

Editor's comments:

My Decision is: Minor Revision to be made by authors.

Key words: are mostly repeated from title. They must be different from that of title for better search of articles from bibliographical databases.

Suggested key words: yield component, rice genotype, phenological stage, photoperiod, environmental condition, biological yield.

Response: We used your suggested key words. Thanks for this suggestion.

Line 27. ... phonological affair ...

Response: Response: Revised as suggested in line 36.

Line 49. ... and ultimately lower yields.

Response: Revised as suggested in line 37.

Line 69. MATERIAL LAND ..

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 72. ... with an altitude of 8.6 m ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Lines 76-77. ... (one slightly photosensitive i.e. BR11 and the other one photoperiod insensitive i.e. BRRI dhan39).

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 84. ... were selected following the ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 88. ... was first ploughed by using a tractor drawn disc. The ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 106. ... become golden yellow coloured. An area of 5 m² from the middle portion of each ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 122. ... by Tukey ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 138. ... were delayed from august to ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 147.

Lines 139-140. September. The reduction in plant height regarding late sowing dates could be attributed to ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 148.

Line 147. ...in both rice varieties. **They** produced maximum number of ...

Response:Revised as suggested in line 154.

Line 148. ...transplanted on 4th August while crop transplanted on 3rd September ...

Response:Revised as suggested in line 155,

Line 149. ... tillers/m² (Fig. 1). All ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 156,

Line 166. (... 1988). **T**ransplanting date ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 182,

Line 182. ..($p < 0.001$). Both varieties ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 189.

Line 189-190. ($p < 0.05$). Among ..

Response: Revised as suggested in line 195.

Line 192. ...early **sowing** dates induced ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 198.

Line 198. Panicle length and number of grains/panicle

Response: Revised as suggested in line 204.

Line 199-200. ...($p < 0.001$). The plant ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 205.

Line 201. ...transplanting dates **s** irrespective of ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 206

Line 207. Weight of 1000 grains

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 219. ...($p < 0.001$). The high yield **of** inbred variety ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 225.

Line 220. ...1000-grain weight of both varieties ...

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 224. ...different transplanting dates in ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 230.

Line 236. Grain yield

Response: Revised as suggested.

Line 240-241. ... The sowing date of 20th July also ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 244 .

Line 242. ...irrespective of variety which ...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 246.

Line 243. .. The higher yield in case of 4th August sowing date was attributed to...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 247.

Line 246. ...higher yield. Grain yield has a positive...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 250.

Line 252. ...due to genetic/varietal traits, as BR11 is high yielding compared to BRRI dhan39...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 255.

Line 256-257. ... Highest paddy yields were obtained in early sown rice variety whereas declining yields were produced as seeding date was delayed.

Response: Revised as suggested in line 259-60.

Line 259-260. ...Based on this study, it can be concluded that...

Response: Revised as suggested in line 263. Added ,

Author's feedback:

We used your suggested key words and revised all other changes in text.