

Zinc-enriched paddy prospective

TARIDPUR: Zinc enriched paddy developed by Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) high yielding BRRI-62 and BRRI-64 are now under cultivation for the first time in this district is showing bright prospect.

According to local NGO Society Development Committee (SDC) and Harvest Plus sources, fifty farmers of Maniknagar under Talma union of Nagarkanda upazilla were motivated to cultivate the variety on experimental basis for gathering experiences.

A rally in this connection of informing the farmers about the yielding, special ingredients contained in this paddy was

recently. In the rally held at Talma the concerned NGOs personnel as well some farmers disclosed that for the first time after its invention this zinc enriched paddy is now in the field.

It was informed that the cost of cultivation of this variety is same like other conventional variety rather it takes less time for yielding.

While other varieties take 160 days for harvesting this new variety takes only 120 days.

The most important quality of this variety is that it helps develop disease resistance capability and helps increase the merit of the children.

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