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## Evaluation trial on hybrid chilli genotype under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions (*Capsicum annuum* L.)

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#### Abstract

A field experiment entitled “Evaluation trial on hybrid chilli genotype under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions (*Capsicum annuum* L.)” was conducted during 2018-2019 at central research farm, department of Horticulture, Naini Agricultural Institute, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj. The soil of the experimental field was sandy loam in texture. Randomized block design followed here with 20 treatment combinations replicated 3 times. Recommended dose of FYM @ 25 tonnes/ha and fertilizers *i.e.*, Nitrogen @ 100 kg/ha, Phosphorus @ 50 kg/ha and Potassium @ 50 kg/ha were applied. The present investigation on 20 chilli genotypes concluded based on plant growth parameters, yield parameters and quality parameters. The chilli hybrid genotype IET-CHIHBY-3 showed the best response in terms of growth and yield parameters among all chilli hybrids under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions, IET-CHIHBY-6 recorded best in terms of TSS 2.56 °Brix and ascorbic acid of 153.33 mg/100g under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions.

**Keywords:** Evaluation trial, chilli, genotype

#### Introduction

Chilli or pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) belongs to family Solanaceae, which is emerging as one of the commercial vegetable crops at the global level, and is probably most important vegetable after Tomato. Its fruits are rich in vitamins, calcium, potassium and other mineral matters. The main functional properties of chilli are pungency, antioxidant activity, vitamin C and natural pigments (Dhal *et al.*, 2021) <sup>[7]</sup>. Green chili is enriched in vitamin A and vitamin C and in ‘rutin’ which is of a huge pharmaceutical need. It is also a good source of chilli oleoresin, which is the total flavour extract of dried and ground chillies. The quality of dried chilli is assessed by a number of different parameters such as colour, hotness, ascorbic acid content and volatile flavour compounds (Ruth *et al.*, 2003) <sup>[29]</sup>. India is a major producer, exporter and consumer of chilli. In India, it is grown throughout the country. Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu constitute 75% of the total area of its cultivation and production. In Uttar Pradesh chillies are mostly grown in eastern districts *viz.*, Ballia, Azamgarh, Mirzapur, Basti, & Faizabad (Katheek *et al.*, 2018) <sup>[10]</sup>. Chilli production and productivity is seriously affected by the use of low yielding local varieties, optimal plant density, heavy attack of insect pests, diseases and weeds etc. Higher production of this crop is possible by the cultivation of varieties which show remarkable enhanced returns, compared to other cultivars grown at same climatic conditions and inputs applied. However, productivity could be improved through careful evaluation and selection of proper chilli varieties based on location and environmental condition (Sha and Madhavan, 2016) <sup>[23]</sup>. Considering these points, the present investigation was undertaken to evaluate the best hybrid genotypes of chilli suitable for Prayagraj agroclimatic conditions.

#### Materials and Methods

The field experiment was carried out at the Central Research Farm, Department of Horticulture, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj (U.P.) during 2018-19. The experiment consisted of 20 hybrid genotypes *viz.* T<sub>1</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-3, T<sub>2</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-4, T<sub>3</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-6, T<sub>4</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-7, T<sub>5</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-8, T<sub>6</sub>-S-7, T<sub>7</sub>-S-5, T<sub>8</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-4, T<sub>9</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-3, T<sub>10</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-8, T<sub>11</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-6, T<sub>12</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-2, T<sub>13</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-1, T<sub>14</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-5, T<sub>15</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-10, T<sub>16</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-9, T<sub>17</sub>-G-4, T<sub>18</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-1, T<sub>19</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-2, T<sub>20</sub>-REKHA, in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with three replications.

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Urea (46% N), DAP (46% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) and muriate of potash (60% K<sub>2</sub>O) were used as a source of NPK. The RDF (recommended dose of fertilizer) was 100:50:50 kg NPK ha<sup>-1</sup>. As a basal dose, half dose of nitrogen was applied at time of transplanting along with full dose of phosphorus and potassium. The remaining nitrogen was applied in three splits at 20, 40 and 60 DAT. Other cultural practices were followed according to the crop requirement. Thirty days old healthy seedlings of chilli having 4-5 leaves with a height of 15-18 cm were selected and transplanted at the experimental plot and given light irrigation. At each observation, five plants from each plot were randomly selected. The fruits were picked after maturity at a frequent interval. The observations were recorded from these plants. The data were subjected to analysis of variance and mean separation was assessed by critical difference (CD) at 5% probability. Data were analysed using OPSTAT web application.

## Results and Discussion

### Growth parameters

#### Plant height

The data pertaining to plant height influenced due to different genotypes are presented in Table-1. Plant height was in the range of 26.33 cm to 65.66 cm. The highest plant height (65.66 cm) was recorded in T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) which was significantly superior over all the genotypes and which was followed by (65.33 cm) in T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4), while the genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA) recorded the lowest (26.33 cm) plant height. Similar growth trend was observed during the experiment in the varietal trial of chilli. Proper recommended dose of NPK might have helped the plant to have a good plant growth and might be due to existing environmental conditions. So, ultimately it resulted in good vegetative flush. High variation in height of the chilli plants on its final performance was found by Chaudhary and Samadia (2004) [5] and Kerketta *et al.*, (2018) [11].

#### Plant spread

The data pertaining to plant spread influenced due to different genotypes are presented in Table-1. The plant spread was in the range of 20.33 cm to 48.66 cm. The highest plant spread (48.66 cm) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) and was significantly superior over all the genotypes. It was followed by (46.33 cm) in T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) while the lowest plant spread (20.33 cm) was recorded in the genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). Similar type of variations related to plant spread in chilli also reported by Nehru *et al.*, (2003) [18], Smitha and Basavaraja (2006) [27], Payakhapaab (2012) [19] and Sharma *et al.*, (2015) [24].

#### Number of Branches plant<sup>-1</sup>

The data pertaining to number of branches influenced due to different genotypes are presented in Table-1. It was in range of 4.10-11.94. The maximum number of branches (11.94) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) and was significantly superior over all the genotypes. It was followed by (11.76) in T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) while the lowest plant spread (4.10) was recorded in the genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). Similar growth trend was observed during the experiment in the varietal performance of chilli. Proper recommended dose of NPK might have helped the plant to have a good vegetative growth of plant and might be due to existing environmental conditions. So, ultimately it resulted in good vegetative flush.

High variation in branches of the chilli plants on its final performance was founded by Shirshat *et al.*, (2006) [25], Krishna *et al.*, (2007) [13] and Munshi *et al.*, (2010) [16].

### Yield Parameters

#### Number of fruits plant<sup>-1</sup>

Data on number of fruits per plant presented in Table-2 revealed that number of fruits per plant influenced significantly due to different genotypes. The highest number of fruits per plant (98.33) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) and was superior over rest of the genotypes, followed by (96) in T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4), while the lowest number of fruits per plant (44.66) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). Phosphorus, potassium, nitrogen along with the secondary nutrients and micronutrients and the environmental factors might have helped for growth and development of fruits. Such variation in chilli varieties for number of fruits per plant was reported by Khokhar *et al.*, (2001) [12] and Shirshat *et al.*, (2006) [25].

#### Length of fruit

Data on length of fruit presented in Table-2 revealed that length of fruit influenced significantly due to different genotypes. The fruit length was in the range of 5.90 cm to 12.90 cm. The highest length of fruit (12.90 cm) was observed in T<sub>3</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-6) and was significantly superior over rest of the genotypes, followed by (12 cm) in T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) whereas the lowest fruit length (5.90 cm) was observed in the genotype T<sub>16</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-9). The variation in chilli in fruit length was also reported by Sreelathakumary and Rajamony *et al.*, (2002) [17], Smitha and Basavaraja *et al.*, (2006) [27], Dahal *et al.*, (2008) [31], Tembhumne *et al.*, (2008) [28], Pramila *et al.*, (2009) [20], Cheema *et al.*, (2010) [4], Chattopadhyay *et al.*, (2011) [3], Saravaiya *et al.*, (2011) [22], Shiva *et al.*, (2013) [26], Dhaliwal *et al.*, (2014) [8], Rohini and Lakshmanan (2014) [21].

#### Diameter of fruit

Data on diameter of fruit presented in Table-2 revealed that diameter of fruit influenced significantly due to different genotypes. Diameter of fruit was in the range of 0.17 to 1.09 cm. The highest fruit diameter (1.09 cm) was observed in genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3), followed by (1.01 cm) in genotype T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4), whereas the lowest diameter of fruit (0.17 cm) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). Similar variation in diameter of chilli was also observed by Smitha and Basavaraja *et al.*, (2006) [27], Tembhumne *et al.*, (2008) [28], Chattopadhyay *et al.*, (2011) [3], Saravaiya *et al.*, (2011) [22], Dhaliwal *et al.*, (2014) [8], Rohini and Lakshmanan (2014) [21].

#### Average weight of fruit

Data on average weight of fruit presented in Table-2 revealed that average weight of fruit influenced significantly due to different genotypes. The fruit weight of chilli genotypes was in the range of 1.25g to 3.21g. The highest fruit weight (3.21 g) was observed in genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3), followed by (3.06 g) in genotype T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) while the lowest fruit weight (1.25 g) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). The variation in chilli in weight of fruit was also reported by Anu *et al.*, (2002) [1], Shirshat *et al.*, (2006) [25], Sha and Madhavan *et al.*, (2016) and Kerketta *et al.*, (2018) [11].

### Fruit yield per plot

Data on fruit yield per plot presented in Table-2 revealed that fruit yield per plot influenced significantly due to different genotypes. Fruit yield per plot was in the range of 0.33 to 1.60 kg. The highest fruit yield per plot (1.60 kg) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) and T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) and was superior over all genotype, followed by (1.59 kg) in genotype T<sub>3</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-6) while the lowest yield per plot (0.33 kg) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA).

### Fruit yield per hectare

Data on fruit yield per hectare presented in Table-2 revealed that fruit yield per hectare influenced significantly due to different genotypes. Fruit yield per hectare was in the range of 1.16 tonnes to 12.40 tonnes. The highest fruit yield per hectare (12.40 tonnes) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) and was superior over all genotypes followed by (11.60 tonnes) in genotype T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) while the lowest yield per hectare (1.16 tonnes) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). N, P, K along with the secondary nutrients and micronutrients and the environmental factors, are might have helped for growth and development fruit. Variation in chilli for fruit yield among the varieties also found by Anu *et al.*, (2002)<sup>[1]</sup>, Kameshwari *et al.*, (2006)<sup>[9]</sup>, Shirshat *et al.*, (2006)<sup>[25]</sup>, Datta and Jana (2012)<sup>[30]</sup> and Sha and Madhavan *et al.*, (2016)<sup>[23]</sup>.

### Number of seeds per fruit

Data on number of seeds per fruit presented in Table-2 revealed that number of seeds per fruit influenced significantly due to different genotypes. The number of seeds

per fruit was in the range of 45.00 to 83.66. The highest number of seeds per fruit (87.92) was observed in the genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3), followed by (81.33) in genotype T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) whereas, the lowest number of seeds per fruit (45.00) was observed in genotype T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). The variation in number of seeds per fruit of chilli was also noticed by Manju and Sreelathakumary *et al.*, (2002)<sup>[17]</sup>, Smitha and Basavaraja *et al.*, (2006)<sup>[27]</sup>, Chattopadhyay *et al.*, (2011)<sup>[3]</sup> and Dhaliwal *et al.*, (2014)<sup>[8]</sup>.

### Quality Parameters

#### TSS

Data on TSS presented in Table-2 revealed that TSS influenced significantly due to different genotypes. TSS was in range of 1.43 to 2.56. The maximum TSS (2.56) was found in genotype T<sub>3</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-6) followed by (2.54) in genotype T<sub>2</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-4) whereas the minimum TSS (1.43) was found in T<sub>6</sub> (S-7).

#### Ascorbic acid

Data on ascorbic acid presented in Table-2 revealed that ascorbic acid influenced significantly due to different genotypes. Ascorbic acid content was in range of 116.33 mg to 157.00 mg per 100 g. The maximum ascorbic acid (157.00 mg/100 g) was found in genotype T<sub>1</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-3) followed by (153.33 mg/100 g) in genotype T<sub>3</sub> (IET-CHIHBY-6) whereas the minimum ascorbic acid (116.33 mg/100 g) was found in T<sub>20</sub> (REKHA). The variation in Ascorbic acid (mg /100 g) content in chilli was also noticed by Kumar and Tata (2009)<sup>[14]</sup>, Bhaskar and Pradhan (2014)<sup>[2]</sup> and Kumar *et al.*, (2015)<sup>[24]</sup>.

Table 1: Growth parameters of chilli genotypes under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions

Treatments	Plant height			Plant spread			Number of branches		
	30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT	30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT	30 DAT	60 DAT	90 DAT
T <sub>1</sub>	41.33	56.66	65.66	20.66	35.33	48.66	9	11.43	11.94
T <sub>2</sub>	39.66	54.33	65.33	20.33	34.66	46.33	8.66	11.10	11.76
T <sub>3</sub>	37.33	51.33	62.66	19.33	32	44.33	8.10	10.86	10.74
T <sub>4</sub>	34	49.33	60.66	17.66	30.66	44.33	7.60	10.75	10.17
T <sub>5</sub>	26.33	42.66	53.66	16.33	28.66	40.66	6.55	9.15	9.15
T <sub>6</sub>	14.66	33.	43.33	14.66	23.33	35.33	3.66	6.50	5.43
T <sub>7</sub>	23.66	29.33	41.66	12.33	19	34.66	4.3	7.84	8.53
T <sub>8</sub>	18.33	26.33	44.66	13.66	18.66	27.66	5.56	4.57	4.87
T <sub>9</sub>	9.66	39.66	30.33	16.33	24.66	37.66	4.20	8.05	5.12
T <sub>10</sub>	12.33	23.66	26.66	10.66	17.66	22.66	3.36	4.36	4.65
T <sub>11</sub>	16.66	32.33	41.33	12.33	18.66	24.66	6.50	7.65	8.30
T <sub>12</sub>	12.66	35.66	37.66	12.66	24	32	3.60	7.20	5.94
T <sub>13</sub>	20.66	27.33	45.33	15.33	25.33	22.66	4.10	8.76	8.70
T <sub>14</sub>	22.33	33.66	32.66	13.66	22.33	23.66	5.60	6.10	8.15
T <sub>15</sub>	10.66	23.33	28.33	10.66	16.33	19.33	3.23	4.40	4.50
T <sub>16</sub>	14.33	26.33	40.66	11.66	25.33	22.66	4.63	8.35	7.49
T <sub>17</sub>	25.33	41.66	52.33	15.33	21.66	24.33	5.13	5.56	6.81
T <sub>18</sub>	31.33	45.66	58.66	17.33	29.33	42.33	7.16	5.96	9.79
T <sub>19</sub>	27.66	44.33	56.33	15.66	27.66	40.33	6.99	9.66	9.62
T <sub>20</sub>	8.66	21.33	26.33	7.66	14.66	20.33	2.83	4.13	4.10
S.Ed(±)	2.47	2.61	2.63	2.82	1.51	1.29	0.39	0.07	0.17
CV	13.53	8.68	7.05	23.47	7.55	4.83	8.96	1.14	2.69
CD <sub>0.05</sub>	5.01	5.29	5.33	5.71	3.06	2.61	0.80	0.14	0.35

T<sub>1</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-3, T<sub>2</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-4, T<sub>3</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-6, T<sub>4</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-7, T<sub>5</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-8, T<sub>6</sub>-S-7, T<sub>7</sub>-S-5, T<sub>8</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-4, T<sub>9</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-3, T<sub>10</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-8, T<sub>11</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-6, T<sub>12</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-2, T<sub>13</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-1, T<sub>14</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-5, T<sub>15</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-10, T<sub>16</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-9, T<sub>17</sub>- G-4, T<sub>18</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-1, T<sub>19</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-2, T<sub>20</sub>- REKHA

**Table 2:** Yield and quality parameters of chilli genotypes under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions

Treatments	Number of fruits plant <sup>-1</sup>	Length of fruit (cm)	Diameter of fruit (cm)	Average weight of fruit (g)	Fruit yield per plot (kg)	Fruit yield per hectare (t)	Number of seeds per fruit	TSS (°Brix)	Ascorbic acid (mg/100g)
T <sub>1</sub>	98.33	12	1.09	3.21	1.60	12.40	83.66	2.53	157
T <sub>2</sub>	96	11.56	1.01	3.06	1.60	11.60	81.33	2.54	153
T <sub>3</sub>	93	12.90	0.94	2.90	1.59	11.15	79	2.56	153.33
T <sub>4</sub>	90	9.40	0.94	2.50	1.55	10.91	77	2.53	148
T <sub>5</sub>	79.33	9	0.84	2.21	0.83	8.73	72.66	2.45	146.33
T <sub>6</sub>	64.66	6.53	0.70	1.89	1.23	6.06	67.33	1.43	142
T <sub>7</sub>	60.66	8.86	0.55	1.93	0.8	3.70	53.66	2.34	129
T <sub>8</sub>	55	6.46	0.21	1.37	0.45	2.16	47.66	1.54	127
T <sub>9</sub>	78.66	8	0.63	1.58	1.46	4.49	48.66	1.86	143.33
T <sub>10</sub>	52.66	10.88	0.21	1.31	0.42	1.89	46.33	1.45	128
T <sub>11</sub>	56	6.46	0.66	2.11	1.13	6.71	67.33	1.65	131
T <sub>12</sub>	74.66	6.96	0.62	1.96	1.4	5.70	64.66	2.34	136
T <sub>13</sub>	69.33	7.46	0.77	1.51	1.15	6.83	54.66	1.93	127
T <sub>14</sub>	66.66	8.50	0.79	1.92	1.31	4.66	68	2.15	128
T <sub>15</sub>	50.66	8.90	0.18	1.27	0.39	1.45	61	1.46	119
T <sub>16</sub>	68.33	5.90	0.66	1.62	0.65	3.80	47.33	1.72	116.66
T <sub>17</sub>	71.33	6.23	0.73	1.65	1.35	7.66	58.66	1.93	136
T <sub>18</sub>	86	9.97	0.88	2.51	1.55	10.05	75.33	2.49	148.33
T <sub>19</sub>	82	8.93	0.83	5.40	1.53	9.65	73	2.46	144
T <sub>20</sub>	44.66	6.33	0.17	1.25	0.33	1.16	45	1.45	116.33
S.Ed(±)	2.29	0.25	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.10	2.02	0.04	2.82
CV	3.90	3.52	5.20	3.50	3.76	1.95	3.89	2.12	2.53
CD <sub>0.05</sub>	4.63	0.50	0.06	0.12	0.07	0.21	4.09	0.07	5.70

T<sub>1</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-3, T<sub>2</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-4, T<sub>3</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-6, T<sub>4</sub>-AVT-CHIHBY-7, T<sub>5</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-8, T<sub>6</sub>-S-7, T<sub>7</sub>-S-5, T<sub>8</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-4, T<sub>9</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-3, T<sub>10</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-8, T<sub>11</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-6, T<sub>12</sub>- AVT- CHIHBY-2, T<sub>13</sub>-AVT- CHIHBY-1, T<sub>14</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-5, T<sub>15</sub>-IET-CHIHBY-10, T<sub>16</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-9, T<sub>17</sub>- G-4, T<sub>18</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-1, T<sub>19</sub>- IET-CHIHBY-2, T<sub>20</sub>- REKHA

## Conclusion

Based on the present investigation on 20 chilli genotypes it is concluded that the chilli hybrid genotype IET-CHIHBY-3 (T<sub>1</sub>) showed the best response in terms of growth, yield and quality parameters among all other chilli hybrid genotypes under Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions, while IET-CHIHBY-6 (T<sub>3</sub>) recorded best in terms of length of fruit and TSS. From above all results it is concluded that chilli genotype IET-CHIHBY-3 is best suited for Prayagraj agro-climatic conditions over all other chilli hybrid genotypes.

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