

Rice cultivation and glutinous rice products in northeastern India

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In northeast India, rice is traditionally grown in a humid environment created by monsoon rainfall and river Brahmaputra. The region has attracted international attention for a long time as its diverse rice variety and location on the center of laurel forest culture. Due to political turmoil, however, studies and current information on the area is very limited.

The author have stayed in a rural village in Assam since 2006, and carried research on rice cultivation and physical environment continually. Rice cultivation in the study village is carried to adapt to local physical environment in the floodplain.

Rice is consumed not only as staple food, but many kinds of rice products are made, which are essential items in village life and ritual ceremony. Local variety is more preferable for making these rice products rather than modern variety.

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