

BIRRI develops 8 climate-resilient rice varieties

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Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI) has made a scientific breakthrough in developing eight new rice varieties tolerant to adverse climatic conditions.

BIRRI scientists have developed the modern varieties to withstand the stresses like salinity, submergence, drought and adverse climatic conditions, said BIRRI director general Dr Jiban Krishna Biswas.

The varieties have been developed very recently. They are awaiting final evaluation by National Seed Board for release as new cultivars [cultivated varieties], he told daily sun.

“The rice varieties are invented from the lineal row,” the BIRRI boss said, adding: The new varieties will increase our rice production.”

Of the varieties, OM1490 variety, collected from Vietnam, is a lineal row and developed in BIRRI and