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People urged to join in canal digging

BOALKHALI (Chittagong), Dec 18: The Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed today called up on the people irrespective of party affiliation to participate in canal digging programme launched throughout the country to double food production, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a two-mile long canal re-excavation scheme at west Gondandai here this morning the Deputy Premier pointed out that the programme did not belong to any particular party but it is intended to benefit the eight crore people of Bangladesh.

The canal digging re-excavation scheme when completed would facilitate in the irrigation of about two thousand acres of land yielding an additional 54 thousand mounds of paddy. The power pumps will be fielded here which will be supplied by government free of charge.

Hundreds of enthusiastic men and women, all and young from several villages spontaneously participated in the re-excavation work as soon as the Deputy Prime Minister inaugurated the scheme by cutting earth with a spade. Some women organisations came in group with large banners to participate in the programme.

He said that President Zia had taken politics to the villagers and the village people have been provided with the opportunity to participate in the nation building task.

In the afternoon the Deputy Prime Minister inaugurated the Sheikh Mohammad Vocational Training Centre at Shikhpur under Hathazari Police.