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Correlation and path coefficient analysis of cane yield and Bio-chemical and its components in sugarcane varieties (*Saccharum officinarum* L.) under three agro-climatic zones of Chhattisgarh

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Abstract

The present investigation was conducted with a view to determine association between yield and yield contributing traits and thereby to assess the direct and indirect effects of yield components on cane yield. Correlation and path coefficient analysis was undertaken among agronomic and bio-chemical characters of importance in sugarcane. Correlation between agronomic characters revealed positive and significant ($P = 0.01$) correlation between cane yield (t/ha) with germination % at 45 DAS, number of tillers at 120 DAS, CCS t/ha, node length, cane height, number of millable canes at 360 DAS, single cane weight, cane yield (t/ha) and germination % at 30 DAS while cane yield (t/ha) revealed positive but nonsignificant with cane diameter.

There was a significant and positive correlation among biochemical characters, CCS% exhibited significant and positive correlation with Sucrose %, Pol % , Brix % , Purity % , fibre % on the other hand it showed negative and significant correlation at ($P = 0.05$) for juice % (-0.250*). Correlation studies indicate that germination % at 45 DAS, number of tillers at 120 DAS and node length are the most important characters for sugarcane yield t/ha. It also revealed that cane height, number of shoots at 240 DAS, single cane weight and germination % at 30 DAS had directly affected cane yield t/ha. However, for biochemical characters, Juice %, Brix %, Pol %, Sucrose %, Purity % and Fibre % was positively and significant correlated at ($P=0.01$) to CCS %. Path coefficient analysis in the case of agronomic characters revealed that the CCS t/ha, germination % at 30 DAS and number of millable cane at harvest, cane height, number of tillers at 120 DAS were the important characters. It also showed highest indirect effect by node length, germination % at 45 DAS, cane diameter and single cane weight on sugarcane yield.

In bio-chemical characters highest direct effect on CCS% was from sucrose percent followed by Pol percent, purity and fibre percent. Therefore, selection for higher yield in sugarcane can be on the basis of these positively correlated traits with higher direct effect. Those characters which are showing little direct effects but significantly correlated with yield should be selected via other positive significant traits showing higher indirect effect. In nutshell correlation and path coefficient analysis in present study suggests that clones or varieties with high germination %, number of tillers, node length, cane height and other agronomic characters should be used in hybridization programme.

Keywords: Correlation coefficient, path coefficient, CCS t/ha, cane yield, Single cane weight, node length, brix %, Sucrose %, Pol %, Purity %, Juice %, and CCS%

1. Introduction

Sugarcane (*Saccharum spp.*) is an important agro-industrial commercial crop of India which plays a vital role because of its wider adaptability over varying agro climatic conditions and also unique among agricultural crop in the sense that a number of succeeding cane crops are raised from a single planting which is an integral component of sugarcane production system. A number of improved sugarcane cultivars are now available, but many farmers of the state still continue to grow old varieties like CoS 8436 (Rasgulla) and Co 8014 (Mahalaxmi). The productivity and quality of the sugarcane can be substantially enhanced by the adoption of high yielding cultivars. The ultimate goal of any breeding program is the development of improved varieties over the existing commercial varieties. Therefore, it is important to choose superior parents for making crosses and produces high yielding improved cultivars which are associated with improved quality parameters.

In sugarcane, agronomic characters are quantitatively inherited and are highly influenced by the environment. Correlation coefficient analysis can provide direction to breeder for selecting best parents.

However, correlation coefficient, sometimes, may be misleading and thus, need to be partitioned into direct and indirect effects. Hence it is important for breeder to know how other characters influence a particular character before selecting the parental material. A path coefficient analysis can successfully be used to partition correlation coefficient into direct and indirect effects. The path coefficient method (Wright 1921, 1923, 1934) [18, 19, 20] provides a simple and flexible method of handling a wide variety of inbreeding problems. It has since emerged as a general statistical method for cause and effect analysis in a system of correlated variables. The direct effect of a character on yield and indirect contribution through other characters can be calculated using path coefficient analysis. A path coefficient is simply a standardized partial regression coefficient. On the basis of direct and indirect effects of independent characters on the dependent character, a plant breeder can apply an appropriate selection method so as to take care of the direct and indirect effects and reach a compromise wherever required. Thus, present study would not only help in the identification of high yielding stable varieties but also for quality canes which will be preferred by the farmers of different sugarcane growing areas of Chhattisgarh state.

2. Materials and Method

The experimental material consisted of 24 diverse origin varieties of sugarcane brought from Central Sugarcane Research Station, Padegaon, District Satara, (Maharashtra), Vasant Dada Sugarcane Institute, Pune (Maharashtra) and Zonal Agriculture Research Station, Pawarkheda, District Hoshangabad, (Madhya Pradesh) which is maintained at Sant Kabir College of Agriculture and Research Station, Kawardha District Kabirdham, under Central Zone.

The details of the sugarcane varieties distributed to rest of the two centre Raj Mohini College of Agriculture and Research Station, Azirima, Ambikapur, (Northern Hills) and Shheed Gundardhar College of Agriculture and Research Station, Kumharawand, Jagdalpur, (Bastar Plateau) with their mean data of agronomic characters was given in Table 7.

Experiment was conducted in Randomized Block Design (RBD) with two replications. The 200 single eye bud of each variety were raised in poly bags at nursery. The gross plot size for each variety was consisted of 6 rows each of six meter length with row to row spacing of 120 cm and plant to plant distance is 60 cm a part. In each plot 66 poly bag plantlets were transplanted to main field. The net plot was consisted of middle 4 rows with a row to row spacing of 120 cm that is 4.8m with each of 4.8 meter length with 23.04 m² each net plot area. The data were analyzed by software OPSTAT from CCS Haryana Agriculture University, Hisar.

3. Characters studied and observation procedure

The trial was harvested in January 2019 when the age of the crop was 12 months. Data were recorded on the following characters –

3.1 Agronomic characters

The entire crop period in sugarcane can be conveniently partitioned into germination phase, tillering phase, grand growth phase and maturity phase. The germination phase starts from planting up to 45 days followed immediately by tillering phase from 45 to 120 days. Grand growth phase commences from 120 days and continues up to 270 days and soon after the maturity phase begins and proceeds up to

harvest (360 to 400 days).

Data on important characters under study were recorded for different crop growth phases as detailed below.

3.1.1 Germination % at 30 and 45 days

Number of germinated eye buds per poly bags was recorded at 30 and 45 days after planting, total number of visible germinates in poly bags of each variety were counted and the cumulative total for each variety was used to compute germination percentage considering 200 number of poly bags raised for each variety. In each plot total 66 poly bags were transplanted in main plots after 35 to 40 days of nursery raised. The number of poly bags established in main plot was counted to determine the field establishment of the plantlets and mortality in each plot is calculated.

3.1.2 Tillers at 120 days ('000/ha)

Total number of tillers was counted in each gross plot of each replication at 120 days of crop stage. Number of tillers per plot was converted to tillers per hectare using net plot size.

3.1.3 Shoots at 240 days ('000/ha)

Total cane forming shoots were counted in each net plot of each replication at 240 days of crop stage. Number of shoots per plot was converted to shoots per hectare using net plot size.

3.1.4 Stalk height at 360 days (cm)

The stalk length was measured in centimeters by cutting the stalks of five randomly selected canes from ground level in net area of each genotype in each replication and removing the top portion (i.e. millable stalk/cane length).

3.1.5 Stalk diameter at 360 days (cm)

The stalk diameter was measured from three spots i.e. bottom, middle and top portion of cane at harvest from tagged plants. The diameter measured at three spots was averaged out and recorded as diameter of cane in cm.

3.1.6 Internodes /stalk at 360 days

The number of internodes was counted from five previously selected canes from bottom, middle and top at harvest and the average was worked out to report as internodes per stalk.

3.1.7 Stalk weight at 360 days (kg)

Five canes tagged randomly in each net plot and each replication, were used for taking observations of single cane weight, stalk length, stalk diameter and internodes per stalk. The single cane weight was measured in kg of previously selected five plants and average of this was recorded as single cane weight.

3.1.8 Number of millable canes/ha (NMC) at 360 days ('000/ha)

The count for number of millable canes was done at harvest from net plot. The data of net plot were converted to hectare basis.

3.1.9 Cane yield at harvest (t/ha)

The net plot was harvested separately after removing border lines. The canes were detashed and millable canes were prepared by cutting top portion. The weight of these millable canes adding weight of sample canes for each experimental plot was recorded in kilogram and then it was converted into

tonnes per hectare by multiplying it with conversion factor.

3.1.10 Commercial Cane Sugar (CCS) at harvest (t/ha)

The Commercial Cane Sugar (CCS) at harvest was calculated by multiplication of Cane yield at harvest (t/ha) with CCS% expressed in percent as under

$$\text{CCS (t/ha)} = \frac{\text{Cane yield (t/ha)} \times \text{CCS\%}}{100}$$

3.2 Bio-chemical characters

Sampling canes for quality analysis

For study of juice quality parameters two canes were randomly harvested from each plot and each replication at 360 DAS, tagged cane plants were cut into small pieces of 45 to 50 cm, weighed and juice was extracted by crushing in the mechanical crusher. The juice was collected in a previously weighed bucket containing 0.5 g HgCl₂ as preservative. The juice thus extracted was used for further analysis of juice quality parameters.

3.2.1 Juice Brix% at 360 days

The Juice sample collected earlier was mixed thoroughly and passed through 150 mesh sieve in order to remove suspended particles. The sieved cane juice was filled in 1000 ml measuring cylinder. The brix hydrometer was then gradually lowered in it and allowed to float. The observation was recorded when the brix hydrometer became steady. Care was taken that the brix hydrometer remained vertical without touching the sides of the cylinder.

The temperature of juice was noted and the recorded reading was corrected at 20 °C temperature using standard conversion table (George, 1963).

3.2.2 Sucrose% Juice at 360 days

Juice sample of 100 ml from each treatment was taken and transferred in 250 ml measuring flask. Horne's lead sub acetate was added for good clarification. The mixture was shaken and the mixed solution was filtered through a fluted filter paper. The filtrate was collected in a clean dry 100 ml beaker. The clear filtrate was taken in a 200 mm calibrated pol percent tube for polarimeter observation.

The polariscopic reading was noted. The sucrose (pol) percentage was obtained from polariscope, reading (George, 1963).

$$\text{Sucrose\% Juice} = \frac{\text{Purity\%} \times \text{Brix\%}}{100}$$

3.2.3 Juice Purity% at 360 days

The percent purity coefficient was computed by following equation.

$$\text{Purity coefficient (\%)} = \frac{\text{Sucrose (\%)} \text{ juice}}{\text{Corrected brix}} \times 100$$

3.2.4 CCS % at 360 days

The character commercial cane sugar percent (CCS %) was calculated as below:

$$\text{CCS\%} = [\text{Sucrose \% in Juice} \times 1.022 - \text{Juice Brix} \times 0.292]$$

3.2.5 Fibre% Cane at 360 days

For working out fibre% cane, 250g of small pieces of bottom, middle and top portion of cane were filled in rapipol containing 1000 ml of water. Rapipol was adjusted for 15 minutes. After each 15 minutes rapipol was automatically stopped and cane fibre pieces mixed with water. The mixture was filtered through muslin cloth. The fibres were dried at 110°C to constant weight and fibre % was calculated by using the formula described as below.

$$\text{Fibre \% cane} = \frac{\text{Dry Weight} \times 100}{\text{Fresh weight}}$$

3.2.6 Pol % cane at 360 days

It is obtained from Pol % juice and Fibre % cane using the formulae-

$$\text{Pol \% cane} = \frac{\text{Sugar \% Juice} \times [100 - (10 + \text{Fibre \% cane})]}{100}$$

4. Association analysis

4.1 Correlation coefficients analysis

Correlation coefficients analysis measures the mutual relationship between various characters at genotypic (g), phenotypic (p) and environmental levels with the help of formula suggested by Miller *et al.* (1958)".

4.2 Path analysis

The concept of path coefficient analysis was originally developed by Wright (1921) [18], but the technique was first used for plant selection by Dewy and Lu (1959). According to which path analysis deals the indirect and direct contribution of the independent variable or attribute on the dependent variable or attribute. While reviewing the path coefficient values are re-casted following the scale of Lenka and Mishra, 1973 (0.00 to 0.09 = negligible, 0.10 to 0.19 = low, 0.20 to 0.29 = moderate, 0.30 to 0.99 = high, >1.00 = very high) where ever possible. As it is more precise and accurate to estimate path coefficients based on genotypic correlation, mostly the genotypic path coefficient analysis have been discussed depending upon availability of information.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1 Correlation – agronomic characters

Correlation coefficients between the different pair of agronomic characters were calculated to find the relationship among the various characters studied. The values of correlation coefficient are presented in Table 1.

It can be revealed from Table 1 that cane yield (t/ha) had a strong positive and significant correlation with germination % at 45 DAS, number of tillers at 120 DAS, CCS t/ha, node length, cane height, number of millable canes at 360 DAS, cane yield (t/ha) and single cane weight, and germination % at 30 DAS, at (P = 0.01). Highly positive and significant correlation at (P=0.01) was found between cane yield (t/ha) and germination % at 45 DAS, number of millable canes at 360 DAS and number of tillers at 120 DAS, single cane weight and cane diameter, germination at 45 DAS and number of tillers at 120 DAS, cane yield (t/ha) and number of tillers at 120 DAS, germination % at 45 DAS and CCS t/ha and germination % at 45 DAS and germination % at 30 DAS. Positive and significant correlation was also found between cane yield (t/ha) and node length, CCS t/ha and node length,

cane yield (t/ha) and cane height and CCS t/ha and single cane weight. On the other hand negative and significant correlation was observed between number of millable canes at 360 DAS and cane diameter, number of tillers at 120 DAS and cane diameter while negative and significant correlation was observed between node length and cane diameter.

5.2 Correlation – biochemical characters

Correlation coefficients between the different biochemical characters were calculated to find the relationship among them. The values of correlation coefficients are presented in Table 4.

It can be revealed from Table 4 that CCS% had a highly positive and significant correlation at (P=0.01) was found with sucrose %, Pol %, brix %, purity % and fibre %. Similarly, highly positive and significant correlation at (P=0.01) was found between Pol % and brix %, Pol % and sucrose %, sucrose % and brix % and purity % and sucrose %. Highly significant but negative correlation for biochemical characters at (P=0.01) was observed between Juice % and Pol %, Juice % and Brix %. Juice % and sucrose % and CCS % and sucrose % had a significant but negative correlation for biochemical characters at (P=0.05).

5.3 Path coefficient analysis – agronomic characters

The correlations between cane yield (t/ha) on one hand and the various characters on the other have been partitioned into direct and indirect effects as shown in Table 3 and 4. The relative influence of all the agronomic characters on cane yield (t/ha) is shown by the direct-effect component of the partitioned total correlation. Although the correlation coefficient was positive between cane yield (t/ha) and eight agronomic characters namely; germination % at 45 DAS, number of tillers at 120 DAS, CCS t/ha, node length, cane height, number of millable canes 000⁷/ha at harvest, single cane weight and germination % at 30 DAS but their direct effect was negligible on cane yield (t/ha). Thus, indirect effects seem to be the cause of the correlation (Table 1). For cane yield (t/ha) vs CCS t/ha (1.595), germination % at 30 DAS (0.883) and weight of millable canes 000⁷/ha at harvest (0.144) have highest direct effect while cane yield (t/ha) vs. node length (-0.662), germination % at 45 DAS (-0.595) and cane diameter (-0.307) showed positive significant correlation but have indirect effect as shown in Table-3. Thus, correlation explains a true relationship between these two characters. For instance, the direct effect of weight of CCS t/ha on cane yield (t/ha) (1.594) accounted for total correlation between them.

5.4 Path coefficient analysis – bio-chemical characters

The relative influence of the bio-chemical characters on CCS

percent is shown by the direct-effect component of the partitioned total correlation. For present CCS% vs. sucrose percent the correlation coefficient between the two characters is quite close to its direct effect. Thus, this correlation explains a true relationship and a direct selection through this trait will be effective. In the case of CCS% and Pol percent and CCS% and purity percent the correlation is positive but the direct effect is negligible while CCS% and brix percent show positive correlation but its direct effect is negative. However, CCS% and juice percent (-0.250*) have negative and significant correlation at P = 0.05 also have the indirect effects (-0.002) seem to be the cause of correlation. Thus, in the above sucrose percent seems to be the cause of the correlation (Table 6).

The residual estimate being 0.000, the variables sucrose percent, pol percent, purity percent, and fibre percent explained 99.2 percent of the variability in CCS%. Since residual effect accounts for 0.00 percent of the variability it means that most of the factors which influence the dependent character (percent CCS %) has been considered. The current study reported that sucrose percentages were the most reliable characters in selecting for high commercial cane sugar genotypes. Hooda *et al.* (1990) [9] carried out path coefficient analysis on percentage brix, pol, purity and reducing sugars and reported that although correlation were generally high for all traits, direct effects affecting commercial cane sugar was low or negative.

The present study showed that percent juice and fibre is the least important components of CCS%. Similar results were obtained by Kang *et al.* (1989) [10]. Although it is desirable to select directly from important characters, selection is often made of correlated characters on which selection is more economical. For example, during early stages of selection the breeder measures brix with a hand refractor meter in order to select for sugar content. Since brix measures the total soluble solids in the juice and a high proportion of these solids consist of sucrose, the correlation is usually high enough to make brix a very useful correlated character for selection. Singh *et al.* (1994) [15] studied direct and indirect effects of characters affecting cane yield of five sugarcane crosses. Information on six traits which include number of millable stalks, stalk weight, stalk height, stalk diameter, brix percentage and sucrose percentage were collated. Current path coefficient analysis showed that CCS t/ha, germination % 30 DAS followed by number of millable cane had the greatest direct effect on cane yield. The direct effects of stalk height and number of tillers at 120 DAS, on cane yield was generally very low. In bio-chemical path coefficient analysis showed sucrose percent had the greatest direct effect on CCS%.

Table 1: Genotypic Correlations Matrix

| | 30 Days Ger. % | 45 Days Ger. % | Cane Height (cm) | Diameter (cm) | Node Length | Single Cane Weight (kg) | No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | No. of Millable Cane at harvest ('000/ha) | CCS t/ha | Yield t/ha |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|------------|
| 30 Days Ger. % | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 Days Ger. % | 0.840** | | | | | | | | | |
| Cane Height(cm) | 0.278* | 0.387** | | | | | | | | |
| Diameter (cm) | 0.197 ^{NS} | 0.048 ^{NS} | -0.205 ^{NS} | | | | | | | |
| Node Length | 0.450** | 0.567** | 0.652** | -0.241* | | | | | | |
| Single Cane Weight(kg) | 0.406** | 0.482** | 0.394** | 0.957** | 0.275* | | | | | |
| No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | 0.625** | 0.906** | 0.526** | -0.394** | 0.603** | -0.052 ^{NS} | | | | |
| No. of Millable Cane at harvest | 0.172 ^{NS} | 0.561** | 0.371** | -0.626** | 0.488** | -0.201 ^{NS} | 1.005** | | | |

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|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ('000/ha) | | | | | | | | | |
| CCS t/ha | 0.324** | 0.870** | 0.649** | 0.166 ^{NS} | 0.766** | 0.725** | 0.610** | 0.524* | |
| Yield t/ ha | 0.560** | 1.222** | 0.749** | 0.110 ^{NS} | 0.776** | 0.680** | 0.884** | 0.700** | 0.868** |

Table 2: Path Coefficient (Direct Effects)

| 30 Days Ger. % | 45 Days Ger. % | Cane Height (cm) | Diameter (cm) | Node Length | Single Cane Weight(kg) | No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | No. of Millable Cane at harvest ('000/ha) | CCS t/ha |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| 0.883 | -0.595 | 0.030 | -0.307 | -0.662 | -0.054 | 0.013 | 0.144 | 1.595 |

Residual are 0.29906

Table 3: Terms on rhs of path equation

| Characters | 30 Days Ger. % | 45 Days Ger. % | Cane Height (cm) | Diameter (cm) | Node Length | Single Cane Weight(kg) | No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | No. of Millable Cane at harvest ('000/ha) | CCS(t/ha) | Yield t/ha |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|------------|
| Yield t/ ha Vs 30 Days Ger. % | 0.88322 | -0.50015 | 0.00829 | -0.06030 | -0.29775 | -0.02199 | 0.00783 | 0.02472 | 0.51632 | 0.560 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs 45 Days Ger. % | 0.74207 | -0.59529 | 0.01156 | -0.01457 | -0.37547 | -0.02610 | 0.01134 | 0.08089 | 1.38789 | 1.222 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs Cane Height(cm) | 0.24522 | -0.23054 | 0.02986 | 0.06295 | -0.43157 | -0.02134 | 0.00658 | 0.05348 | 1.03421 | 0.749 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs Diameter (cm) | 0.17366 | -0.02829 | -0.00613 | -0.30668 | 0.15917 | -0.05176 | -0.00493 | -0.09014 | 0.26532 | 0.110 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs Node Length | 0.39736 | -0.33772 | 0.01947 | 0.07376 | -0.66182 | -0.01488 | 0.00754 | 0.07031 | 1.22216 | 0.776 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs Single Cane Weight(kg) | 0.35900 | -0.28714 | 0.01178 | -0.29340 | -0.18208 | -0.05410 | -0.00065 | -0.02895 | 1.15583 | 0.680 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | 0.55234 | -0.53921 | 0.01570 | 0.12092 | -0.39901 | 0.00282 | 0.01251 | 0.14487 | 0.97288 | 0.884 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs No. of Millable Cane at harvest ('000/ha) | 0.15153 | -0.33415 | 0.01108 | 0.19184 | -0.32294 | 0.01087 | 0.01258 | 0.14410 | 0.83552 | 0.700 |
| Yield t/ ha Vs CCS t/ha | 0.28595 | -0.51807 | 0.01937 | -0.05102 | -0.50720 | -0.03921 | 0.00763 | 0.07550 | 1.59474 | 0.868 |

Table 4: Genotypic Correlations Matrix

| | CCS % | Brix% | Sucrose % | Pol % | Purity% | Juice% | Fibre % |
|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|--------|---------|
| CCS % | | | | | | | |
| Brix% | 0.969** | | | | | | |
| Sucrose % | 0.998** | 0.982** | | | | | |
| Pol % | 0.976** | 0.989** | 0.984** | | | | |
| Purity% | 0.954** | 0.837** | 0.932** | 0.871** | | | |
| Juice% | -0.250* | -0.337** | -0.270* | -0.343** | -0.077 ^{NS} | | |
| Fibre % | 0.524** | 0.371** | 0.492** | 0.329** | 0.688** | 0.269* | |

*P= 0.05, **P = 0.01

Table 5: Path Coefficient (Direct Effects)

| Brix% | Sucrose % | Pol % | Purity% | Juice% | Fibre % |
|--------|-----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| -0.293 | 1.270 | 0.011 | 0.004 | -0.002 | 0.002 |

Residual are -0.00000

Table 6: Terms on rhs of path equation

| Character | Brix% | Sucrose % | Pol % | Purity% | Juice% | Fibre % | CCS% |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| CCS% Vs Brix% | -0.29343 | 1.24636 | 0.01104 | 0.00358 | 0.00054 | 0.00085 | 0.969** |
| CCS% Vs Sucrose % | -0.28800 | 1.26983 | 0.01099 | 0.00398 | 0.00043 | 0.00113 | 0.998** |
| CCS% Vs Pol % | -0.29011 | 1.24949 | 0.01117 | 0.00372 | 0.00055 | 0.00075 | 0.976** |
| CCS% Vs Purity% | -0.24571 | 1.18369 | 0.00973 | 0.00427 | 0.00012 | 0.00158 | 0.954** |
| CCS% Vs Juice% | 0.09898 | -0.34336 | -0.00383 | -0.00033 | -0.00160 | 0.00062 | -0.250* |
| CCS% Vs Fibre % | -0.10878 | 0.62463 | 0.00367 | 0.00294 | -0.00043 | 0.00229 | 0.524** |

Table 7: Genotype means of agronomic characters

| Variety/Clones | 30 Days Ger. % | 45 Days Ger. % | Cane Height (cm) | Diameter (cm) | Node Length | Single Cane Weight(kg) | No. of tillers 120 days ('000/ha) | No. of Millable Cane at harvest ('000/ha) | CCS(t/ha) | Yield t/ha |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|------------|
| Co 94008 (Shyama) | 56.000 | 62.000 | 281.733 | 2.857 | 11.557 | 1.800 | 73.340 | 68.457 | 12.550 | 94.320 |
| Co 0238 | 29.667 | 66.667 | 264.300 | 2.577 | 11.217 | 1.587 | 86.743 | 83.430 | 14.183 | 106.193 |
| CoN 8177 | 47.667 | 63.667 | 275.300 | 2.790 | 10.303 | 1.690 | 85.543 | 76.913 | 10.990 | 100.163 |
| CoSnk 05103 | 44.333 | 68.000 | 318.100 | 2.477 | 11.800 | 1.493 | 118.147 | 108.467 | 13.587 | 116.697 |
| CoSnk 05104 | 44.667 | 65.333 | 297.533 | 2.863 | 12.677 | 1.843 | 115.853 | 92.563 | 11.997 | 107.083 |
| Co 8201 | 59.000 | 72.667 | 286.300 | 2.993 | 9.750 | 2.057 | 85.267 | 62.827 | 12.060 | 99.257 |
| MS 10001 | 46.000 | 64.667 | 276.633 | 3.317 | 10.003 | 2.193 | 84.133 | 66.460 | 14.730 | 104.427 |
| VSI 434 | 46.333 | 62.333 | 266.700 | 2.910 | 10.033 | 1.920 | 51.090 | 55.660 | 11.217 | 76.560 |
| VSI 3102 | 45.333 | 58.000 | 234.100 | 3.203 | 10.490 | 1.957 | 64.130 | 65.367 | 12.163 | 93.093 |
| VSI 9805 | 41.333 | 62.667 | 245.567 | 3.070 | 10.977 | 1.707 | 73.147 | 60.967 | 7.393 | 61.310 |
| Local Jamun | 47.333 | 68.667 | 338.200 | 3.187 | 13.130 | 2.377 | 99.667 | 82.700 | 16.390 | 131.220 |
| VSI 8005 | 45.667 | 68.333 | 300.067 | 3.120 | 12.263 | 2.260 | 80.280 | 71.783 | 14.180 | 106.970 |
| Co 09004 | 48.333 | 57.333 | 332.733 | 2.620 | 12.763 | 1.977 | 77.503 | 65.447 | 13.083 | 101.630 |
| Co 99006 | 54.333 | 54.333 | 277.400 | 2.710 | 12.960 | 1.663 | 129.247 | 98.933 | 15.197 | 108.757 |
| CoJN 86-141 | 16.333 | 49.667 | 283.900 | 2.580 | 10.570 | 1.447 | 65.540 | 69.460 | 8.950 | 61.467 |
| CoJN 86-600 | 50.333 | 68.000 | 310.133 | 2.673 | 13.540 | 1.733 | 102.653 | 91.610 | 14.573 | 117.647 |
| CoJN 95-05 | 67.000 | 71.000 | 321.300 | 3.013 | 12.067 | 2.087 | 118.097 | 76.223 | 11.930 | 109.427 |
| CoJN 99-17 | 70.667 | 78.000 | 280.667 | 2.697 | 12.370 | 1.690 | 122.030 | 103.233 | 12.923 | 109.427 |
| CoS 8436 (Local Rasgula) | 47.000 | 66.000 | 298.533 | 3.027 | 11.237 | 2.320 | 127.040 | 106.603 | 16.360 | 142.237 |
| Co 8014 (Mahalaxmi) | 59.667 | 72.667 | 301.167 | 2.753 | 13.190 | 1.830 | 130.580 | 103.947 | 15.903 | 130.290 |
| Co 86032 (Nira) | 37.000 | 63.333 | 290.433 | 2.843 | 11.617 | 1.940 | 101.383 | 90.027 | 14.320 | 108.540 |
| Co 85004 (Prabha) | 41.667 | 62.000 | 281.733 | 2.610 | 10.740 | 1.533 | 100.177 | 95.620 | 13.950 | 100.623 |
| Co 99004 (Damodar) | 47.667 | 69.333 | 306.833 | 3.023 | 14.053 | 2.057 | 80.547 | 79.063 | 17.943 | 133.180 |
| CoC 671 (Vasant) | 56.333 | 66.333 | 324.633 | 3.017 | 11.473 | 2.347 | 85.063 | 83.310 | 15.573 | 121.983 |
| Mean | 47.903 | 65.042 | 291.417 | 2.872 | 11.699 | 1.896 | 94.050 | 81.628 | 13.423 | 105.938 |

Table 8: Genotypic Means of Bio Chemical Characters

| Varieties/ Clones | Brix% | Sucrose % | Pol % | Purity% | Juice% | Fibre % | CCS % |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Co 94008 (Shyama) | 13.240 | 21.330 | 18.993 | 14.183 | 86.613 | 55.433 | 15.267 |
| Co 0238 | 13.583 | 21.987 | 19.517 | 14.977 | 87.210 | 54.403 | 13.247 |
| CoN 8177 | 10.800 | 19.593 | 16.113 | 12.570 | 80.590 | 60.373 | 11.970 |
| CoSnk 05103 | 11.560 | 20.040 | 16.983 | 13.340 | 83.067 | 52.290 | 11.420 |
| CoSnk 05104 | 11.060 | 19.493 | 16.337 | 12.593 | 82.703 | 56.770 | 12.890 |
| Co 8201 | 12.040 | 20.547 | 17.597 | 13.440 | 84.030 | 59.313 | 13.620 |
| MS 10001 | 13.913 | 22.177 | 19.893 | 14.983 | 86.940 | 54.287 | 14.657 |
| VSI 434 | 14.517 | 23.257 | 20.793 | 15.983 | 87.840 | 56.873 | 13.113 |
| VSI 3102 | 13.060 | 21.523 | 18.870 | 14.723 | 86.837 | 53.610 | 11.967 |
| VSI 9805 | 12.133 | 21.040 | 17.830 | 13.800 | 83.477 | 56.500 | 12.600 |
| Local Jamun | 12.423 | 20.737 | 18.027 | 13.850 | 84.173 | 59.390 | 13.147 |
| VSI 8005 | 13.150 | 21.317 | 18.903 | 14.060 | 87.853 | 59.413 | 15.537 |
| Co 09004 | 13.193 | 21.387 | 18.967 | 14.423 | 87.257 | 58.503 | 13.917 |
| Co 99006 | 14.050 | 22.670 | 20.173 | 15.420 | 87.597 | 57.707 | 13.563 |
| CoJN 86-141 | 14.283 | 22.407 | 20.323 | 15.387 | 88.197 | 56.787 | 14.227 |
| CoJN 86-600 | 12.387 | 21.107 | 18.093 | 13.990 | 85.147 | 56.850 | 12.680 |
| CoJN 95-05 | 10.707 | 18.790 | 15.787 | 12.223 | 81.700 | 56.007 | 12.550 |
| CoJN 99-17 | 11.597 | 20.003 | 17.010 | 12.923 | 82.923 | 59.573 | 14.013 |
| CoS 8436 (Local Rasgula) | 11.643 | 19.507 | 16.913 | 12.943 | 85.877 | 59.837 | 13.430 |
| Co 8014 (Mahalaxmi) | 12.287 | 20.007 | 17.687 | 13.487 | 86.873 | 62.470 | 13.730 |
| Co 86032 (Nira) | 13.313 | 21.210 | 19.030 | 14.407 | 88.097 | 59.663 | 14.283 |
| Co 85004 (Prabha) | 13.853 | 22.307 | 19.873 | 15.210 | 87.757 | 56.567 | 13.467 |
| Co 99004 (Damodar) | 13.530 | 21.837 | 19.423 | 14.560 | 88.200 | 56.927 | 14.987 |
| CoC 671 (Vasant) | 12.697 | 21.093 | 18.397 | 14.193 | 84.823 | 59.060 | 12.817 |
| Mean | 12.709 | 21.057 | 18.397 | 14.070 | 85.658 | 57.442 | 13.462 |

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