Paddy that survives the flood

Agriculture: In an era when yield performance of crops is the only factor taken into consideration, Varadaa rice farmers are struggling to conserve strains that they have inherited and retained over four decades, writes Anitha Reddy

The submerged rice variety that is grown in the eastern coastal belt of Tamil Nadu is known as navasali. It is a hardy crop that can yield good results even in flooded condition or areas with waterlogging. The rice variety thrives on waterlogged lands, which are mainly deep standing water areas for a long period. Owing to its unique characteristics, farmers have developed new submergence-tolerant varieties. The rice variety is grown in the state by many farmers. It is known for its yield and hardiness.

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