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2 canals re-excavated in Bogra, more in progress

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, June 27: Re-excavation of 2 canals in Bogra district has been completed through the spontaneous participation of people from all walks of life. The re-excavation of 5-mile long Shukdaha Canal under Gabtali PS and Sarikandi was completed on May 7. The canal will facilitate irrigation of about 10,000 acres of land which will bring an additional yield of crop worth Tk. 2 crore.

The re-excavation of Rangamuar Canal under Jatpurhat subdivision was com-

pleted in January last which facilitated cultivation of IRRI and Boro.

Meanwhile, 27 per cent re-excavation work of 5-mile long canal of Kahaloo PS has been completed. It will help irrigate about 1,200 acres of land which will bring an additional yield of crop worth Tk. 32,00,000.

Forty per cent canal digging work of 3-mile long Nagar-Sukhangari under Dupchanchia PS has been completed. The canal will facilitate irrigation in about 300 acres of land which will yield an additional quantity of crop worth Tk. 5,00,000. Ninety-eight per cent re-excavation of 3 and a half miles long Pairan-Kairapara Canal has also been completed. It will facilitate irrigation in about 1,500 acres of land with an additional crop worth Tk. 81,00,000.

ANNUAL MEET

Another report adds: The annual meeting of Irrigation Management Pilot Project (IMPP) was held on June 22 at Maddhamar Chowk, a village under Gabtali PS. Mr. Aminuddin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Bogra was the chief guest at the meeting.

The Project Director of IRDP said at the meeting that 74 acres of land of this village had been taken under the IMPP.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the project and hoped that it would be possi-

ble to produce double amount of crop if 850 deep tubewells were taken under the IMPP in the district.

TREE PLANTATION

According to another report, tree plantation campaign was recently launched in Bogra. Mr. Aminuddin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Bogra, formally inaugurated the campaign on June 18 on the bank of the newly re-excavated Shukdaha Canal by planting a blackberry sapling.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Chowdhury advised that each primary school should have at least 50 saplings, each high school 100, each union 6,000 and other agencies as many as possible in the district. The Deputy Commissioner urged the people to take care of these saplings. The ADC (Project) told Times that trees were also being planted by the side of other canals of the district.

HOTEL KEEPERS' DECISION

Yet another report adds: The North Bengal Hotel and Restaurant Owners' Association has decided to go on strike from June 23 for the realisation of the following 14-point demand:

Exemption of excise duty on the hotels which will have an annual sale of Tk. 10,000,000. Waiving of the newly imposed sales tax, supply of flour and sugar in ration shop, and supply of gas in the northern region of the country.