

of three canals in Chittagong with great enthusiasm.

The five-mile long Naya Canal from Patanipul to Dalu Canal is being re-excavation in full swing by the people, including political and social workers, members of Youth Complex, Government officials, students and teachers.

Of the 30,16,625 cft of earth work of Naya Canal, 2,35,000 cft of earthwork has been completed so far.

The re-excavation started in December last. About 43,000 labourers are required to complete the work.

On completion of the re-excavation, the Naya Canal will provide irrigation facilities to 4,600 acres of land to produce additional 85,670 maunds of paddy annually. Besides, about 4,000 acres will be saved from the grip of floods. The project is expected to be completed on January 15.

In Patanipul police station the digging of west Gomdoli Canal is proceeding spontaneously. People belonging to different walks of life are taking part in it.

The re-excavation work, when completed will benefit thousands of villagers around the project. Cultivation of paddy and rabi crops in 2,000 acres will be possible bringing in an additional yield of about 54,000 maunds per annum.

Arrangements are being made to supply power pumps free of cost to the cultivators to ensure proper irrigation facilities, it is reliably learnt.

In Patanipul police station the re-excavation of a four-mile long Shikhalaha - Charalakyra Canal is going on. The Government has sanctioned Taka 43,000 for the implementation of the project and local people contributed Taka 3 lakh in addition to their labour cost.

On completion, the canal is expected to provide irrigation facilities to about 3,000 acres of land yielding around 80,000 maunds of additional paddy.

The Commerce Minister, Mr Salfur Rahman is seen in the picture inaugurating the Saestaganj Canal re-excavation work in Sylhet on Tuesday.— Photo PID

Canal digging in Ctg going on in full swing

From Our Correspondent

PATYA, Jan. 3: In response to the call of President Ziaur Rahman for voluntary mass participation in canal digging, thousands of people from all walks of life have been taking part in the re-excavation work