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## Influence of drip irrigation levels and varieties on nutrient uptake, nutrient use efficiency and available soil nutrient status of direct seeded rice

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### Abstract

A field experiment was conducted at Agricultural and Horticultural research station, Bhavikere, Karnataka in red sandy clay loam soil during *summer*-2020 to study the influence of drip irrigation levels and varieties on nutrient uptake, nutrient use efficiency and available soil nutrient status of direct seeded rice. Research was carried out in split plot design consisting of four levels of irrigation in the main plot and four different varieties in sub plot, it was replicated thrice. The experimental results revealed that, scheduling of irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio recorded higher total N, P and K uptake (107.23, 16.41 and 113.69 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and higher applied N, P and K use efficiency (55.69, 111.37 and 111.37 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>). Among the varieties used MAS 946-1 recorded higher total N, P and K uptake (110.58, 17.36 and 123.50 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and higher applied N, P and K use efficiency (57.43, 114.87 and 114.87 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>). Whereas, higher available soil N, P and K was observed in irrigation scheduling at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio (316.13, 33.35 and 227.12 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and among the varieties higher available soil N, P and K was recorded in local variety (326.54, 35.59 and 241.73 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

**Keywords:** Direct seeded rice, IW/CPE, varieties, nutrients uptake, efficiency and soil nutrients

### Introduction

Rice is one of the oldest domesticated grain crop (10,000 years) and is the important energy source for more than 2.5 billion people worldwide. It provides 15 per cent of global human per capita protein and 21 per cent per capita energy. It is grown in majority of the countries, with a total harvested area of about 162.05 m ha, with an annual production of 755.47 m t (USDA, 2019). Rice is cultivated under four major ecosystems *viz.*, irrigated (57%), rainfed lowland (31%), rainfed upland (9%) and deep water (3%). Increased competition for water, reduced investments in irrigation infrastructure, water quality deterioration due to pollution and excessive withdrawals of groundwater are some of the serious threat for sustainable rice production (Lampayan *et al.*, 2015) [14]. These issues seem to be even more severe in the future, however rice production must be significantly increased to meet the food demand despite all these challenges. Therefore, the most viable option is production of more rice with less water that would ensure the food, water, economic and social security of the world.

Cultivation of rice under direct seeded condition provides feasible alternative to traditional rice production allowing significant water savings. In direct seeded rice system, field remains non-flooded throughout the season like an upland crop. This way of growing rice saves water by eliminating continuous seepage, percolation and evaporation apart from wet land preparation (Bouman *et al.*, 2002) [3] thereby considered as a promising cultivation system for water scarce areas.

Adoption of drip irrigation with the proper technique of irrigation scheduling can help to save the amount of water required for the growth and development of direct seeded rice. Where drip irrigation supplies the water precisely and uniformly compared to furrow and sprinkler irrigation method, thus potentially increasing yield, reducing subsurface drainage, providing better salinity control (Hanson and May, 2007) [9]. The growth of rice varieties is likely to differ between upland and lowland conditions and it may also differ with the amount of water supply under upland conditions. Varieties that could maintain water and nutrient uptake under less moist soils may produce larger amounts of dry matter and these varieties would thus become important as the water supply decreases.

## Material and Methods

The experiment was conducted at Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station, Bhavikere which is situated between 75°51' E longitude and 13°42' N with an altitude of 695 meters above the mean sea level and is located in Zone-7 of Karnataka. The experiment was laid out in split plot design and comprised of two factors for study viz., Main plot treatments: Irrigation schedules comprised viz., I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation

at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio, I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio, I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio and I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio. Subplot treatments: Varieties (M) comprised viz., V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety, V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi, V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1 and V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26. The varietal description given in the table 1. The gross plot size was 4.8 m × 3.0 m and net plot size was 3.6 m × 2.6 m. The spacing given was 30 cm × 10 cm.

**Table 1:** Description of the varieties used

Varieties	Duration (days)	Average yield (A) Potential yield (P)	Characteristics and special features
Local variety (Vernacular name: <i>Buddabatta</i> )	125-130	A: 35-40 q ha <sup>-1</sup> P: 55-60 q ha <sup>-1</sup>	Tall, bold grains with red colour, local variety preserved from time immorial and in use with several farmers for DSR under Shikaripura and Soraba taluk of Shivamogga district of Karnataka
Jyothi	120-125	A: 45-50 q ha <sup>-1</sup> P: 65-70 q ha <sup>-1</sup>	Semi dwarf, medium bold grains with red colour, resistance to blast disease.
MAS-26	125-130	A: 60-65 q ha <sup>-1</sup> P: 85-90 q ha <sup>-1</sup>	Semi dwarf, medium slender grains, deep rooted, draught and blast resistance.
MAS 946-1	125-130	A: 60-65 q ha <sup>-1</sup> P: 90-95 q ha <sup>-1</sup>	Semi dwarf, medium slender grains, deep rooted, draught and blast resistance.

Irrigation was given based on the climatological approach (IW/CPE ratio), where the daily pan evaporation rate was recorded from the standard USWB class A open pan evaporimeter. To apply 5 cm depth of irrigation the cumulative pan evaporation (CPE) has to reach 33.33, 40, 50 and 66.66 mm for 1.50, 1.25, 1.00 and 0.75 IW/CPE ratios, respectively and the irrigation was given through the drip irrigation system. If there is any effective rainfall received it has been deducted from the pre fixed depth of irrigation and waited till CPE reaches the pre fixed depth. By multiplying the depth of irrigation and area of the plot, the volume of water required for each plot was calculated. Where initial 5 cm depth of irrigation was commonly given to all the plots for uniform germination and then the subsequent irrigations scheduled as per the treatment details.

Volume of water required (l) = Depth of irrigation × area of the plot

Time of operation of drip system to deliver required volume of water per plot was computed based on the formula

$$\text{Nutrient uptake by grain (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Nutrient content (\%)} \times \text{dry weight of grain (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{100}$$

$$\text{Nutrient uptake by straw (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Nutrient content (\%)} \times \text{dry weight of straw (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{100}$$

Total nutrient uptake = Nutrient uptake by grain + Nutrient uptake by straw

Nutrient use efficiency was calculated by using following formula and expressed in kg kg<sup>-1</sup> (Crasswell and Godwin, 1984).

$$\text{NUE} = \frac{\text{Grain yield (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{\text{Nutrient applied (kg ha}^{-1}\text{)}} \times 100$$

## Results and Discussion

### Grain and straw yield of direct seeded rice as influenced by the levels of irrigation schedules and varieties

Grain yield, straw yield and harvest index of direct seeded rice as influenced by scheduling of irrigation and varieties are

$$\text{Time of application} = \frac{\text{Volume of water required (l)}}{\text{Emitter discharge (l ha}^{-1}\text{)} \times \text{No. of emitters plot}^{-1}}$$

The soil of the experimental site belongs to red sandy clay loam texture, acidic in soil reaction (5.27) and normal in electrical conductivity (0.15 ds m<sup>-1</sup>). The organic carbon content was 6.90 g kg<sup>-1</sup> and medium in available N (282.24 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>), medium in available phosphorus (22.12 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup>) and medium in available potassium (227.52 kg K<sub>2</sub>O ha<sup>-1</sup>), DTPA extractable zinc (0.89 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and DTPA extractable iron (16.78 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>). The data was statistically analysed as per the procedure given by Gomez and Gomez (1984). Nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium content in rice grain and straw was determined by modified micro kjeldhal method as prescribed by Jackson (1973), Vanadomolybdate phosphoric acid yellow color method and absorbance of the solution was recorded at 420 nm using spectrophotometer (Jackson, 1967) and flame photometer method (Jackson, 1967), respectively and expressed on percentage and finally uptake of nutrient was calculated and expressed in kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

presented in the Table.

Grain yield and straw yield was significantly influenced by irrigation schedules. Results indicated that grain and straw yield increased with the increase in levels of irrigation schedules. Grain yield and straw yield was found significantly higher in scheduling of irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio (5569 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 7514 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was on par with 1.25 IW/CPE ratio (5268 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 7162 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Scheduling of irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio recorded significantly lower grain and straw yield (4143 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 5812 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively).

The higher grain yield was recorded with higher levels of the irrigation regimes might be due to the higher growth and yield attributes as well conducive situation for efficient water and

nutrients uptake which boost their growth and yield attributes through supply of more photosynthates towards the reproductive sink. The similar results of reduced levels of irrigation on reduction in grain yield are reported by Akinbile, 2011 <sup>[1]</sup>, Govindan and Grace, 2012 <sup>[7]</sup>, Gururaj, 2013 <sup>[8]</sup>, Nagaraju *et al.* 2014 <sup>[17]</sup>, Ramanamurthy *et al.*, 2017 <sup>[23]</sup>, Keerthi *et al.*, 2018 <sup>[13]</sup>, Padmaja and Mallareddy, 2019 <sup>[19]</sup>.

The decreased straw yield under the reduced levels of irrigation may be due to low moisture stress induced impaired tillering due to accelerated leaf senescence and hence decreased photosynthetic area under moisture stress leading to the lower dry matter production and consequently reduced straw yield. Whereas higher levels of irrigation helps to increase the plant height and production of number of tillers which resulted in improvement of biomass production that ultimately reflected the straw yield. The similar findings were made by Govindan and Myrtle Grace, 2012 <sup>[7]</sup>, Ramamurthy and Reddy, 2013 <sup>[22]</sup>, Anusha, 2015 <sup>[2]</sup>, Ramanamurthy *et al.*, 2017 <sup>[23]</sup>, Keerthi *et al.*, 2018 <sup>[13]</sup>, Padmaja and Malla reddy, 2019 <sup>[19]</sup>.

Varieties of rice significantly influenced the grain and straw yield. Significantly higher grain and straw yield was recorded in MAS 946-1 variety (5743 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 7228 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was on par with MAS-26 (5614 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 6988 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Significantly lower grain yield (3463 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded in local variety and lower straw yield was recorded in Jyothi variety (6221 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

Yield increase in the varieties was mainly due to the potential genetic makeup the variety helps for the increased uptake and utilization of the applied nutrients effectively resulting in enhanced growth and yield attributes promotes the increased photosynthetic efficiency of the variety leading to greater dry matter production and translocation to sink. Results which shows the significant variation in grain yield among the varieties reported by Singh and Sridevi (2006) <sup>[24]</sup>, Sridhara (2008) <sup>[25]</sup>, Veeresh *et al.* (2011) <sup>[28]</sup>, Ramachandra *et al.* (2015) <sup>[21]</sup>, Sritharan *et al.* (2015) <sup>[26]</sup>, Yadav *et al.* (2017) <sup>[29]</sup>, Dawadi and Chaudary (2018) <sup>[5]</sup> and Joseph *et al.* (2019) <sup>[12]</sup>.

### **Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium uptake of direct seeded rice as influenced by drip irrigation schedules and varieties**

Data pertaining to the influence of irrigation schedules and varieties on N, P and K uptake of direct seeded rice is presented in the Table.

NPK uptake was significantly influenced by different irrigation schedules. Results indicated that NPK uptake increased with the increase in levels of irrigation schedule. Total N, P and K uptake was found significantly higher in 1.50 IW/CPE ratio (107.23, 16.41 and 113.69 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was at par with the 1.25 IW/CPE ratio (101.64, 15.60 and 108.72 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Wherein, scheduling of irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio recorded significantly lower total N P and K uptake (80.87, 12.37 and 87.38 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively).

Among the varieties, MAS 946-1 recorded significantly higher total N, P and K uptake (110.58, 17.36 and 123.50 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was on par with the MAS-26 (109.34, 17.08 and 118.07 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Significantly lower total N P and K uptake (70.46, 10.13 and 72.77 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) was recorded in local variety.

Nutrient uptake is the function of total biomass production and nutrient content in the biomass and total nutrient uptake is

the sum of uptake by grain and straw. Significantly higher nutrient uptake in grain, straw and total nutrient uptake was recorded in irrigation scheduling at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio and it was on par with the 1.25 IW/CPE ratio. The increased uptake of nutrients at higher levels of irrigation resulted in initial build up of vigorous growth and higher photosynthetic rate, leading to better uptake of nutrients throughout the crop growth period results in increased nutrient accumulation in plants. Increased yield levels with higher levels of irrigation and more nutrient concentration might have resulted in increased nutrient uptake. The results are in conformity with the findings of the Mahajan *et al.*, 2012 <sup>[15]</sup>, Murthy and Reddy, 2013 <sup>[16]</sup>, Nayak *et al.*, 2016 <sup>[18]</sup> and Ramanamurthy *et al.*, 2017 <sup>[23]</sup>.

The differential uptake of nutrients in the grain, straw among the varieties due to the differences in the yield with varied in nutrient accumulation. The varieties with higher biomass and nutrient concentration has achieved significantly higher nutrient uptake.

### **Nutrient use efficiency (kg kg<sup>-1</sup>) of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties**

The data on nutrient use efficiency as influenced by effect of irrigation schedules and varieties in direct seeded rice is represented in the Table.

Among the irrigation schedules, scheduling of irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio recorded significantly higher nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium use efficiency (55.69, 111.37 and 111.37 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was on par with 1.25 IW/CPE ratio (52.68, 105.36 and 105.36 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). While, significantly lower nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium use efficiency (41.43, 82.87 and 82.87 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) was recorded in 0.75 IW/CPE ratio.

With respect to the varieties, MAS 946-1 recorded significantly higher nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium use efficiency (57.43, 114.87 and 114.87 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and it was on par with MAS-26 (56.14, 112.28 and 112.28 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively). Significantly lower nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium use efficiency (34.63, 69.27 and 69.27 kg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) local variety.

The increased nutrient use efficiency at the higher levels of irrigation might be due to the better availability of moisture makes the nutrients more soluble and easily available throughout the crop growth stages leading to better uptake of nutrients, production of higher dry matter and in turn better nutrient use efficiency (Prasad *et al.*, 2016) <sup>[20]</sup>.

The MAS 946-1 variety achieved significantly higher nutrient use efficiency and it was on par with the MAS-26. This could be due to the varietal performance and genetic makeup the variety determines better crop growth and development in turn utilisation of the applied nutrients effectively.

### **Available soil N, P and K status at harvest as influenced by the drip irrigation schedule and varieties**

Data pertaining to the available nutrient status of soil at harvest such as available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as influenced by the irrigation schedules and varieties in direct seeded rice are presented in the Table.

Available nutrient status *viz.*, nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium at harvest was found non significant difference among the irrigation schedules.

The varieties recorded significant variation with respect to the available nutrient status in soil at harvest. The local variety

recorded significantly higher available nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium (326.54, 35.59 and 241.73 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) and significantly lower available nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium (286.42, 28.36 and 191.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively) was recorded in MAS 946-1. This could be due to the lower crop growth and development makes the reduced utilisation and build up of applied nutrients which makes more available nutrients in case of the local variety.

<sup>1</sup>, respectively) was recorded in MAS 946-1. This could be due to the lower crop growth and development makes the reduced utilisation and build up of applied nutrients which makes more available nutrients in case of the local variety.

**Table 2:** Grain yield, straw yield and harvest index of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	Grain yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Straw yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Harvest index				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	2962 <sup>i</sup>	3214 <sup>hi</sup>	3655 <sup>gh</sup>	4022 <sup>fg</sup>	3463	5750 <sup>gh</sup>	6239 <sup>defg</sup>	6788 <sup>cdef</sup>	7469 <sup>abc</sup>	6561	0.34 <sup>b</sup>	0.34 <sup>b</sup>	0.35 <sup>b</sup>	0.35 <sup>b</sup>	0.34
V <sub>2</sub>	3976 <sup>fg</sup>	4429 <sup>ef</sup>	5117 <sup>bcd</sup>	5488 <sup>b</sup>	4753	5271 <sup>h</sup>	6116 <sup>fg</sup>	6513 <sup>def</sup>	6985 <sup>bcd</sup>	6221	0.43 <sup>a</sup>	0.42 <sup>a</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.43
V <sub>3</sub>	4877 <sup>cde</sup>	5420 <sup>b</sup>	6201 <sup>a</sup>	6475 <sup>a</sup>	5743	6207 <sup>efg</sup>	6898 <sup>cde</sup>	7892 <sup>a</sup>	7914 <sup>a</sup>	7228	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.45 <sup>a</sup>	0.44
V <sub>4</sub>	4758 <sup>de</sup>	5309 <sup>bc</sup>	6099 <sup>a</sup>	6289 <sup>a</sup>	5614	6056 <sup>fgh</sup>	6757 <sup>cdef</sup>	7454 <sup>abc</sup>	7687 <sup>ab</sup>	6988	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.44 <sup>a</sup>	0.45 <sup>a</sup>	0.45 <sup>a</sup>	0.45
Mean	4143	4593	5268	5569		5821	6503	7162	7514		0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		
Main plot (I)	109		376			163		564			0.002		NS		
Sub plot (V)	76		220			83		244			0.005		0.014		
Interaction (IXV)	152		NS			229		NS			0.010		NS		

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

**Table 3:** Nitrogen uptake of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	N uptake in grain (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					N uptake in straw (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Total N uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	37.03	40.14	45.49	50.24	43.23	23.92	25.91	28.11	31.00	27.24	60.95	66.05	73.60	81.24	70.46
V <sub>2</sub>	50.15	55.84	64.42	69.08	59.87	24.86	28.85	30.70	32.92	29.33	75.01	84.69	95.12	102.01	89.20
V <sub>3</sub>	64.49	71.48	82.06	85.73	75.94	29.74	33.03	37.84	37.97	34.64	94.23	104.51	119.90	123.69	110.58
V <sub>4</sub>	63.65	71.07	81.48	84.30	75.12	29.64	33.09	36.46	37.67	34.22	93.30	104.16	117.94	121.97	109.34
Mean	53.83	59.63	68.36	72.34		27.04	30.22	33.28	34.89		80.87	89.85	101.64	107.23	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		
Main plot (I)	1.43		4.96			0.71		2.47			2.14		7.39		
Sub plot (V)	1.31		3.82			0.50		1.45			1.64		4.80		
Interaction (IXV)	2.62		NS			1.00		NS			3.29		NS		

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

**Table 4:** Phosphorous uptake of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	P uptake in grain (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					P uptake in straw (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Total P uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	5.50	5.97	6.82	7.47	6.44	3.22	3.50	3.83	4.19	3.69	8.72	9.48	10.65	11.67	10.13
V <sub>2</sub>	8.28	9.23	10.66	11.43	9.90	3.10	3.59	3.82	4.10	3.65	11.39	12.82	14.48	15.53	13.56
V <sub>3</sub>	11.14	12.35	14.15	14.76	13.10	3.66	4.06	4.65	4.66	4.26	14.80	16.41	18.80	19.42	17.36
V <sub>4</sub>	10.96	12.22	14.05	14.46	12.92	3.60	4.02	4.44	4.58	4.16	14.57	16.24	18.48	19.04	17.08
Mean	8.97	9.94	11.42	12.03		3.40	3.80	4.19	4.38		12.37	13.74	15.60	16.41	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)			S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		
Main plot (I)	0.23		0.79			0.09		0.32			0.32		1.11		
Sub plot (V)	0.17		0.49			0.07		0.22			0.23		0.66		
Interaction (IXV)	0.34		NS			0.15		NS			0.45		NS		

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

**Table 5:** Potassium uptake of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	K uptake in grain (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					K uptake in straw (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Total K uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	13.39	14.55	16.61	18.20	15.69	49.98	54.26	59.17	64.92	57.08	63.37	68.81	75.77	83.12	72.77
V <sub>2</sub>	19.93	22.20	25.64	27.50	23.82	58.50	67.92	72.33	77.57	69.08	78.42	90.11	97.98	105.07	92.90
V <sub>3</sub>	26.75	29.67	33.99	35.45	31.46	79.13	87.73	100.55	100.75	92.04	105.88	117.40	134.54	136.20	123.50

V <sub>4</sub>	26.03	29.01	33.34	34.33	30.68	75.81	84.50	93.23	96.05	87.40	101.83	113.50	126.57	130.38	118.07
Mean	21.53	23.86	27.40	28.87		65.85	73.60	81.32	84.82		87.38	97.45	108.72	113.69	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)				
Main plot (I)	0.55		1.89		1.68		5.80		2.22		7.68				
Sub plot (V)	0.40		1.17		1.19		3.48		1.57		4.59				
Interaction (IXV)	0.80		NS		2.38		NS		3.15		NS				

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

**Table 6:** Nutrient use efficiency (kg kg<sup>-1</sup>) of direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	Nitrogen					Phosphorous					Potassium				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	29.62	32.14	36.55	40.22	34.63	59.24	64.28	73.10	80.44	69.27	59.24	64.28	73.10	80.44	69.27
V <sub>2</sub>	39.76	44.29	51.17	54.88	47.53	79.52	88.58	102.34	109.76	95.05	79.52	88.58	102.34	109.76	95.05
V <sub>3</sub>	48.77	54.20	62.01	64.75	57.43	97.54	108.40	124.02	129.50	114.87	97.54	108.40	124.02	129.50	114.87
V <sub>4</sub>	47.58	53.09	60.99	62.89	56.14	95.16	106.18	121.98	125.78	112.28	95.16	106.18	121.98	125.78	112.28
Mean	41.43	45.93	52.68	55.69		82.87	91.86	105.36	111.37		82.87	91.86	105.36	111.37	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)				
Main plot (I)	1.09		3.76		2.17		7.52		2.17		7.52				
Sub plot (V)	0.76		2.21		1.52		4.43		1.52		4.43				
Interaction (IXV)	1.52		NS		3.03		NS		3.03		NS				

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

**Table 7:** Available N, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O status of soil at harvest under direct seeded rice as influenced by irrigation schedules and varieties

	Available N (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Available P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Available K <sub>2</sub> O (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	Mean
V <sub>1</sub>	336.05	330.95	323.40	315.76	326.54	37.00	36.24	35.07	34.05	35.59	251.13	245.69	238.73	231.38	241.73
V <sub>2</sub>	321.99	312.31	301.88	294.99	307.80	34.33	32.90	31.24	30.19	32.16	236.08	224.39	216.52	209.43	221.60
V <sub>3</sub>	302.77	292.49	277.10	273.31	286.42	30.92	29.31	26.92	26.30	28.36	208.62	197.10	179.96	178.30	191.00
V <sub>4</sub>	303.70	292.84	279.06	275.03	287.66	31.15	29.48	27.24	26.68	28.64	212.67	201.00	187.93	184.12	196.43
Mean	316.13	307.15	295.36	289.77		33.35	31.98	30.12	29.31		227.12	217.05	205.78	200.81	
	S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)		S.Em.±		CD (P=0.05)				
Main plot (I)	7.04		NS		0.74		NS		5.01		NS				
Sub plot (V)	5.63		16.43		0.60		1.75		4.07		11.88				
Interaction (IXV)	11.26		NS		1.20		NS		8.14		NS				

Main plot: Irrigation scheduling (I) Sub plot: Varieties (V)

I<sub>1</sub>: Irrigation at 0.75 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>1</sub>: Local variety

I<sub>2</sub>: Irrigation at 1.00 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>2</sub>: Jyothi

I<sub>3</sub>: Irrigation at 1.25 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>3</sub>: MAS 946-1

I<sub>4</sub>: Irrigation at 1.50 IW/CPE ratio

V<sub>4</sub>: MAS-26

Initial nutrient status: N: P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: K<sub>2</sub>O 282.24:22.12:227.52 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

## Conclusion

The study revealed that scheduling of irrigation at higher levels recorded highest uptake of the applied nutrients with higher use efficiency. Among the varieties used for direct seeded rice, highest uptake of the applied nutrients with higher use efficiency was recorded in MAS 946-1 and lowest was found in the local variety of rice.

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