



# Effect of crop establishment techniques and fertility level on growth attributes and yield of rice

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## ABSTRACT

A field experiment was conducted during two kharif season of 2021 and 2022 at Agriculture Research Farm, Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, Bhagwant University, Ajmer, Rajasthan to study the effect of Influence of Different Planting System and Level of Nitrogen on Growth, Yield, Quality and Economics of Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.). The results revealed that crop establishment through SRI technique has recorded significantly higher in growth attributes such as plant height, number of tillers, dry weight, crop growth rate, relative growth rate and yield ) compared to other establishment methods during both of the years. Whereas the application of different fertility level of fertilizer  $F_3$  N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> significantly maximum growth attributes and yield of rice crop during both of the experimental year.

## INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is one of the most important staple food crops of the world. More than two billion people in Asia are getting 60-70 % of their energy requirement from rice and its derived products. Human consumption accounts 85 % of total production for rice and it deserves a special status among cereals as world's most important wetland crop. Worldwide, rice is being cultivated in an approximate area of 147 million hectares with a total production of 525 million tonnes and average productivity of 3571 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Asia contributes 59 per cent of world population and accounts for 92 per cent of global rice production. Among many food grains cultivated in India, rice has the pride of being cultivated over an area of 43.49 million hectares with a production of 104.41 million tonnes, which contributes to 41.5 % of total food grain production of our Country (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, 2016). Considering these facts "International year of rice- 2004 had the slogan of "Rice is life". Transplanting has many methods like manual line and random planting, mechanical transplanting, system of rice intensification. Direct sown can be classify into wet direct seeding and dry direct seeding. Drum seeding is a method of direct sown rice system. Transplanting and direct seeding are two common methods of rice

establishment in the world. The assumption of direct seeded rice system is highly constrained as the crop face severe weed infestation. Rice yield may extremely decline in direct seeded rice system if weed management is not done properly. But the weed problem is not a major issue in transplanted rice because of puddling of soil eliminates the weeds before transplanting. Increasing water scarcity and weeds are becoming real threat to rice cultivation. In such a situation it is a necessary to develop the water saving technology for rice cultivation. SRI method has found to save 22 to 38 per cent of water respectively during dry and wet season over other method of rice establishment (Singh et al., 2015). The system of rice intensification is a one of the method of transplanted rice cultivation by manipulating the genetic potential of rice provides a favorable growing environment to rise the productivity and economic returns. Besides it enhance the soil health with reduction in inputs use such as seeds, water etc. (Singh et al., 2018). Fertility management form application of organic and inorganic sources of nutrients used for maintaining the plant nutrients in soil and improves nutrients-use efficiency that is essential in sustainable crop production. Organic matter acts as a source and a sink for plant nutrients as well as provides energy substrate for soil microorganisms. Thus, it enhances activities of soil, flora and fauna as well as intrinsic soil properties, soil nutrient capital, water-holding capacity and soil structure in turn makes soilless susceptible to leaching and erosion. Therefore, these practices are essential to maintained and enhanced the soil quality and sustainability of an agro-ecosystem (Kumar et al., 2021).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experimental site is located at Instructional Farm of the Bhagwant University, Ajmer, Rajasthan, Puskar Bypass Road, about 12 km away from Ajmer city. The experimental site falls under subtropical region in Rajasthan and situated at 24.40-26.470 N latitude and 82.120-83.980 E longitude at an altitude of 113 meters from, mean sea level. The field experiment conducted in split plot design where main plot applied five crop establishment techniques such as C<sub>1</sub> -Integrated crop management, C<sub>1</sub> -Line planting, C<sub>3</sub> - Farmers' practice, C<sub>4</sub>- Drum seeder and C<sub>4</sub>- SRI Technique and in sub plot F<sub>1</sub> - No fertilizer, F<sub>2</sub> - N: P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and F<sub>3</sub> -N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> was applied. The plant height was recorded at 30, 60 and 90 DAS. Five plants were selected randomly in each plot and tagged for observation. The plant height was measured from base near ground to top most tip of the plant. The measurement of all five plants was averaged to express the plant height (cm). In main field half dose of nitrogen and full dose of phosphorus and potassium were applied as basal. Rest of the nitrogen was top dressed in two equal splits at 25 days after sowing/transplanting (tillering stage) and at 50 days after sowing/transplanting (panicle initiation stage). Whereas, in nursery fertilizers was applied @ 12: 6: 4 kg N: P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: K<sub>2</sub>O per 1000 sq m. In conventional transplanting, half dose of N and full dose of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O were applied as basal and remaining N was top dressed at 15 DAS. While, in case of rice nursery for mechanical transplanting full dose of N was applied as basal. For conventional transplanting, seeds were sown in nursery and seedlings were raised by wet nursery method and 2-3 seedlings/hill (21 days old) were transplanted at 20 x 15 cm spacing. Whereas, in case of mechanical transplanting seedlings were prepared on mat type nursery and 4-5 seedlings/hill (15 days old) were transplanted at 25 x 15 cm spacing. Sprouted seeds were used for direct seeding

by broadcasting and drum seeding with 20 cm row spacing. Observations on yield attributes and yield were recorded. Collected data was statistically analyzed as per the methods by (Gomez and Gomez, 2003).

## Result and Discussion

### Plant height (cm)

The plant height as influenced by different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels interaction, was recorded at 30, 60 and 90 DAT, presented in Table 1. Effect of different crop establishment techniques, fertility levels, and their interaction on plant height at 30 DAT was non-significant. At 60 and 90 DAT/DAS, plant height was, however, significantly influenced, during both the years of experimentation. At 60 DAT/DAS, C<sub>5</sub> (SRI technique) recorded maximum plant height (79.79 and 81.57 cm in 2007 and 2009, respectively) followed by 78.24 and 79.98 cm with C<sub>1</sub> (ICM). C<sub>4</sub> (drum seeder) recorded the minimum (74.20 and 75.67 cm). SRI technique of crop establishment produced tallest plants closely followed by ICM, whereas, minimum height of plants was recorded with drum seeder during both the years of experimentation. The plant height gradually increased at successive growth stages with increase in fertility level. Maximum plant height was recorded with NPK 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> followed by NPK 120: 60: 60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Minimum plant height was recorded in the plots in which no fertilizer was applied. Combination of SRI and also produced tallest plants during both the years of experimentation. Abundant supply and availability of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in balanced combination as well as availability of sufficient light and spacing between the plants might have helped the plants to attain more vigour thereby increasing the plant height than lower level NPK or no fertilizer. Higher nitrogen levels also significantly increased the plant height because of enough availability of nitrogen at growing stages. These findings are in close conformity with the results reported by (Achanl, et al., 2012; Bhardwaj, R. et al. 2018; Dubey, et al., 2017).

### Number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup>

Different crop establishment techniques, fertility levels and their interaction had non-significant effect on number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> at 30 DAT (table-2). At 60 and 90 DAT/DAS, the crop establishment techniques, fertility levels and their interaction significantly influenced the number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> during both of the experimental years. Maximum number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> was recorded with SRI technique of crop establishment at all the stages of growth. With increase in the dose of NPK from 0 to 120: 60: 60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, the number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> gradually increased at all the growth stages. Maximum number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> was recorded with SRI and NPK 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The interacting treatment combination comprising of SRI + 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> also recorded maximum number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup>. Higher number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> might have been possible due to more vigour and strength attained by the plants as a result of better photosynthetic activities with sufficient availability of light, spacing between the plants and supply of nutrients in balanced quantity to the plants at growing stages. Dubey, et al. (2017)) reported almost similar results in their experiments.

**Dry weight (g plant<sup>-1</sup>)**

Dry matter production was recorded maximum with SRI technique of crop establishment followed by ICM. Dry weight of plant gradually increased at successive growth stages with increase in the fertility level from no fertilizer to NPK 120: 60: 60 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Combination of SRI and 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> also recorded maximum plant dry weight. Dry matter production with treatment combination SRI + 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> was nearly 95% higher than the minimum with drum seeder + no fertilizer. The plants attained more vigour with higher fertility level as compared to lower fertility level as well as no fertilizer, due to adequate supply and availability of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and FYM in balanced combination, resulting into increased dry weight of plant. Better photosynthetic activity due to greater exposure to light and increased availability of nutrients to plants with adequate spacing might have resulted into higher dry weight of plant (Jnanesha, et al., 2017).



Table : 1. Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on plant height (cm) of rice at different intervals

Treatment		Plant height (cm)					
		30 DAT		60 DAT		90 DAT	
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>							
C <sub>1</sub>	Integrated crop management	50.22	51.31	78.24	79.98	103.20	105.17
C <sub>2</sub>	Line planting	49.34	50.43	76.77	78.46	101.73	103.63
C <sub>3</sub>	Farmers' practice	48.24	49.26	75.95	77.63	99.54	101.45
C <sub>4</sub>	Drum seeder	47.39	48.37	74.20	75.67	97.03	98.88
C <sub>5</sub>	SRI technique	51.40	52.50	79.79	81.57	104.55	106.58
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.42</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.85</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>							
F <sub>1</sub>	No fertilizer	45.20	46.18	70.20	71.73	93.77	95.56
F <sub>2</sub>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	48.93	49.96	77.56	79.19	101.28	103.19
F <sub>3</sub>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	53.82	54.98	83.22	85.07	108.57	110.67
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.32</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.66</b>

**Table : 2** Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on number of tillers hill<sup>-1</sup> of rice at different intervals

Treatment		Number of tillers hill <sup>-1</sup>					
		30 DAT		60 DAT		90 DAT	
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>							
C <sub>1</sub>	Integrated crop management	14.24	14.78	29.15	30.24	23.17	24.04
C <sub>2</sub>	Line planting	13.83	14.35	27.55	28.57	20.57	21.33
C <sub>3</sub>	Farmers' practice	13.33	13.81	26.41	27.39	19.87	20.60
C <sub>4</sub>	Drum seeder	12.90	13.39	25.58	26.52	18.67	19.34
C <sub>5</sub>	SRI technique	15.24	15.81	31.00	32.15	25.46	26.39
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.13</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>							
F <sub>1</sub>	No fertilizer	11.66	12.09	19.88	20.63	14.29	14.83
F <sub>2</sub>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	13.97	14.50	27.71	28.74	21.89	22.69
F <sub>3</sub>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	16.09	16.69	36.22	37.56	28.47	29.50
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.10</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>2.04</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.21</b>

**Table : 3** Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on dry weight ( $\text{g plant}^{-1}$ ) of rice at different intervals

Treatment		Dry weight ( $\text{g plant}^{-1}$ )					
		30 DAT		60 DAT		90 DAT	
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>							
<b>C<sub>1</sub></b>	Integrated crop management	6.70	6.95	37.72	39.12	76.62	79.45
<b>C<sub>2</sub></b>	Line planting	5.71	5.92	34.97	36.27	75.01	77.77
<b>C<sub>3</sub></b>	Farmers' practice	4.91	5.12	33.02	34.24	71.69	74.33
<b>C<sub>4</sub></b>	Drum seeder	4.41	4.57	31.94	33.13	65.54	67.99
<b>C<sub>5</sub></b>	SRI technique	7.56	7.85	39.30	40.77	79.54	82.47
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.31</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.63</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>							
<b>F<sub>1</sub></b>	No fertilizer	3.65	3.80	28.25	29.29	59.43	61.62
<b>F<sub>2</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	4.88	5.06	34.39	35.69	72.32	75.00
<b>F<sub>3</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	9.04	9.39	43.53	45.14	89.29	92.59
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.24</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.48</b>



**Crop growth rate ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ )**

CGR was corresponding to the plant dry weight at all the growth stages during both the years. SRI recorded maximum CGR as in case of other growth parameters, followed by line planting and the minimum remained with drum seeder. It also registered increase with the higher fertility level, maximum was recorded with NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  followed by NPK 120: 60: 60  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  while the minimum was observed with no fertilizer. Combination of SRI + NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  also recorded maximum CGR. Greater exposure to light and proper spacing between the plants leading to better photosynthetic activity and increased availability of nutrients to resulted into higher dry matter production which in turn registered better CGR. These findings are in close conformity with the results reported by (Kumar and Ladha, 2018).

**Relative growth rate ( $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$ )**

The relative growth rate (RGR) as influenced by different crop establishment techniques, fertility levels and their interaction, worked out during 0 – 30, 30- 60 and 60 – 90 DAT is presented in Table 1. During 60 – 90 DAT, C3 (farmers' practice) recorded maximum RGR (0.0260 and 0.0260  $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$  in 2007 and 2009, respectively) followed 0.0255 and 0.0255  $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$  with C2 (line planting). C1 (ICM) and C5 (SRI) recorded the minimum (0.0236 and 0.0236  $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$ ). C1 (ICM) and C5 (SRI) were at par during both the years. RGR was corresponding to the plant dry weight at all the growth stages during both the years. At 0 – 30 DAT/DAS, SRI recorded maximum RGR followed by ICM and the minimum remained with drum seeder. NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  recorded maximum RGR followed by NPK 120: 60: 60  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  while the minimum was observed with no fertilizer. Combination of SRI + NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  also recorded maximum RGR. It also registered increase with increase of fertility level. Results reported by (Rana et. Al., 2014) are more or less similar to these findings. Out of the five techniques of crop establishment and three fertility levels tried in this experiment, system of rice intensification (SRI) (C5) and fertility level NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  (F3) was found to be the appropriate crop establishment technique and fertility level, respectively. The interacting treatment combination of SRI technique + NPK 150: 75: 75  $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$  (C5 F3) maintained its superiority over all other treatment combinations in relation to growth of rice.



**Table :4 Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on crop growth rate ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) of rice at different intervals**

Treatment		Crop growth rate ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ )					
		0 - 30 DAT		31 - 60 DAT		61 - 90 DAT	
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>							
<b>C<sub>1</sub></b>	Integrated crop management	3.58	3.71	16.54	17.16	20.75	21.51
<b>C<sub>2</sub></b>	Line planting	3.04	3.16	15.61	16.19	21.35	22.13
<b>C<sub>3</sub></b>	Farmers' practice	2.62	2.73	14.99	15.53	20.63	21.38
<b>C<sub>4</sub></b>	Drum seeder	2.35	2.44	14.68	15.23	17.92	18.60
<b>C<sub>5</sub></b>	SRI technique	4.03	4.18	16.93	17.56	21.46	22.24
	F - test	NS	NS	S	S	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	-	-	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.13</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>							
<b>F<sub>1</sub></b>	No fertilizer	1.95	2.02	13.12	13.60	16.63	17.24
<b>F<sub>2</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	2.60	2.70	15.74	16.33	20.23	20.97
<b>F<sub>3</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	4.82	5.01	18.39	19.07	24.41	25.31
	F - test	S	S	S	S	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.10</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.21</b>

**Table : 5** Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on relative growth rate ( $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) of rice at different intervals

Treatment		Relative growth rate ( $\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$ )					
		0 - 30 DAT		31 - 60 DAT		61 - 90 DAT	
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>							
<b>C<sub>1</sub></b>	Integrated crop management	0.0581	0.0593	0.0625	0.0625	0.0236	0.0236
<b>C<sub>2</sub></b>	Line planting	0.0555	0.0567	0.0625	0.0625	0.0255	0.0255
<b>C<sub>3</sub></b>	Farmers' practice	0.0504	0.0517	0.0656	0.0654	0.0260	0.0260
<b>C<sub>4</sub></b>	Drum seeder	0.0459	0.0471	0.0689	0.0690	0.0239	0.0239
<b>C<sub>5</sub></b>	SRI technique	0.0608	0.0621	0.0610	0.0609	0.0236	0.0236
	F - test	NS	NS	NS	NS	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>0.0002</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>0.0002</b>	<b>0.0004</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>							
<b>F<sub>1</sub></b>	No fertilizer	0.0414	0.0427	0.0697	0.0696	0.0248	0.0248
<b>F<sub>2</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	0.0512	0.0524	0.0667	0.0667	0.0248	0.0248
<b>F<sub>3</sub></b>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$	0.0698	0.0710	0.0559	0.0558	0.0240	0.0240
	F - test	S	S	S	S	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (<math>\pm</math>)</b>	<b>0.0050</b>	<b>0.0050</b>	<b>0.0050</b>	<b>0.0049</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>0.0001</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>0.0102</b>	<b>0.0102</b>	<b>0.0102</b>	<b>0.0101</b>	<b>0.0002</b>	<b>0.0003</b>

### Grain yield (t ha<sup>-1</sup>)

The grain yield per hectare worked out for different crop establishment techniques, fertility levels and their interaction is presented in Table-5. The data reveals that the grain yield was significantly influenced by different crop establishment techniques, fertility levels and their interaction. Maximum grain yield (6.14 and 6.37 t ha<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year, respectively) was recorded with C5 (SRI) followed by 5.91 and 6.12 t ha<sup>-1</sup> with C1 (ICM), whereas, the minimum (5.33 and 5.52 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded with C4 (drum seeder). Grain yield per hectare was commensurate with yield attributes like effective tillers, number of length of panicles, number of spikelets per panicle. C5 (SRI) and F3 (NPK 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) were most appropriate and suitable crop establishment technique and fertility level for grain yield per hectare and their combination C5 F3 (SRI + NPK 150: 75: 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) also recorded maximum grain yield (7.35 and 7.61 t ha<sup>-1</sup> in 2007 and 2009, respectively). The behavior of NPK could be explained by the fact that it is builder of protein and form the main constituents of protoplasm with induced cell division and initiated meristematic activity. The synthesis of amino acid in plant seemed to have accelerated, which is exhibited by enhanced grain yield. It is, therefore, logical to correlate the increased grain yield with the increased level of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

### Conclusion

On the basis of two years experimental result concluded that crop establishment through SRI technique has recorded significantly higher in growth attributes such as plant height, number of tillers, dry weight, crop growth rate, relative growth rate and yield) compared to other establishment methods during both of the years. Whereas the application of different fertility level of fertilizer F3 N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> significantly maximum growth attributes and yield of rice crop during both of the experimental year.

Table :6 Effect of different crop establishment techniques and fertility levels on test weight (g) of rice

Treatment		Test weight (g)	
		2022	2023
<b>Crop establishment techniques (C)</b>			
C <sub>1</sub>	Integrated crop management	21.23	22.14
C <sub>2</sub>	Line planting	20.83	21.78
C <sub>3</sub>	Farmers' practice	20.14	21.05
C <sub>4</sub>	Drum seeder	19.49	20.33
C <sub>5</sub>	SRI technique	21.68	22.66
	F - test	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>Fertility levels (F)</b>			
F <sub>1</sub>	No fertilizer	18.70	19.52
F <sub>2</sub>	N : P : K @ 120 : 60 : 60 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	19.70	20.56
F <sub>3</sub>	N : P : K @ 150 : 75 : 75 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>	23.62	24.69
	F - test	S	S
	<b>S.Ed. (±)</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.05</b>
	<b>C.D. (P = 0.05)</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>

**Reference**

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