CHR 6 (IC No. 575545) : A Promising Recombinant Inbred Line of Rice

A high yielding new Recombinant Inbred Line of rice, designated as CHR 6 (IC No. 575545) has been developed through transgressive breeding followed by disruptive seasonal selection in Boro and Aman seasons at RRS, NAZ, SC : Chakdaha. It is earlier by nearly five weeks (110 – 115 days) than the parents i.e. Sabita and Samba Mahsuri (150 days). It is photoperiod insensitive and can be grown round the year. It showed an average yield performance is around 4.7 t/ha during Avis and Aman seasons while an average grain yield of 6 t/ha is obtained during Boro season for the same. It possesses long slender grain with good cooking and eating qualities as reported by the farmers.

Meeting of The Statutory Bodies

The Executive Council
The 223rd meeting was held on January 25, 2012.
The 224th meeting was held on February 13, 2012.
The 225th meeting was held on February 20, 2012 (Adjourned)
The 226th meeting was held on March 14, 2012 (Budget)
The 227th meeting was held on March 20, 2012 (Budget)
The 228th meeting was held on March 21, 2012.

The Court
The 77th meeting was held on January 25, 2012
The 78th meeting was held on March 15, 2012 (Budget)
The 79th meeting was held on March 21, 2012.

The PG and UG Council
The 118th PG and UG Council/FHorticulture was held on January 20, 2012.
The 39th PG and UG Council/FHorticulture was held on January 20, 2012.

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Winter School on Extension Strategy through Information Communication Technology

Information Communication Technology or the rhetoric ICT has become the global destination for the evolving agriculture and rural entrepreneurship across the World. With no denial to the exponentially increasing role of ICT in Indian Agriculture for ushering second green revolution, the Winter School on Extension Strategy on Information Communication Technology for Value Added Agriculture, 2 – 22 November, 2011 has been the well chosen topic and text to impart education and training to the 26 participants covering 11 states and a good score of SAUs and ICAR Institutes. The incredible record for the Department of Agricultural Extension is that this was the 6th Winter School in a row and can be branded as a rare achievement for the Department as well as for the University under the Directorship of Prof. M M Adhikary. The Winter School was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S K Sanyal and luminaries of presence were Prof S K Mitra, Dean, PG Studies, Prof S K Pan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof G P Sarkar, Director of Research, Prof. A K Bandopadhyay, Director of Extension Education, Prof S K Acharya, Head, Department of Agricultural Extension, & Course Coordinator, Prof Debabrata Basu, Professor in Agricultural Extension & Course Coordinator. During the entire span of 21 days of the course, 58 lecture-cum-discussions were held. Different areas of ICT vis concept, present perspective of Indian agriculture, ICT policy and application, present status
and future challenges, climate change and ICT intervention, social justice and role of ICT etc were illustrously covered by own University and guest lectures delivered by Dr P Das, Former DDG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr M Moni, DDG(TG), Govt of India, New Delhi, Prof Madhura Swaminathan, IISI, Kolkata, Prof R C Goel, IASAR, ICAR, New Delhi etc. The participants were indicative of their high level of satisfaction as could be evidenced from the Course Evaluation done on weekly basis. The Winter School concluded with a great scope of recommendations and strategic implications in addition to learning experiences earned by the patriarcs for their back home application.

AICRP AFBCKV Centre : Declared as the Best Performing Centre

The AICRP on Agroforestry, Jhargram Centre, one of those 35 AICRP (All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry) coordinating centres with 10 centres in ICAR Institutes and 25 centres located in SAUs, has been conducting research work on agroforestry since 1983. This coordinating unit is located at Regional Research Station (Red & Latemite Zone) under Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, about 2 kms from Jhargram Railway Station. In the beginning of the Centre the researches were conducted on three major aspects namely Agrisilviculture, Silvipasture and Evaluation of Multipurpose Tree Species (MPTS). Later on attempts were made to develop various agroforestry models of operation as well as on farm for emphasizing on increasing biomass production per unit area per unit time both from the arable as well as from the wasteland for improving the over all economy of the farmers and improving the soil health. At present, the research activities of the Centre, Jhargram are being conducted through establishment of Seed Orchard maintaining 34 nos. of germplasms of Gmelina arborea and 38 nos of Acacia auriculiformis of genetically superior mother tree for tree improvement programme, Fruit-based agroforestry systems, Agri-silvicultural systems, Tree Borne Oilsseeds, Bamboo-based agroforestry system along with different extension activities. The research work of AICRP on Agroforestry at Jhargram Centre has been highly appreciated by Dr S K Dhyani , Director, NRCAP, Jhansi, Dr J C Dagar, ADG (Agronomy and Agroforestry) ICAR, New Delhi and different speakers at the last National Workshop held at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur. The AICRP on Agroforestry, BCKV centre has been declared as the best performing Centre and awarded with the Memento.

Training Programme on Organic Package of Practice

At Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, RKVY project on “Development of organic package of practices of various components in a farming system and its transfer to the farmers’ field under certified organic farming” organized two training programmes on ‘organic packages of crops and other enterprises’.

The first one was held at On farm project site – Village – Panji, Block – Baduria, Dist-24 Parganas (North) during 02 to 05 March, 2012, involving thirty interested farmers from adjoining villages. In three days twelve lectures on organic package of various crops, livestock and fishes were conducted. Director of Research Prof. Arabinda Mitra distributed participation certificate to the farmers.

The second training programme was held at Farmers’ Training Centre (Lake Hall), BCKV, Kalyani during 19th to 21st March, 2012 where forty two number of farmers from KVK (Hooghly, Howrah), CADC (Haringhata), NGO (Bioparivar-Chakdaha, UsagramTrust-Birnagar, Karunamoyee Agrocinic and Service Center- Amdanga ), RKVY project on “Promotion of Bengal aromatic rice”. Honourable ViceChancellor Prof S K Sanyal chaired the inauguration programme and addressed the farmers. He spoke about the utility of training programme on organic farming. Thirteen lectures on organic package of crops, livestock, fish etc. along with practicals in ‘Model organic farm’ was in the programme schedule. On the concluding day, the Director of Research Prof A Mitra handed over the participation certificates to the farmers and the Principal Investigator Prof M Pramanick offered vote of thanks to all.

RKVY Project formed Five Farmers’ Clubs under NABARD

The team of RKVY Project on “Promotion of Bengal Aromatic Rice through Improved Production and Processing System” extended the integrated extension services like group discussion, farmers’ training, seed distribution, etc. for motivation and capacity building of Gobindabhog growers in Nadia and adjoining districts of West Bengal during last 3 years. As a result, the number of farmers and area of cultivation under technical supervision of RKVY Project increased from 78 to 534 farmers as well as from 134 to 866 bighas of land, respectively during the period from 2009 to 2011.

In order to develop a well-organized Gobindabhog rice-based production system as well as for its long-term sustainability, RKVY Project, BCKV and NABARD, Nadia took joint initiative for formation of ‘Farmers’ Clubs’ in respective blocks of Nadia district. A total of five Farmers’ Clubs as mentioned below were formed with active participation of the Farmers, Scientists, Bank Officers, Panchayat Representatives, etc. during January to March, 2012.

**Block**

- **Farmers’ Club**
  - Panchkaharia Krishi Unnayan Samity
  - Narayanpur Krishi Unnayan Samity
  - Haringhata
  - Chakdaha
  - Nilamta Farmers’ Club
  - Ranaghat I

**Nabadevi Farmers’ Club**

**Technology Week 2012 at Hooghly KVK**

“The Technology Week-2012” was organized by the Hooghly Krishi Vigyan Kendra, BCKV at the KVK campus during January (09-11), 2012. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, BCKV, Prof S K Sanyal inaugurated and presided over the programme. Dr A K Bandopadhyaya, DEE, Dr A Zaman, Director of Research, Prof S K Mitra , Dean Post Graduate Studies, Dr J Das, DSW, BCKV, Dr C Kundra, Joint Director, HS, Dr A A Moship, DDA (Admin.), Hooghly, Dr. P Hazra, BCKV and Dr A K Chowdhury, Incharge KVK were present in the programme. During the programme the Hooghly KK felicitated the Best Farmer, Best Young Farmer, Best Self Help Group, Best Joint Liability Group of the district with awards and certificates. On this glorious occasion this KVK published its first Annual Magazine “UNMESH” edited by Dr K Barui and launched their official website www.hooghlykkv.org.

This programme was continued for five days covering several activities like farmers’ training, farmers-scientists interface, exposure visit, crop exhibition cum competition, farmers’ quiz, video show on different agricultural activities, media reporting, cultural programme, etc. Different organizations like All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) of BCKV, Self Help Groups, Rice Research Station, Corporate sectors participated in the exhibitions. Different products, handcraft materials and farm implements were displayed for the farming community.

**Special Programme on Gobindabhog and Tulaparnji : Potentiality and Scope for Export**

A Special Programme on “Gobindabhog and Tulaparnji: Potentiality and Scope for Export” was organized by RKVY Project on “Promotion of Bengal Aromatic Rice through Improved Production and Processing System” at Farmers’ Training Centre, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal on February 29, 2012 under the chairmanship of Prof S K Sanyal, Vice Chancellor of the University. A total of 100 persons including Scientists, Officers, Mills, Farmers, etc. from different sectors like Government, University, APEDA, Bank, Rice Mills, Farmers’ Cooperatives, Media, etc. attended the programme. Dr Mithunjay Ghosh, Associate Professor and Principal Investigator explained the activities and achievements of the RKVY Project along with prospects of aromatic rice of West Bengal in domestic and international market. Prof S K Sanyal, Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the Project Team and described the matter of recommendation for export of Gobindabhog and