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# Canal digging in Manikganj

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MANIKGANJ, Jan 14: The re-excavation work of the five mile long Paragram-Munshi-khali Canal under Saturia police station of the subdivision was formally inaugurated by Mr Moslehuddin Ahmed, Circle Officer, Saturia, before a large enthusiastic gathering.

This was the second canal that has been inaugurated out of the 12 canals taken up for re-excavation under voluntary mass participation programme.

About 15,000 people from all walks of life, including educational institutions, Mahila sangsha youth co-operative societies, Ansar, V D P Government and non-Government officials participated in the projects.

Re-excavation of the canal would facilitate winter season irrigation in about 3,000 acres of land on both sides of it and an additional yield of about 75,000 maunds of paddy is expected according to an official source.

It may be mentioned that hundreds of dry canals of the subdivision are lying idle in different parts of Manikganj. If those canals are re-excavated the food deficiency of 9 lakh maunds would be met.

ALAMDANGA CANAL

Our Correspondent from Chuadanga adds: The re-excavation of 3-mile long Ghodari-Sundarkhali Canal under Nagdaha union of Alamdanga thana in Kushtia district was ceremonially inaugurated recently by Mian Mohammad Mansur Ali, MP. The Subdivisional Officer, Chuadanga and about 5,000 people from all walks of life participated in the work on the inaugural day.

Mian Mansur Ali called upon people to make contribution towards nation building activities in order to attain self-sufficiency in food production and to generate rural uplift tendency among the people. Mian Monsur Ali was addressing a rally at Ghoodar Dazar while formally inaugurating the canal digging work under mass participation programme on self-help basis.

When completed, the canal would bring 1,300 acres under high yielding crops cultivation and 28,000 maunds extra crops would be grown in the area. The canal would also drain out accumulated water from nearby beel.

Twelve power pumps would be supplied by the Government free of cost for the purpose of irrigation.

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