

# Canal digging goes apace in Comilla

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COMILLA, Jan. 27.—The third phase of the canal digging programme is going apace in Comilla district. The re-excavation of 19 canals with a total length of about 130 miles is going on in full swing with the voluntary participation of people from all walks of life and a total of about 50 lakh cubic feet of earth has already been dug, according to an official source. Thirty five canals with a total length of 161 miles work have been included in the third phase of the National Canal Digging Programme of the district, the source added.

The excavation of Narinpur canal under Shahrasti thana was formally inaugurated by Mr. Syed Aminur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Comilla recently amidst a big gathering of voluntary participants from all walks of life. The Deputy Commissioner in his speech explained the significance of the canal digging programme.

According to an official source, the re-excavation of the five-mile long canal from Daka tia river to the district border will facilitate irrigation in about 2,500 acres of land and to have a third crop there. An additional yield of about 50,000 maunds of foodgrains every year is expected from these lands.

The Comilla centres of the Institute of Cost Management Account (ICMA) of Bangladesh was formally inaugurated by Mr. Ruhul Quddus, President of the Central Committee of the ICMA in Comilla Victoria Government College in a brief function held recently.

The function was attended by the local elite and the trainees and it was presided over by Mr. Wazed Ali, Principal-in-Charge of the College.

A three-day long Islamic cultural function jointly organised by the Comilla Unit of the Islamic Cultural Centre and Sangani High premises. The function included seminar, discussion meeting, cultural competitions and Waz Mahfil.