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Canal excavation undertaken on self-help basis

GOURNADI (Barisal), Nov. 18: About 6,000 enthusiastic local people here on Friday embarked on a six-mile long canal excavation project on a self-help basis, reports BSS.

The project has been undertaken in quick response to President Zia's call for a nation-wide extensive canal digging programme on a voluntary basis to speed up Agricultural Development.

Mr Sunil Gupta, State Minister for Petroleum and Mineral resources inaugurated the project under which the canal connecting Pingalakathi and Barangal Khal is being excavated. The project is expected to be completed within this month.

Inaugurating the canal excavation, Mr Sunil Gupta exhorted the local people to undertake similar self-help projects so that the country could be made self-sufficient in food production within the shortest possible time. He said many similar projects would be organised in the district during the next few weeks.

Under the project, about 4,000 acres of Agricultural land in Gournadi police station would be benefited for production of IRRI and other crops.