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MAGURA: People from all walks of life are participating in the re-excavation work of four-mile long Muchi Khali Canal on self-help basis. —Photo Times.

Canal digging in Magura, Barisal going apace

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Jan 1: The re-excavation work of four-mile long Muchi Khali Canal from Muchi Khali village to Huda (Sreepur village under Nakoil and Kochundi Union Parishad of Magura subdivision is going on in full swing. Everyday thousands of people including students, officials, teachers and social workers are taking part in the re-excavation work. After the completion of re-excavation work, the people

of Nakoil and Kochundi UP will be benefited as 3,500 acres of land will be brought under paddy and wheat cultivation.

About 5,31,599 cft of earth-work of Muchi Khali Canal has been completed since December 3 up to December 21 and 11,438 volunteers participated in the re-excavation work. The re-excavation of this four miles long Muchi Khali Canal is expected to be completed within three months.

The Deputy Commissioner, Khulna, formally inaugurated the re-excavation work on December 3. Thousands of people from all walks of life including SDO, Magura, Mr. Habibur Rahman, President Magura District BNP, Mr. Kazi Faizur Rahman, Secretary Magura District BNP, Government officials, chairman and members of the Union Parishads participate in the canal digging work on the inaugural day.

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A Times Correspondent from Barisal adds: Maj-Gen (Rtd) Nurul Islam, Minister for Agriculture, has called upon the people to participate in the canal digging programme for doubling the food production.

The Minister was speaking recently at the inaugural function of the re-excavation of six-miles long Dhan Shiri river near Jhalakathi under voluntary mass participation programme.

On the opening day about 2,000 people from all walks of life participated in the excavation work. Work on ten projects is going on in full swing and about 30,000 volunteers are participating in these projects. The re-excavation of the river will provide irrigation facilities to 6000 acres of land. Nearly 34-mile canal will be re-excavated in the district.

Recently Mr. Sunil Gupta, State Minister for Petroleum and Mineral resources inaugurated the re-excavation of north Shihpuri canal in Gournadi PS which about 4,000 people, including students of schools and Gournadi College, have been taking part.