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Highlights

- *OsERF71* is preferentially responsive to ABA and various abiotic stresses in the UR variety.
- Overexpression of *OsERF71* enhances the tolerance to drought and high salinity stress in rice.
- Overexpression of *OsERF71* increases sensitivity to exogenous ABA and free proline content, thus playing a positive role in drought stress and high salinity tolerance.