

Canal digging in Magura, Patiya going apace

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Feb 29: The re-excavation work of the two-mile long Hanu river under Sreepur PS began on February 15. Thousands of people from all walks of life took part in the digging work on voluntary basis.

The Commissioner, Khulna Division, formally inaugurated the re-excavation work of the river in Shachilapur village. The SDO, Magura, the Deputy Commissioner, Jessore and Kazi Fazur Rahman, Secretary, BNI, Magura unit, Government officials, chairman and members of the Union Parishads participated in the river digging.

The Commissioner urged similar self-help projects so that the country could redouble the food production within the shortest possible time. He said another project was completed in Magura, namely, Muchi Khali Canal.

The river when re-excavated would provide irrigation facilities to the surrounding areas.

Besides, the river would provide facilities for pisciculture.

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Our Correspondent from Patiya adds: The re-excavation work of two miles long Madonna canal on self-help basis was completed at Boukhali PS recently.

About 34 feet wide and 78 feet deep, the canal was dug with the spontaneous participation by 17,000 people, including teachers, students, workers, women and officials. About 1,500 acres of land will be irrigated in the area yielding an additional 54,000 maunds of crops annually.

Besides, the re-excavated canal will serve as an outlet for drainage of rain water and thereby at least 1,000 acres of land would be saved from the grip of flood.

Prof Arif Mainuddin, Deputy Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation, formally declared the project open for irrigation before a jubilant gathering recently.