METROPOLITAN

Zinc is a potential therapy for children's diarrhoea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zinc is a potential therapy for diarrhoea of the Under-5 children health benefits from zinc. 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 diarrheal 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

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

called for working together with and elsewhere in the world.

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other national research institutions like NIPSOM, NIPORT and ICMH to ensure maximisation of

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 abroad are taking part in the con- 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 He praised the centre for taking for the treatment of diarrhoea the lead on zinc research and among the children in Bangladesh



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

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 announcement said yesterday. He will also discuss interna-

tional 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 cooperasaid the Foreign Office. tion between Bangladesh and

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

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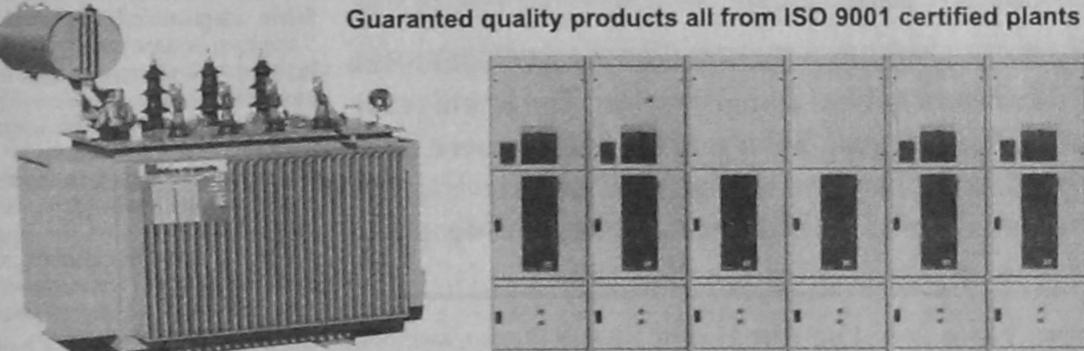
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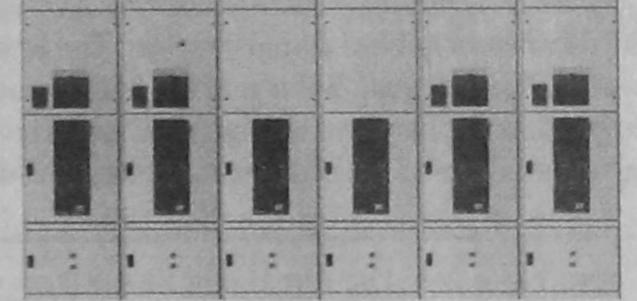
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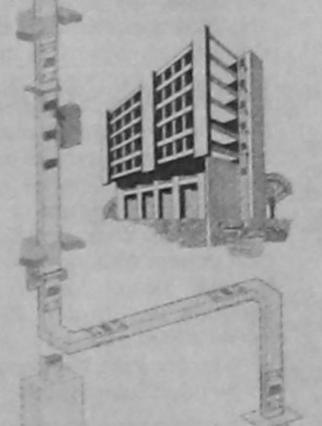
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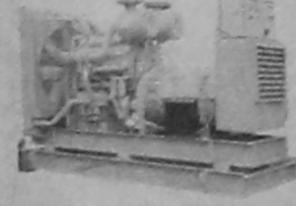
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IJSG has to be set up in Dhaka

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 Ah-

mad, was present on the occasion.

Acting foreign secretary Anwar-

of Ministry of Jute and the IJSG were present.

status, privileges and immunities of the IJSG, of its secretary general,

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

ul-Alam and other senior officials effect from April 27.

The signing of the agreement will ensure smooth functioning of The agreement defined the the IJSG in finding solutions to the problems facing jute and furthering the economic development of staff, experts and delegations of the exporting countries thereby contributing to the alleviation of

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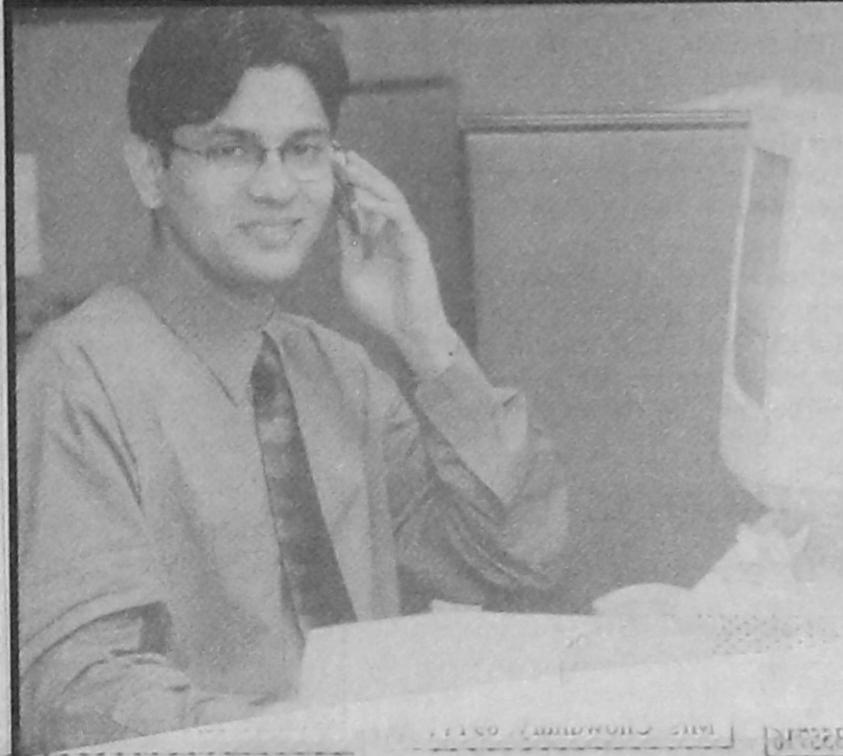
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