

Dig more canals for round-the-year cultivation

KURIGRAM. May 15: President Ziaur Rahman visited the newly excavated five and a half mile long Sanyasirchar Khal (canal) here today, reports BSS.

Addressing a big gathering at the canal site, the President congratulated the local people for completing this canal digging project on voluntary labour basis.

He called for digging more such canals and silted-up rivers for round-the-year cultivation.

The process of canal digging, President Zia said, would continue till the entire country came under irrigation facilities.

The President said that digging of canals would bring economic prosperity to the people and help expedite the development of the country.

Later, addressing a rural workers' conference of BNP Kurigram political district, he said the revolutionary programmes undertaken throughout the country were aimed at achieving self-sufficiency in all spheres of national life.

President Zia, who is also the Chairman of the BNP, called upon his party leaders and workers to organise and guide the rural masses properly for nation-building activities.

The President emphasised the

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need for intensive wheat cultivation, which, he said, had already showed its impact on the national economy.

He called for achieving the target of 40 lakh tons of wheat production.

President Zia said all our development efforts would be fruitless if we failed to check the population growth and eradicate illiteracy from the country.

The conference was also addressed by the BNP Secretary General, Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury.