

Thousands participate in digging of canals

Thousands of people are participating in the digging and re-excavating of canals throughout the country in response to the call of President Ziaur Rahman, reports ISS.

Reports pouring in from districts said a great enthusiasm was seen among the rural people with the start of the programme.

The 26,000-foot Maheshpur Sheerpur Khal digging scheme was opened on Saturday at Maheshpur under Rajshahi (Dacca). Mr Mainuddin Bhuiyan, MP, inaugurated the scheme. Mr Burhanuddin A

med, Deputy Secretary of Industries, Deputy Commissioner of Dacca and SDO of Narsingdi were present on the occasion.

The canal, when completed, will help irrigate two thousand acres of land capable of producing one lakh and 75 thousand maunds of HYV variety of paddy in Charsbardi, Mirza Nagar and Adjahad unions.

Besides rabi crops will be produced on either bank of the canal. About 50 thousand people will be benefited by the scheme.

The re-excavation of Sukdaha Khal under Sriakandi and Gatal police stations in the Bogra district is going on in full swing. The five-mile long canal will facilitate irrigation in about two thousand acres of land.

The Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi visited the project area on Friday and participated in the digging scheme.

In Noakhali district work on the re-excavation of four canals in three subdivisions has started. The canals are Gajbaria Khal at Nalchira Union under Hati, Thana Kutubpur, Resair Khal at Kutubpur and Fasalpur unions under Begum

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Fani Thana, Porakhali Musar Khal at Sukchar Union under Laxmipur subdivision and Kallapara Chithalia Khal at Pargaram Chithalia unions under Feni subdivision.

About five-mile long Khata-mari Khal under Nalchamari has been taken up for re-excavation. When completed the canal will facilitate irrigation round the year for about 8,805 acres of land.

Programme for the re-excavation of 22 canals to create facilities for irrigation of over 62 thousand and eight hundred acres of land under Rajshahi division has been taken in hand.

Of the 22 schemes, work on eight re-excavation schemes have been started. The schemes, when completed, will bring 13 thousand and seven hundred acres of land under irrigation facilities and help produce an additional yield of over six lakh 14 thousand maunds of foodgrains.