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BIRI Scientists Set for Confined Field Trials of Golden Rice

Scientists from the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRI) have successfully completed the trials of Golden Rice in the screen house, and are now set for the next step—confined field trials.

According to Bangladesh Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, the National Technical Committee on Crop Biotechnology has approved the request of BIRI to conduct the confined field trials last month.

The Golden Rice variety (GR-2 E BIRI dhan29) will be tested starting November.

World Health Organization (WHO) data say that one out of five pre-school children in Bangladesh lacks vitamin A, as well as 24 percent of pregnant women in the country. When Golden Rice becomes available, 150 grams of the vitamin-A enriched rice will be enough to supply half of the required daily intake of vitamin A for an adult.



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