

Bangladesh debuts cultivation of Bt brinjal this week

Bangladesh formally started the cultivation of the country's first genetically modified (GM) crop—Bt Brinjal (eggplant) today.

As part of the initiatives, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) distributed saplings of the new crop among 20 farmers of four regions.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury today distributed the saplings among the farmers at a programme in the city's Bangladesh Agriculture Research Centre.

"We have decided to start cultivating Bt brinjal after different necessary tests at home and abroad. We took long time to experiment all pros and cons for introducing the cultivation of this variety", she said.

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