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EFFECT ON GROWTH PARAMETERS AND OIL CONTENT OF LEMONGRASS WITH RESPECT TO IRON PYRITE UNDER AND CONTINUOUS USE OF RSC RICH IRRIGATION WATER

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Abstract. An experiment was conducted at, School of Chemical Sciences Department of Chemistry, St. John's College Agra, in factorial randomized block design by using different concentrations of RSC rich irrigation water (viz, 0, 5, 10 and 15 meq/l) with an aim to know the "oil content and growth characters of lemongrass with respect to iron Pyrite and RSC rich irrigation water". The chemical ameliorant pyrite in lemongrass was applied through basal application @ 0, 5 and 10 t/ha at the time of the transplanting. The results showed that the oil content and growth characters of lemongrass decreased significantly with increasing levels of RSC on the other hand enhancing levels of pyrite significantly increased all the above characters but Pyrite did not show appreciable performance in case of plant height. The P_2 (10 t/ha) level of pyrite proved more beneficial with regards to herbage yield of lemongrass.

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