

Zinc is a potential therapy for children's diarrhoea

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Zinc is a potential therapy for diarrhoea of the Under-5 children and an essential micronutrient vital to a large range of biological functions, researchers disclosed this at an international seminar in the capital yesterday.

They said young children and pregnant women among the poor in developing countries like Bangladesh are the most vulnerable groups due to zinc deficiency.

The researchers also opined that zinc deficiency places young children at increased risk for infection and death.

In separate studies conducted in Bangladesh and other countries, they found that zinc supplementation among the Under-5 children with a diarrhoeal illness could decrease duration of illness and reduce likelihood of subsequent illness as well as mortality.

The three-day conference on 'Health Benefits of Zinc as a Treatment' was inaugurated at ICDDR,B. Around 200 delegates and participants from home and abroad are taking part in the conference.

Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare M Fazlur Rahman attended the conference as chief guest.

He praised the centre for taking the lead on zinc research and called for working together with

other national research institutions like NIPSOM, NIPORT and ICDDR,B to ensure maximisation of health benefits from zinc.

The secretary welcomed the partnership of Square and ICDDR,B in this regard but emphasised that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should also be a part of this collaboration.

Acting Director of ICDDR,B Prof Barkat-e-Khuda told the conference, "Bangladesh has had a leadership role in identifying the promising qualities of zinc. In the tradition of ORS, Bangladesh continues to be on the cutting edge in research on zinc in the treatment of diarrhoea."

He urged the group to "agree on an action plan that will lead to the transfer of knowledge gained from research so that zinc supplementation can be introduced into the national programme in a quality control manner".

Dr Shams El Arefeen of ICDDR,B presented a summary of zinc research in Bangladesh. He said scientific evidences suggest that zinc needs to be introduced as a public health intervention without any further delay.

Dr Ruth Fischer of the USAID urged the scientists and participants to work in partnership to ensure that zinc is made available for the treatment of diarrhoea among the children in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina visited the victims of Sathkira bomb blasts at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

IJSG hqs to be set up in Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

International Jute Study Group (IJSG) yesterday signed an agreement with Bangladesh to establish its headquarters here.

Jute secretary AFM Sarwar Kamal and secretary general of IJSG T. Nanda Kumar signed the documents on behalf of their respective sides.

Jute minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, was present on the occasion. Acting foreign secretary Anwar

ul-Alam and other senior officials of Ministry of Jute and the IJSG were present.

The agreement defined the status, privileges and immunities of the IJSG, of its secretary general, staff, experts and delegations of the Group.

The IJSG is the successor entity of the former International Jute Organisation (IJO), also affiliated under the auspices of UNCTAD, formally entered into force with

effect from April 27.

The signing of the agreement will ensure smooth functioning of the IJSG in finding solutions to the problems facing jute and furthering the economic development of the exporting countries thereby contributing to the alleviation of poverty in these countries.

Besides, this will also help in strengthening cooperation between exporting and importing countries.

Morshed leaves for S Arabia today

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan leaves for Saudi Arabia today on a three-day official visit with a wide agenda of talks with his counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Morshed Khan will discuss "the entire gamut of bilateral relations" with the Saudi Foreign Minister during the visit, an official an-

nouncement said yesterday.

He will also discuss international issues of common concern, specially the situation in Palestine and Iraq, and also the affairs in Afghanistan.

His visit, taking place at the invitation of his Saudi counterpart, will focus on enhancing cooperation between Bangladesh and

Saudi Arabia in the fields of manpower export, trade, investment and defence cooperation.

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