

Country-wide canal diggings continue

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Re-excavation of country-wide derelict canals to develop a dry season irrigation system with a view to doubling the food production is continuing in full swing, reports BCS.

People from all walks of life including women are volunteering their labour at the call of President Ziaur Rahman to make the canal digging, the first phase of revolution a success.

According to reports pouring in Dacca, the re-excavation of six-mile long Bangshi river in Kalikair thana under Gazipur sub-division began on December 17. Choudhury Tanbir Siddiqui, MP inaugurated the re-excavation. About five thousand people from all walks of life had participated in it.

On completion, the scheme will provide irrigation facilities to 2000 acres of land in Sutrapur, Sreefaltali, Dhaicra and Alabha unions during the dry season.

Official sources said wheat and paddy of Taka 45 lakh would be raised from the irrigated land every year. The re-excavation is expected to be completed by this month.

Re-excavation work on the 20,400 feet-long Maheshter-Sherpur Khal in Rajura police station of Dacca district is going on in full swing.

About two to three thousand people are working in the excavation work which was inaugurated by Mr Mainuddin Khuiyan, MP on December 8.

A total of 12,34,000 cubic feet of earth will have to be dug to complete the project. When

completed, the new canal from the river Meghna to Arjal Khan river, will help to boost agricultural production in the area.

Works on re-excavation of canals in two subdivisions under Jamalgur district are going with steady progress under voluntary participation of hundreds of people.

These canals are Satpakin Khal in Pakhsimari union under Sherpur sub-division and Banarer Khal in Sharifpur union under Jamalgur Sadar sub-division.

Cross section of people including women are participating voluntarily in the re-excavation works coming from the remotest areas.

Works on the two-mile long Ranta-Muraripur Canal under Joygorhat sub-division in Bogra district is progressing satisfactorily. More than so far 1,40,500 cubic feet of earthwork has been done.

The re-excavation of Sukdaha Canal under Bogra Sadar sub-division is also progressing. The five-mile long canal is involved in 59,52,587 cubic feet earthwork. So far 3,25,170 cubic feet earthwork had been completed.

Works on the Behula Bili Bocha-Mulipur re-excavation project began on December 1.

The two-mile long canal with 15 feet wide and seven feet depth involved earthwork of about 8,20,500 cubic feet.

When completed, three thousand acres of land would be brought under irrigation facilities. Besides 1000 families would be directly benefitted from the canal.