

12 canals in Comilla completed

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COMILLA, June 20: Re-ex-cavation of 12 canals taken up during the dry season of 1979-80 in Comilla district has been completed with the spontaneous participation of people from all walks of life, according to an official source, reports BSS.

The total length of the canals re-excavated is 51.50 miles and total earth work done is about 4.54 crore cubic feet.

The re-excavation of the canals will facilitate irrigation in about 50,000 acres of lands where an additional yield of about nine lakh maunds of food grains is expected every year.

According to the source in the next dry season one canal in each of the police stations of the district will be taken for re-excavation and it is hoped that after completion of those canals Comilla district would be able to overcome its annual average food deficit of about 66,935 tons and become self-reliant in food.

876 SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

Another report adds: Three hundred and seventy alleged smugglers were arrested and smuggled goods worth about Taka 1,58,015 were seized from their possession by the law enforcing agency personnel working in the border out-posts falling within Comilla sector during the period from January 1 to May 25, according to an official source.

The smuggled goods seized while being smuggled out of the country included fish, dry fish, dry chillies, eggs and powdered milk worth about Taka 6,22,191.

Those seized while being smuggled into the country included Indian sarees, medicines, fire wood, bamboos, jackfruit, pine apples, cattleheads etc. worth about Taka 9,58,424.