

Rice unlike other crops that man grows is intimately involved in the culture of numerous world societies. In several regional languages the general terms for rice and food or rice and agriculture are synonymous. The rice grain forms an integral part of rituals in Hindu and Buddhist religions. Hence the interlinking of rice with humans is not just as a commodity but as a substance that goes deep into the cultural milieu of the human race.

The much despised relation of rice and water began accidentally. In fact the first records of rice cultivation projects it as a dry seeded crop grown in ends of high land and forests cleared for shifting cultivation. It is in China that the process of puddling soil and transplanting seedlings began in river valleys and low lying areas with likelihood of flood and submergence of rice plants. As transplanting gives a head-start to rice seedlings in their fight with weeds, this method took an easy route of acceptance in other parts of the world, especially in South east Asia where originally rice is grown in dry land conditions.

This historical perspective and the belief that rice would be better off if puddled and transplanted, has brought us to the present situation of excessive use of water for irrigating rice.

A change of this attitude is going to be difficult and time consuming. But a change is all that is needed and the change is needed now!



Rice is the main grain that is consumed in India and other South Asian countries. A hectare of rice in conventional puddle cultivation uses 1300-1600 mm of water per season as per the literature. But in practice, farmers use a grater volume (up to 2000 mm) in many delta areas in India.

The future of rice production which consumes a lion's share of water (85%) used in irrigated agriculture will therefore depend heavily on developing and adopting technologies and practices which will use less water with highest use efficiency. Rice is cultivated usually in a puddled condition with large volumes of water and grown in standing water. The water productivity is hardly 0.15 kg/m³ water, which is very low. Even in SRI (Sustainable rice Initiative) method the total water use is 745-800 mm per ha though this method does away with standing water during the major crop phase.

Similarly, productivity of rice is stagnant (Table.1) and how a change can be brought to this situation. A comprehensive package was tested that could reduce resource use and increase productivity in direct seeded rice which form 28% of the Indian rice cultivation. Jain Irrigation, the most highly water conscious Corporate in the country is working towards food security thru water and energy securities have now tested and released an innovative method for cultivating rice.

Status of rice production in India

Table 1: Rice production scenario in different states of India

States/UTs	Area (x000 ha)	Irrigated area under rice (x000 ha)	Average Yield (t/ha)	
Andhra Pradesh	3982	1041	3.1	
Assam	2420	111	1.6	
Bihar	3252	1663	1.1	
Chhatisgarh	3854	1169	1.1	
Gujarat	666	383	1.8	
Haryana	1041	1024	3	
Himachal Pradesh	79	48	1.4	
Jammu & Kashmir	259	-	1.9	
Jharkhand	1355	76	1.5	
Karnataka	1478	1120	2.4	
Kerala	276	160	2.6	
Madhya Pradesh	1700	232	0.87	
Maharashtra	1513	434	1.5	
Orissa	4479	1908	1.6	
Punjab	2649	2624	4	
Rajasthan	107	43	1.5	
Tamil Nadu	2050	1907	3.1	
Uttar Pradesh	5578	4073	2.1	
Uttaranchal	302	196	2.1	
West Bengal	5783	2878	2.6	
India	42806	21107	2.04	

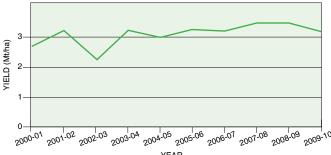


Fig 1: Productivity of rice in India (2000-10)

Precision farming

Precision farming is farming where 1) Timeliness of operations and 2) Precision in quantities of inputs and control measures are practised.

The different steps followed in precision farming varies from crop to crop and differences of these practises from conventional practises also varies from crop to crop. In Precision farming of rice we recommend the following steps: Planting on raised beds, adopting a plant spacing of 0.2 m x 0.15 m, irrigating with drip following an irrigation schedule and fertilizer thru fertigation scheduling and weed control by weedicide.

Cultivation Method

Based on the experience Jain Irrigation garnered over a number of field trials, the cultivation method and drip system for rice should have the following components:

- Adopt dry seeded aerobic method of rice cultivation
- Disc plough the field twice; first East-West and second time North-South directions
- For rainy season crop, it is advisable to prepare broad bed and furrow (BBF) system that will take care of drainage during heavy rain. For rabi and summer crops even flat seed bed is appropriate.
- For BBF system for seeding; Bed width of 1 m, and height of 0.15 m and furrow width of 0.2-0.3 m.
- Sow rice in rows on a broad bed or on flat seed bed.
- Rotavate to break clods on the bed surface to achieve fine tilth.
- Sow seeds at 0.2 m x 0.15 m spacing; 5 rows per bed (in BBF).
- Install drip system.
- Mulch the seeded surface with rice husk.

Rice varieties

Identification of varieties suitable for drip irrigation would take a large number of time consuming experimental trials. However, it is an intelligent assumption that all the varieties so far found suitable for dry seeded cultivation would also be suitable for drip.

Varieities tested under drip irrigation and fertigation by Jain irrigation. More such varieties will be tested and recommended.

Varieties tested under drip fertigation

US 311, Arise 6129, SBH 999 (basmati), 25P25, 25P31, Try -R (2), BPT, Pusa sugandha (basmati), ADT -45, Pusa-2, WGL 32100

Irrigation

Table 2: Water requirement of drip irrigated rice

Month	Pan E (mm/day)	Total water Reqt. (lit/Day/ha)
Feb 16-28	6.68	18704
Mar 1-15	6.73	40044
16-31	6.82	47740
April 1-15	6.09	56840
16-30	6.53	60947
May 1-15	7.44	70019
16-31	7.57	58878

*Water requirement will vary with location and pan E and crop planting date
For each location Jain irrigation agronomist will estimate
water requirement and based on the design flow will prepare
irrigation schedule and train the farmer to apply this precisely.

Traditional (Puddling) Cultivation Method

Rice fields are first flooded before tillage. Tillage of flooded field is referred to as puddling. In puddling, the top soil is subjected to repeated fine grinding with water. Besides saturating the top soil, an overlying water layer is created and maintained during the transplanting period. Apart from high water use the procedure of puddling has many disadvantages;

- Puddling destroys soil structure
- It reduces percolation rate
- It results in loss of water (Puddling accounts for 20-40% of total water use of rice culture).
- Most of the water used for puddling is lost by drainage.
- It induces high resistance to root penetration
- It causes low porosity and permeability
- It results in the formation of a soil plow pan
- All the above factors restrict root growth.
- It also causes emission of Methane gas. Thus it is suppose to be the creator of Green House Gases.

The only known advantage of flooding for tillage (Puddling) seems to be the control on weed germination.

Because of the demand on water modern technology high light dry sowing of paddy seeds into wet soil (no standing water). Drip irrigation makes the soil wetting easy and water use restricted to crop water requirement alone.





Drip Irrigation - The concept

Drip irrigation is the slow, even application of water at low pressure to the root –zone using a net work of plastic tubing placed above the rooting zone (surface drip) or buried among the root branches inside the rhizospherical soil at a certain depth from surface. (subsurface drip).

In drip irrigation method, crops are irrigated daily to the precise volume of water equivalent to the evapo-transpiration (ET) of the crop. It is estimated from daily Evaporation data using crop and canopy coefficients, the latter two factors vary with the age of the crop and the size of its canopy. These are the two factors that affect the volume of transpiration of the plant/crop that changes with growth of the crop. Factoring in of these two coefficients is what makes the water requirement estimate unique to that particular crop at that particular stage of its growth.

Sowing and germination Irrigation

0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr

It is essential to pre irrigate and fully wet the broad bed before sowing the seeds. Keep the bed uniformly wet till germination and crop establishment.

Mulching

Jain Drip layout system

0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr | 0.20 mtr

One of the main issue in dry seeded and drip irrigated rice is the germination and growth of weeds. The standing water in the conventional flooded rice will suppress the weed germination.

We recommend use of rice husk mulch on the beds after seeding. Mulch is applied 2-3 cm thick on the bed surface.

Besides reducing weed growth it also helps reduce evaporation from the soil surface. However this is an optional recommendation.

Weedicide application

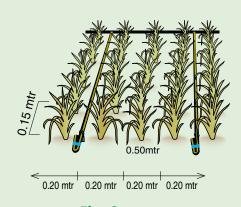
Use of weedicide to prevent weed growth is also plausible. Studies have shown that a pre-emergence weedicide, Pretilachlor sprayed to the seed bed at 1250 ml/ha rate within 72 hours of sowing controls weed infestation effectively.

Fertilizer application through Fertigation

Use of drip technology provides a golden opportunity to apply nutrients as per the need of the crop at each growth stages. In rice also this technology enhances nutrient use efficiency.

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BBF System



Flat System

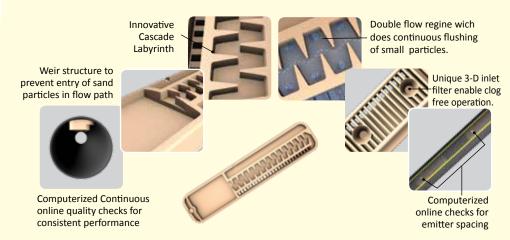


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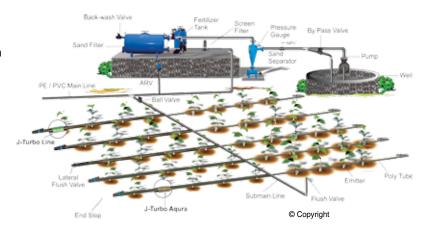


Why Jain Drip Irrigation?

Water is not the only need of the plant. To uptake this water efficiently, it requires proper air-water balance within the root zone. Drip irrigation, with its low application rate, prevents the saturation of water within the root zone and continuously maintains field capacity. This provides a favorable condition for the growth of the plant. Drip irrigation also helps to use fertilizer efficiently. With drip irrigation water can be provided at frequent intervals which helps maintain required soil moisture level within the vicinity of the plant roots. Jain is the pioneer of drip irrigation. Ours is the only company in the world, which fulfills your entire irrigation system requirement under one roof.

Characteristics of drip irrigation

- 1) Water is applied at a low rate to maintain optimum air-water balance within the root zone.
- 2) Water is applied over a long period of time.
- 3) Water is applied to the plant and not to the land.
- 4) Water is applied at frequent intervals.
- 5) Water is applied via a low pressure network.



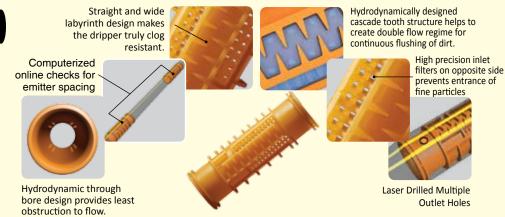


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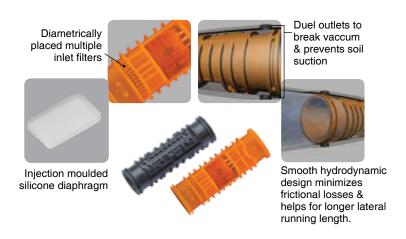
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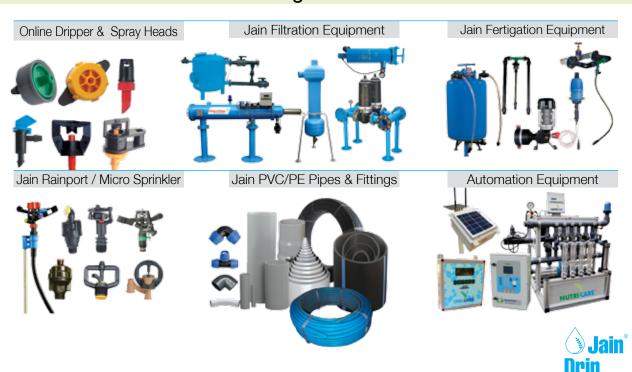
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- Enhanced yield upto 50%.
- Higher and cleaner straw production.
- Conserving irrigation water up to 66%
- Conserving energy use for pumping up to 52%.
- Higher water and fertilizer use efficiency.
- Incidence of diseases and insects significantly low
- **Early Maturity**
- More Productive tillers
- Reduced chaffiness & shattering of grains
- No need for land leveling (prerequisite for flow irrigation).
- No need for labour use for trimming bunds and plugging breaches to contain water.
- Intercropping and rotation cropping is possible. Pulse rotation crop will be beneficial.
- When Direct Seeding (DSR), reduces seed cost.
- Soil structure is maintained (absence of puddling operation that destroys soil structure).
- Maintains aerobic condition in the soil.
- Prevents Nitrous oxide formation.
- Prevents Methane emission and protects environment as there is no standing water
- Absence of pollution from leached and washed Nitrate.
- Reduced humidity in micro climate.
- Lower mosquito population in the ecosystem as there is no standing water.
- Improves human health.
- More sustainable production of Rice.

Crop rotation

Drip irrigated rice can be followed by drip irrigated wheat. The rotation crops can be, a second rice, mustard, vegetables, or seed spices. Both the rotation crops are adjusted in their spacing to suit the drip system on the ground.

Fertigation schedule

Table 3: Fertigation schedule adopted in drip irrigated rice in AP* (Fertilizer dose 180:80:80 kg NPK per acre)

	Urea	SSP	МОР	ZnSO ₄	Schedule (urea) kg/day/ac	Schedule (MOP) kg/day/ac
Basal (soil)		500	0	10	-	-
till 10 DAP\$	65	0	0	-	6.5	-
11-35 DAP	196	0	16	-	7.8	0.64
36-55 DAP	65	0	17	-	3.3	0.85
55-65 DAP	65	0	50	-	6.5	5
65- 70 DAP	0	0	17	-	-	3.4

\$DAP-days after Germination * Schedule will vary with location.

Integrated Nutrient management

- Incorporate green manures/bio fertilizers
- Nitrogen management by leaf colour chart (LCC)
- Practice fertigation daily.

Integrated Pest Management for Rice under drip irrigation

- Seed treatment with Pseudomonas fluorescens @ 10 gm/ kg of seed
- Nursery Application of Neem Seed Kernel extract (NSKE)@ 5% or neem oil 2 %

- Seedling dipping in Pseudomonas fluorescens @2.5 kg/ha
- Adoption of cultural practices
 - a. Selection of Variety
 - b. Removal and burning of stubbles of previous crop.
 - c. Spacing based on season, variety and location
 - d. Leave Rogueing space of 30cm for every 2.5 mtr.
- Use of Pheromone traps for rice stem borer @ 4 per acre.
- Use of light traps for monitoring of pests.
- Release of bio control agents : Trichogramma japonicum for stem borer @ 5 card/ha at weekly interval for 3 times on 28 DAT onwards and Trichogramma chilonis for leaf folder @ 5 card/ha at weekly interval for three times on 42 DAT onwards.



Diseases and control measure

Disease	Visual symptoms	Control Measures
Bacterial Leaf Blight: Xanthom- onas oryzae pv. oryzae	Yellowish stripes on leaf blades. Appearance of bacterial ooze on young leaves.	Use optimum doses of fertilizers. (Drip irrigation reduces incidence). Spraying streptomycin sulphate and tetracycline combination 300g +copper oxychloride 1.25 kg/ha
Blast : Pyricularia grisea (P.oryzae)	Infect leaf, neck and node and severe in neck infections spindle shaped spots with ashy center.	Fertigate nitrogen fertilizer. Burning of straw and stubbles after harvest. Seed treatment with Pseudomonas fluorescens @10g/kg of seed or 2.0 g/kg seed with Captan Spraying of Tricyclazole at 1g/lit of water or Carbendazim at 1.0 gm/lit.3 to 4 sprays each at nursery, tillering stage and panicle emergence stage.
Rice tungro virus (RTSV, RTBV)	stunted growth with yellow or orange- yellow leaves. Discoloration of leaf starts from tip downwards. Affects panicle emergence. Most panicles sterile or partially filled grains	In epidemic areas follow rotation with pulses or oil seeds. In nursery use Carbofuran granules @ 1 kg a.i./ha to control vector population. Spray Mancozeb at 2.5 gm/lit.
Sheath Blight: Rhizoct- onia solani	Lesions on leaf sheaths.	Soil application of P. fluorescens @ 2.5 kg/ha mixed with 50 kg FYM after 30 days of transplanting Foliar spraying of P. fluorescens @0.2% at boot leaf stage and 10 days late.

Insects and control measure

pest	Visual symptoms	Control Measures
Rice Stem Borer Scirpop- haga incertulus	Deadhearts,White (grainless)heads wilted tillers,and weak plants.	Use of <i>Trichogramma</i> japonicum @5 card /ha on 30 & 37 days after planting Spray Monocrotophos or Quinalphos@1000ml / ha on 58,65,and 72 days after planting
Brown Plant hopper <i>Nilapar-</i> vata lugens	Nymphs and adults congregate at the base of the plant above the water level (in wet rice) Affected plants dries up and gives appearance called "hopper burn".	Use optimum doses of nitrogenous fertilizers Apply Carbofuran 3G @ 17.5 kg/ha or Spray Imidacloprid 18.5@ 100 ml/ha.
Leaf folder (or) leaf roller Cnaphal- ocrocis mainsails Marasmia patnalis	Leaves fold longitudinally and larvae remains inside. Severe infestation leads to scorchy appearance resulting in crop loss	Clipping of the affected leaves Use optimum doses of nitrogenous fertilizers Release <i>Trichogramma chilonis</i> @ 1, 25,000/ ha thrice Spray carbaryl 50 WP 1 Kg.

Sustainable Rice Production

With drip- fertigation one achieves a sustainable method for rice production. Conservation of water, energy and fertilizer while enhancing yield by 1 to 1.5 ton per ha or more results in a Win-Win situation.

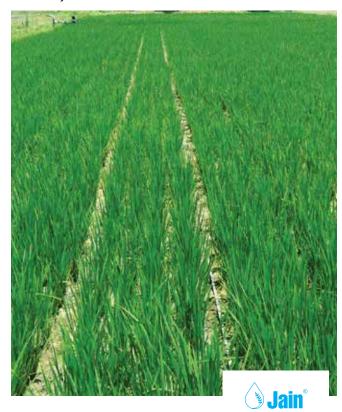
We produced 22% more rice using 66% less water; (water use in drip is 8 million liter per ha compared to flood irrigation where it is 23.75 million liter per ha) and using 52% less power for pumping water.

More rice is produced per unit input; Water productivity also improved to 500 to 1000 g/1000 liter from a figure of 120 to 290 g/1000 liter.

Table 4: Sustainable use of water resources

Irrigation	Flood	Drip
Area, ha	1	1
Water Use, m³/ha	23,750	8,000
Yield, kg/ha	7,000	8,500
WUE (Water Use Efficiency), kg/m³	0.29	1.06
Selling Price of Rice, ₹/Kg	20	20
Income ₹/acre	1,40,000	1,70,000
Value Creation Efficiency, ₹/m³	5.89	21.25

- Improving yields of rice is imperative to addressing growing food security challenges
- Improves water use efficiency of rice crop and the value of water. The value creation efficiency in flood method is only ₹ 5.89 per 1000 liter water compared to ₹ 21.25 per 1000 liter in drip.
- Smallholder farmers have an impact on biodiversity and ecosystems and are dependent on them
- At the same time, improving their practices and water productivity can help better preserve and protect natural resources
- Improves yield, income and reduces water, energy and fertilizer use of the follower crop after rice also.
- Thus drip-fertigation ensures water, energy and food security in a sustainable manner.





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