

National Rainfed Area Authority

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Recently, the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) has achieved a significant milestone in the conservation of India's wild rice (*Oryza rufipogon*) genetic resources in Sonitpur District of Assam.

About National Rainfed Area Authority

- It was **established in 2006** as an advisory body under the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**.
- It aims to promote **sustainable agriculture in rainfed regions**, enhance productivity, and improve the livelihoods of the farming communities.
- **Mandate:** It is wider than mere water conservation and covers all **aspects of sustainable and holistic development of rainfed areas**, including appropriate farming and livelihood system approaches.
- **Governance Structure**
 - **Governing Board:** It provides necessary leadership and appropriate coordination in implementation of programmes.

- The Governing Board is **chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister** and co-chaired by the Union Minister of Rural Development.
- **Executive Committee:** It consists of technical experts and representatives from stakeholder Ministries.
 - The Executive Committee would **be headed by a full time Chief Executive Officer** who should be a recognized expert on the subject.
 - The CEO will be supported by **five full-time technical experts**.
- **Headquarter:** It is located in New Delhi.

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