

Zia lays foundation stone of Faridpur medical college

All political, economic pledges to be fulfilled

FARIDPUR, Dec. 21: President Ziaur Rahman declared here today that the present Government was determined to fulfil all the political and economic pledges made to the people by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) during the last two elections, reports BSS.

Laying the foundation stones of Faridpur Medical College and Bangladesh River Research Institute at west Khabashpur here, the President urged all conscious and capable persons to participate actively in the

programmes of the Revolution.

At this stage he asked the audience whether they were ready to participate actively in the Revolution, the gathering got up from their seats and raised their hands to demonstrate their support to the Revolution.

The President said that the decision to set up the River Research Institute in Faridpur was taken in 1977. But, he added in the past the project could not be taken up for implementation due to certain obstacles created by interested quarters.

President Zia said that the work for the construction of the institute would be taken up immediately and that it would be completed as soon as possible. Referring to the negligence shown by the previous governments to Faridpur district, he said that the present Government would do its best for the development of the district.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Mr K. M. Obaidur Rahman, and Health and Population Control Minister, Dr. M. A. Matin, also spoke on the occasion.

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman, Deputy Prime Ministers Mr Mawdud Ahmed and Mr S. A. Bari AT and some Cab-

inet Ministers, local MPs and political leaders were present among others.

In the beginning of the function, one-minute silence was observed to pay respect to the departed soul of Mollah Jalaluddin Ahmed, an MP and former Awami League Minister, who hailed from Faridpur district.

MADANKHALI CANAL

Later, the President visited the Madankhali canal re-excavation project, about 5 miles from Faridpur town and joined the participants in the excavation of the canal.

Addressing the participants, he said that the nation must materialise the objectives and programmes of the revolution for the overall development of the country and to improve the lot of commonman.

President Zia urged all men and women, to take part in the revolutionary programmes, particularly the current canal digging and re-excavation projects to make first phase of the revolution successful to double the country's food production.

The five-mile long Madankhali canal re-excavation project when completed will provide round the year irrigation facilities to 8,250 acres of lands.



The Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of President Ziaur Rahman met at Faridpur on Friday.

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