

## **Participate in canal digging programme**

RANGPUR, Dec. 12: President Ziaur Rahman today called the people to work hand-in-hand to accelerate the pace of national development in all sectors, reports BSS.

Addressing public meetings at Chilmari and Kudalkathi, he urged the people of all walks of life to participate in the nation-wide canal digging programme on voluntary basis for reaching the goal of doubling food production.

The President said successful implementation of the canal digging programme, the first phase of the revolution, would lessen our dependence on nature and as such our agriculture would no longer be the victim of drought or insufficient rainfall.

President Zia asked the BNP workers to win the hearts of people by sincerely joining them in all development activities and warned, otherwise, the people would not rally round the party (BNP). He advised the party representatives in villages to provide leadership to rural people and encourage them to take up self-help projects like fisheries and cottage industries.

President Zia was welcomed by large cheering crowds at different points of his way to the two places.

## Canal digging programme going on in full swing

People from different walks of life are participating in the canal digging and re-excavation programme in an effort to control floods and receive a dry season irrigation system reports DSS.

The programme was launched by President Ziaur Rahman on December 1 with an aim to double food production in the next five years.

People from different strata of life are coming forward to execute canal digging, road repairing and small bund building programmes all over the Comilla district.

About 31 thousand feet of earth work has already been completed at the Chaltachali Canal digging programme.

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Sadar South subdivision. Work on two protection bunds in the Ruhita by canal in this subdivision is also progressing.

Work on three out of ten  
bunds in Motichand Khal up-  
der Sadar North subdivision of  
the district has already been  
completed.

Two protection bunds out of five in Bordija & Mazir Khat under Krahmanbaria subdivision have already been commissioned. And three power pumps for irrigation have already been installed.