



COMILLA: The Deputy Commissioner of Comilla, the SDO and the Additional SDO, Comilla Sadar (South) subdivision, taking part in the 3½ mile long Adda-Pilgiri Canal digging in Barura PS recently.—Photo Times.

People takign active part in canal digging programme

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Nov. 25: About 10 miles canal will be re-excavated under 8 projects in Kurigram subdivision under the voluntary mass participation programme.

According to an official source the projects are Dudkumar River Canal and Antai to Boyalar Dara Canal in Nageswari, Adhkariya to Udia Canal in Ulipur, Shimulbari to Sonakharjee Canal in Fulbari, Jukia canal in Bhurungamari, Tamgomari Beel to Jorai River Canal in Kurigram, R C Bridge to Harisher Dara in Chilmari and Char Saulmari Canal in Rowmari police station. For the re-excavation of the canals 1,41,79,180 cubic feet earth will have to be lifted.

On completion of the re-excavation, over 2,450 acres of land will be provided with irrigation facilities.

The re-excavation work will begin by the first week of December, the source added.

NETRAKONA

Our Correspondent from Netrakona adds: The second phase of canal digging programme in the district of Mymensingh has already been started. As many as 40 canals will be dug.

Digging of four canals one in each of the four subdivisions of the district were inaugurated recently. The canals which are now being dug are: Andakur Canal of Sadar South Shalisha, Canal of Sadar North, Duba Canal of Kishoreganj and Shiblong of Netrakona.

When completed the four canals will bring about 1,800 acres of land under irrigation.

Our Correspondent from

Chuadanga says: The second phase of canal digging was formally inaugurated in Chuadanga subdivision on November 15 last with the re-excavation of "Shapkhali Khol" near Potarpara village under Natipota union of Damurhuda thana. Mr Abu Sayeed Khan, MP and Wheep of Jatiya Sangsad, ceremonially inaugurated the re-excavation of the canal before a huge gathering. Mr Akhtar Hossain Mian, Subdivisional Officer, Chuadanga, was also present on the occasion.

The re-excavation of Shapkhali Canal from Shapgar Math to Beel Dalka, when completed, will serve as a perennial source of water for IRRI cultivation in the area.

Mr Abu Sayeed Khan in his inaugural speech said that the success of the 1st phase of canal digging programme had opened the eyes of the people to the fact that the food production could be doubled through building better irrigation network.

The 1.90 mile long Shapkhali Canal will be 60 feet broad and 8 feet deep and 36 lakh cft of earthwork will be done.

When completed the project will bring 300 acres of land under cultivation for which 6 power pumps will be supplied. Additional foodgrains worth about Taka 8 lakh would be produced annually.

A total of 13 canals would be excavated during the current year. Work on two of them has already started.

in their voluntary labour to complete the project in 22 days.

The re-excavation of the canal will provide irrigation facilities to more than 1,000 acres of land and help produce about 10,000 maunds of additional crops worth Taka 10 lakh.

PATIYA

Our Correspondent from Patiya writes: A gigantic programme to excavate and re-excavate about 21 miles of canals under nine projects in six police stations has been chalked out in response to the clarion call of President Ziaur Rahman.

Talking to Times Mr K M Nazmul Alam Siddiqui, SDO, Patiya, said that brick preparations were going on spontaneously and the first phase of the work would ceremonially be inaugurated very soon.

The projects are: Chaudkhali and Sikkabaha Canals in Patiya PS, Barguni Canal in Chandanish PS, Bemankhali Canal in Boulkhali PS, Ichchakhali-Kodala Canal in Anwara PS and Ichchamati and Zuiggacachara Canals in Satkania PS.

About 17,85,628 cubic feet earth is expected to be lifted under the nine projects. With the implementation of these projects, 28,500 acres of land will come under irrigation which will yield additional crops valued at Taka 8,85,16,637 per year.

Besides, these canals will provide drainage facilities to 7,000 acres of land.

TANGAIL

BSS from Tangail adds: The re-excavation of Bangshai-Kudalla ling canal under Mirzapur thana, which was inaugurated by President Ziaur Rahman on November 1, was completed on Saturday mainly on the basis of voluntary labour.

About 20,000 volunteers including VDP members, members of Gram Sarkar, mill workers, teachers and students put



MANIKGANJ: Miss Karabi Ahmed Beauty secured championship in a dance competition under the auspices of Manikganj Shilpakala Academy recently.

—Photo Times.