

World's first 'Golden Rice' ready for trial

*Production of the vitamin-A
enriched rice to start soon*

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Bangladeshi rice scientists are all set to conduct field tests of the world's first vitamin A-enriched rice, popularly known as Golden Rice, before taking the variety to production phase.

The success in vitamin A-rich rice comes in quick succession of the world's first three zinc-rich rice varieties that Bangladesh released over the last couple of years.

Upon completing a successful trial of the genetically engineered Golden Rice in its transgenic screen house, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) is now taking the variety -- GR-2 E BRRI dhan29 -- to confined field trials in the coming Boro season this November.

BRRI officials told The Daily Star that open-field and

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Golden rice next to regular rice. The golden one has beta carotene, a source for vitamin-A. PHOTO: COURTESY OF IRRI

