

Instant Rice

A new variety of rice (*Aghoniboca*) named after aghoni, the months of November and December, when it is harvested is grown in Assam, but is now being tried in the fields of Orissa. The important characteristic of this new variety is the amazing quality of being ready to eat, simply soaking it in water for 45 minutes at room temperature. Cooking is avoided. Experiments at growing this variety on a regional scale will be awaited with interest.

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