.21	85.12	1493.77
64	Sukhardhan	72.00	103.00	116.00	22.00	9.66	7.66	65.33	34.84	27.56	39.31	824.40
65	HPR2143	75.00	104.00	109.60	25.00	13.00	8.66	59.00	29.52	18.56	83.26	1443.93
66	Himalaya2216	78.00	109.00	124.80	23.00	12.66	6.00	67.33	22.56	19.23	76.39	1330.58
67	Himalaya1	70.00	94.00	105.40	22.00	16.00	7.33	62.66	18.28	18.89	85.19	1395.57
68	CO48	80.00	108.00	131.40	23.20	10.00	7.66	46.66	23.72	18.23	92.59	1381.35
69	Pantdhan4	91.00	119.00	95.60	20.00	7.33	5.33	68.00	25.00	17.56	85.19	1654.16
70	Pant sughandh dhan21	93.00	123.00	123.60	24.40	7.00	5.66	65.33	16.00	36.35	18.26	401.50
71	Bhalum-3	76.00	103.00	116.20	19.80	11.66	8.00	75.00	24.00	19.56	77.78	1329.16
72	Sanwal basmati	104.00	135.00	105.80	20.60	11.33	6.33	44.33	20.00	18.35	92.59	1542.97
73	Pusa sughandh-2	99.00	133.00	104.80	21.40	8.00	7.00	75.33	23.56	18.69	91.35	1502.43
74	Pusa 834	74.00	101.00	100.80	20.60	7.33	5.66	58.00	24.00	20.13	88.89	1405.49
75	Pusa sugandh-5	92.00	125.00	113.00	24.80	9.33	7.66	83.66	31.20	32.42	26.58	601.27
	RAJSHREE	105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
	PANKAJ	113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
	R. NEELAM	88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
	Ci - Cj	1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
	BiVi - BiVj	3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
	BiVi - BjVj	3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
	Ci - Vi	3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
	overall mean	86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
	CD 5%	5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
	S Em	1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

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76	JR 353	90.00	121.00	93.40	22.00	7.00	5.00	48.66	21.56	23.56	74.07	1208.38
77	Karanti	87.00	116.00	93.20	20.60	8.00	7.33	65.33	35.12	36.98	25.39	468.88
78	JR503	89.00	119.00	90.60	19.40	8.00	6.00	37.33	33.92	34.52	27.12	519.93
79	Kalanamak101	108.00	131.00	118.20	21.80	7.00	6.00	58.00	12.12	36.51	26.41	493.40
80	Saraswati	96.00	128.00	121.80	22.00	9.33	8.00	77.33	32.72	16.52	85.19	1592.59
81	GAR -13	96.00	130.00	116.80	23.20	17.66	12.66	92.33	24.00	21.20	75.23	1327.75
82	GR 12	94.00	123.00	118.80	22.40	10.00	6.66	129.66	21.16	20.10	80.52	1370.46
83	GR 11	103.00	130.00	132.20	22.00	9.66	6.33	75.33	23.14	19.54	92.59	1471.79
84	GR 7	89.00	120.00	126.40	22.00	9.00	7.00	70.00	23.16	18.34	92.59	1567.49
85	GR4	84.00	117.00	123.40	22.60	9.00	8.66	51.33	25.28	21.24	92.56	1346.56
86	GAR 2	92.00	125.00	134.40	21.60	9.00	6.00	62.00	15.35	15.35	89.25	1567.24
87	Palghar2	84.00	108.00	120.60	18.60	9.00	8.00	73.66	18.92	22.90	66.67	1282.06
88	Ratnagiri 1	83.00	113.00	100.80	22.60	10.00	6.33	72.33	18.60	23.60	85.19	1257.44
89	Ratnagiri4	84.00	116.00	94.60	21.80	10.66	7.33	70.33	23.88	19.56	88.89	1468.79
90	Ratnagiri711	79.00	109.00	93.80	20.20	10.66	8.33	57.33	16.68	16.68	88.89	1623.81
91	Karjat-7	91.00	123.00	101.80	23.40	12.66	10.33	63.00	29.59	32.56	29.52	603.66
92	Haryana Basmati	96.00	126.00	104.20	22.20	9.66	5.66	94.00	14.68	38.71	20.89	383.04
93	SYE1	78.00	108.00	106.60	23.40	8.00	5.00	41.66	16.16	24.69	55.56	1069.50
94	SKL6	70.00	103.00	85.40	20.00	8.00	5.33	57.33	20.52	38.56	18.23	340.42
95	Badami	74.00	96.00	114.00	24.40	11.00	6.66	59.33	19.80	19.56	77.78	1400.18
96	Mandakini	77.00	106.00	91.00	21.20	13.66	9.33	35.33	22.04	35.26	27.42	597.25
97	Jyotimayee	88.00	113.00	108.60	22.40	7.00	5.00	55.33	26.08	14.62	92.59	1935.19
98	Pantdhan19	76.00	104.00	131.00	21.80	7.33	6.00	54.33	19.24	15.29	96.54	1790.63
99	Kasalath	116.00	144.00	120.20	21.00	8.00	5.66	37.66	14.80	16.23	92.19	1723.14
100	Rhyllo white	80.00	109.00	129.00	22.00	8.00	6.33	55.66	26.92	24.12	66.67	1200.54
	RAJSHREE	105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
	PANKAJ	113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
	R. NEELAM	88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
	Ci - Cj	1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
	BiVi - BiVj	3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
	BiVi - BjVj	3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
	Ci - Vi	3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
	overall mean	86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
	CD 5%	5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
	S Em	1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

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101	Dullo	91.00	121.00	128.20	21.80	11.00	9.00	78.00	24.88	19.53	81.48	1450.43
102	Kuki	70.00	100.00	131.20	25.20	8.66	7.33	38.33	22.40	24.35	66.67	1134.07
103	IRCTN-91-5	83.00	113.00	107.00	22.80	8.33	7.66	81.00	24.32	19.52	92.59	1489.21
104	IRCTN-11-94	76.00	103.00	131.20	22.40	10.33	9.33	68.33	24.00	22.56	78.26	1362.41
105	Nami	67.00	99.00	129.80	22.60	8.66	6.33	80.66	27.32	15.26	92.59	1658.64
106	HR5829-73-3-23	78.00	109.00	119.80	21.60	8.66	5.33	77.00	22.92	23.56	74.07	1187.43
107	Zielum	87.00	116.00	113.40	24.40	9.00	8.66	76.33	36.48	24.21	71.49	1123.72
108	RCPL-1-9C	88.00	121.00	113.00	22.40	11.33	8.00	98.33	32.52	18.32	85.43	1509.18
109	Channapaddy	96.00	123.00	108.80	21.20	9.00	7.00	61.00	23.16	14.56	85.19	1764.82
110	RCPL-1-5C	95.00	123.00	108.00	20.20	9.00	7.33	66.66	31.92	24.23	65.23	1065.92
111	NCW11	94.00	121.00	116.20	23.40	11.00	7.33	86.33	27.36	28.56	62.15	920.19
112	IR-1386	86.00	117.00	147.20	23.80	7.66	6.00	75.66	21.64	20.52	80.52	1330.77
113	RCPL-1-13C	89.00	119.00	134.80	23.20	7.66	5.66	63.00	20.88	19.53	81.48	1414.47
114	Nonglhai	82.00	116.00	95.40	20.40	10.33	6.66	64.66	23.68	24.61	77.78	1231.51
115	K-393-29-1	84.00	116.00	113.80	24.00	8.66	7.00	72.66	22.20	24.69	72.14	1236.19
116	IRCTN-91-78	88.00	113y	114.80	23.20	8.00	6.66	97.33	17.36	14.56	92.59	1666.93
117	Khamong	87.00	116.00	140.80	24.80	7.66	5.66	64.66	28.40	18.23	92.59	1593.70
118	Kala jira jaha	123.00	151.00	136.60	21.00	8.00	6.66	109.00	12.52	17.23	81.48	1504.08
119	Raga- binni (sticky)	91.00	121.00	129.00	21.60	11.33	10.33	103.00	21.40	20.14	81.48	1413.38
120	Gopalbhok	89.00	123.00	122.60	19.80	8.00	7.00	71.66	30.44	24.56	72.18	1220.53
121	Hatibandha	88.00	121.00	135.20	22.60	10.66	8.00	110.66	23.36	24.89	72.19	1227.79
122	Mima	82.00	116.00	140.60	27.20	9.33	8.00	77.66	19.44	20.56	74.32	1319.66
123	Jahagipok	90.00	121.00	136.20	22.80	18.00	10.00	48.66	20.30	19.21	85.19	1460.23
124	Taramon	119.00	151.00	134.00	23.60	8.33	6.66	84.66	21.04	21.04	71.56	1319.58
125	Kutchigisim	98.00	122.00	150.20	26.40	12.33	6.66	58.33	31.36	36.51	25.42	481.20
	RAJSHREE	105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
	PANKAJ	113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
	R. NEELAM	88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
	Ci - Cj	1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
	BiVi - BiVj	3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
	BiVi - BjVj	3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
	Ci - Vi	3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
	overall mean	86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
	CD 5%	5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
	S Em	1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

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126	Maigothi	98.00	123.00	131.80	22.40	13.33	6.66	54.00	31.60	21.60	79.23	1364.57
127	Minil Gisim	91.00	125.00	139.40	24.00	14.00	6.33	67.33	34.28	34.28	56.23	982.92
128	Jahagisim	82.00	116.00	141.80	25.20	6.66	4.66	59.66	29.34	29.34	56.23	1146.50
129	Kuhusoi-ri-sareku	89.00	119.00	152.40	23.40	9.66	6.00	75.33	31.65	20.21	79.26	1472.39
130	Vinhatsa	89.00	121.00	138.00	22.20	6.00	8.00	63.66	18.48	18.51	88.89	1501.93
131	Ngobanyo Red Clover	91.00	121.00	104.00	21.00	15.66	8.33	62.66	24.32	19.36	81.48	1554.80
132	Teviirii	76.00	105.00	145.00	24.60	9.00	6.00	76.33	21.40	19.56	74.07	1550.60
133	Dzuluore	78.00	109.00	154.40	26.00	11.00	6.33	109.66	25.68	24.69	74.07	1254.11
134	Kelhrie Cha	80.00	104.00	140.00	22.40	14.66	8.00	97.66	21.48	17.51	89.23	1686.20
135	Nedu	96.00	121.00	140.00	23.00	10.00	7.33	112.00	28.80	20.16	81.48	1552.42
136	Pora Meunya	86.00	116.00	103.00	20.80	7.33	6.00	79.00	21.76	24.51	65.23	1110.65
137	Hazor Kecho	91.00	119.00	124.20	22.40	15.33	10.00	85.33	20.04	25.90	73.56	1282.03
138	Saponyo	80.00	109.00	156.40	22.60	7.00	5.33	54.33	25.14	25.20	69.23	1222.00
139	Rosho	88.00	118.00	135.60	25.80	8.66	5.33	76.00	22.16	20.12	61.23	1338.68
140	Sirarakhong Meryon Maa	91.00	121.00	159.00	24.80	6.66	6.00	59.00	25.00	25.32	62.96	1125.38
141	Sirarakhong Ashangn	93.00	123.00	161.00	27.00	5.66	4.00	37.00	30.00	24.65	70.37	1246.70
142	Ringui Maa	92.00	121.00	128.60	22.20	7.66	4.66	58.33	26.00	14.50	84.62	1400.12
143	Teinemi Ruiseng Maa	93.00	122.00	142.00	25.20	8.00	7.00	60.00	25.00	15.39	92.12	1521.42
144	Sirarakhong Manui	89.00	123.00	157.40	26.00	7.66	5.66	76.33	31.40	14.39	85.19	1660.98
145	Kongkoi	90.00	121.00	129.20	22.60	12.66	10.00	58.00	23.60	25.32	62.34	1079.07
146	Arunachal Pradesh-1	89.00	119.00	118.60	20.80	10.33	8.33	86.33	36.00	24.56	69.12	1197.58
147	Taker AM	93.00	123.00	110.80	22.80	11.66	9.00	49.66	33.40	20.56	77.78	1358.79
148	Amker	84.00	116.00	98.60	21.40	10.66	9.33	67.00	29.60	32.39	35.45	728.96
149	Sakha	86.00	116.00	110.20	23.20	9.33	8.00	72.33	25.56	22.56	71.26	1238.10
150	Ayaar	80.00	108.00	165.20	27.00	9.00	7.33	71.00	48.44	20.44	80.65	1438.91
RAJSHREE		105.00	135.00	117.60	21.60	15.00	10.33	64.00	28.48	15.96	30.20	604.82
PANKAJ		113.00	142.00	118.20	19.20	9.66	8.33	51.33	20.28	13.01	72.64	1305.12
R. NEELAM		88.00	114.00	111.00	21.60	12.66	7.66	81.00	21.80	21.26	23.60	401.90
Ci - Cj		1.38	1.75	5.11	0.98	1.55	7.69	23.13	1.81	2.08	8.03	4.79
BiVi - BiVj		3.38	4.29	12.53	2.40	3.79	18.85	56.67	4.42	5.09	19.66	11.73
BiVi - BjVj		3.91	4.95	14.47	2.77	4.38	21.76	65.43	5.11	5.88	22.70	13.54
Ci - Vi		3.04	3.85	11.24	2.16	3.40	16.92	50.86	3.97	4.57	17.64	10.52
overall mean		86.79	115.87	117.23	22.22	10.03	7.25	69.94	25.71	24.68	63.41	1137.48
CD 5%		5.56	7.66	7.97	1.42	0.72	0.50	4.95	1.75	1.75	4.26	80.43
S Em		1.99	2.74	2.86	0.51	0.26	0.18	1.77	0.63	0.63	1.52	28.81

Table 4: Mean, Range and coefficient of variation for traits of rice genotypes under aerobic condition

<u>Serial No.</u> <u>number</u>	TRAITS	MEAN	RANGE	CV%
1	DFF	86.79	64-123	11.53
2	DM	115.87	94-151	8.93
3	PH	117.22	70.4-165.2	16.02
4	PL	22.21	15.6-27.2	8.77
5	NTP	10.03	5-18	15.92
6	NPP	7.25	4-12	18.23
7	FGP	69.94	35-143	12.38
8	TW	25.70	12.12-48.44	9.56
9	GYP	24.67	13.01-38.71	17.36
10	PDI	63.40	16.39-96.54	18.48
11	AUDPC	1137.48	340.40 -1935.18	16.41

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Table 5: Genetic parameters for various traits of rice under aerobic condition

S. No.	TRAITS	σ^2g	σ^2p	GCV	PCV	h^2 (Broad sense)	GAM%
1	DFF	96.38	108.36	11.31	11.99	88.90	21.97
2	DM	99.61	122.34	8.61	9.54	81.40	16.01
3	PH (cm)	344.67	369.29	15.83	16.39	93.30	31.51
4	PL	3.58	4.35	8.51	9.39	82.10	15.89
5	NTP	2.35	2.55	15.27	15.92	92.04	30.18
6	NPP	1.65	1.75	17.72	18.23	94.50	35.49
7	FGP	65.49	74.97	11.57	12.38	87.36	22.28
8	TW	4.84	6.04	8.56	9.56	80.25	15.80
9	GYP	17.15	18.34	16.79	17.36	93.52	33.44
10	PDI	130.25	137.27	18.00	18.48	94.89	36.12
11	AUDPC	32336.17	34842.13	15.81	16.41	92.81	31.37

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Table 6: Assignment of 153 rice genotypes into seventeen clusters as per the D² statistics

Cluster No.	No. of genotype within the cluster	Name of genotype
I	62	Red Triveni, Samyakhala, Rhylo White, Gopalbhok, Sakha, K-393-29-1, Danteshwari, Radhi, HR5829-73-3-23, Pora Meunya, IR-1386, Bhagyabati, RCPL-1-13C, Rosho, teviirrii, mima, MILYANG46, Ratnagiri 1, Palghar2, Nonglhai, GR 7, Golaka, IRCTN-91-5, GR 11, Bhalum-3, Dullo, IRCTN-11-94, Bardhan, Ratnagiri4, Himalaya2216, Khandagiri, Badami, Dandi, Pusa Sugandh-2, GR103, Daya, GR4, Pusa 834, GNR 3, Kuhusoi-ri-sareku, CO48, Vinhatsa, Teinem Ruisheng Maa, VL Dhan209, Channapaddy, Saraswati, Pantdhan4, Ringui Maa, GAR 2, Khamong, RR-8588, Nami, JR 353, Vaisak, RCPL-1-5C, Kalinga-3, HPR2143, Santhi, Rajendra Dhan 102, VL Dhan61, Saponyo, Maigothi
II	34	DRR Dhan 39, Amker, SARSA, Narendra-1, Karjat-7, IR64, Srabani, ASD14, IR72, Pantdhan-12, BUD110, Tara, BR -72, Udyagiri, CO-49, Sahabagi Dhan, CSR35, Pusa Sugandh -5, Sarju 52, PS3, Karanti, CSR27, PS-4, Sasyashree, Vld16, Jyati, Sukhardhan, JR503, Sebati, Satabdi, NDR-97, SKL6, Purnandu, Kutchigisim
III	1	Abhaya
IV	23	Zielum, Arunachal Pradesh-1,Varsa, RCPL-1-9C, Nedu, Hatibandha, BD-202, NCW11, Indrabans, Dzuluore, Raga- Binni (Sticky Rice), GR 12, Taramon, Hazor Kecho, Kelhrie Cha, varun Dhan, Pyari, Kongkoi, Taker AM, Ngobanyo Red Clover, sarathi, PR113, Luna Sankhi
V	1	Sirarakhong meryon maa
VI	6	Pant sugandh dhan21, Kalanamak101 ,Haryana Basmati, GR 64, R. NEELAM, BVS1
VII	1	Sirarakhong manui
VIII	16	Annada, Bhoi, Govinda, SYE1, Kuki, Jahagisim, Sirarakhong Ashangn Maa, MINIL GISIM, Sanwal Basmati, PANKAJ, Ratnagiri711, Himalaya1, Pantdhan19, Kasalath, Jyotimayee, IRCTN-91-78
IX	1	ASD18
X	1	Jahagipok
XI	1	Mandakini
XII	1	VLD221
XIII	1	GAR -13
XIV	1	Kala jira jaha
XV	1	RAJSHREE
XVI	1	Khira
XVII	1	Ayaar

Table 7: Cluster mean of seventeen clusters for different quantitative traits of rice

Cluster no	DFF	DM	PH (cm)	PL (cm)	NTP	NPP	FGP	TW (g)	GYP	PDI	AUDPC
I	85.16	114.53	122.3	22.44	9.21	6.88	68.93	24.98	20.67	79.46	1386.65
II	85.62	113.65	102.53	21.63	10.17	7.47	64.53	28.32	33.99	28.64	584.49
III	65	96	103.2	20.4	6.33	6	49.66	24.24	20.19	89.35	1570.14
IV	88.74	118.78	121.43	22.4	11.98	8.3	85.94	27.22	22.64	73.83	1293.66
V	91	121	159	24.8	6.66	6	59	25	25.32	62.96	1125.38
VI	94.17	122.33	113.63	21.87	8.66	6.33	84.89	17.94	32.75	26.58	517.33
VII	89	123	157.4	26	7.66	5.66	76.33	31.4	14.39	85.19	1660.98
VIII	86.63	115.5	116.43	22.36	9.27	6.18	53.85	22.76	21.65	74.59	1342.09
IX	105	132	125.8	22.4	8	6.33	143	18.36	20.29	78.23	1410.39
X	90	121	136.2	22.8	18	10	48.66	20.3	19.21	85.19	1460.23
XI	77	106	91	21.2	13.66	9.33	35.33	22.04	35.26	27.42	597.25
XII	82	111	121	22	13.33	12.66	70	31.8	29.56	33.45	702.52
XIII	96	130	116.8	23.2	17.66	12.66	92.33	24	21.2	75.23	1327.75
XIV	123	151	136.6	21	8	6.66	109	12.52	17.23	81.48	1504.08
XV	105	135	117.6	21.6	15	10.33	64	28.48	15.96	30.2	604.82
XVI	93	116	100.2	16.2	18.66	8	68	37.52	35.42	20.31	455.42
XVII	80	108	165.2	27	9	7.33	71	48.44	20.44	80.65	1438.91

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Table 8: Average intra & inter-cluster distances among seventeen clusters of rice genotypes studied under aerobic condition

Table 9: Contribution percentage of eleven traits towards divergence of rice genotypes

Source	Times ranked 1 st	Contribution%
DFF	261	2.24%
DM	4	0.03%
PH(cm)	466	4.01%
PL (cm)	94	0.81%
NTP	1552	13.35%
NPP	1061	9.12%
FGP	1758	15.12%
TW	1100	9.46%
GYP(g)	296	2.55%
PDI	3931	33.81%
AUDPC	1105	9.50%

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Table 10: Response of rice genotype towards brown spots incidence based on mean AUDPC.

Mean AUDPC	RESPONSE	GENOTYPE NAME
0-200	Highly resistant	
201-400	Resistant	Satabdi , PS-4 ,Haryana Basmati, SKL6
401-600	Moderately resistant	Srabani, IR64, Sebati, Udyagiri , Khira, Sahabhagi Dhan, Bud110 ,CO-49,BR-72,CSR35, CSR27, Sugandh Dhan21 , JR353, Karanti, Kalanamak101 , Mandakini, Kutchigisim, R. NEELAM
601-800	Moderately susceptible	VLD16,IR72, Narendra-1, VLD221, SARSA, Tara, ASD14, Sasyashree, PS3 ,NDR-97, Jyati, Bvs1, Sarjo 52, DRR Dhan 39, GR 64 , Pantdhan-12, Pusa Sugandh-5, Karjat-7, Amker RAJSHREE
>801	Susceptible	Annada,Purnandu,Bhoi,BD-202, Sukhardhan,NCW11, Minil gisim, Golaka, Daya , Govinda, PR113, MILYANG46, Luna Sankhi, Radhi, Kalinga-3, ASD18, Varsa, Sarathi, GR103, Abhaya, Dandi, Khandagiri, Santhi, Vaisak, Pyari, Bhagyabati, Bardhan, Indrabans, Danteshwari, Red Triveni, RR-8588, VL Dhan61, VL Dhan209, Samyakhala, Rajendra Dhan 102, GNR 3, Varun Dhan, HPR2143, Himalaya2216, Himalaya1, CO48, Pantdhan4, Bhalum-3, Sanwal , Basmati, Pusa Sugandh-2, Pusa 834, JR 353, Saraswati, GAR -13, GR 12, GR 11, GR 7, GR4, GAR 2, Palghar2, Ratnagiri 1, Ratnagiri4, Ratnagiri711, SYE1, Badami, Jyotimayee, Pantdhan19, Kasalath, Rhylo White, Dullo, Kuki, IRCTN-91-5, IRCTN-11-94, Nami, HR5829-73-3-23, Zielum, RCPL-1-9C, Channapaddy, RCPL-1-5C, IRI386, RCPL-1-13C, Nonglwai, K-393-29-1, IRCTN-91-78, Khamong, Kala Jira Jaha, Raga- Binni ,Gopalbhok, Hatibandha, Mima, Jahagipok, Taramon, Maigothi, Jahagisim, Kuhsoui-ri-sareku, Vinhatsa, Ngobanyo Red Clover, Teviirii, Dzuluore, Kelhrie Cha, Nedu, Pora Meunya, Hazor Kecho, Saponyo, Rosho, Sirarakhong Meryon M, Sirarakhong Ashangn, Ringui Maa, Teinem Ruisheng Maa, Sirarakhong Manui, Kongkoi, Arunachal Pradesh-1, Taker AM, Sakha, Ayaar, PANKAJ