

Satisfactory progress in canal digging

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, March 4: The digging of one canal has been completed and work of three other canals are going on spontaneously in Jhenidah subdivision in which about 80,000 people have participated voluntarily.

It is reported that one mile long Padmabila Canal of Daulatpur union of Harinakunda thana has been re-excavated. The digging of 6-mile long Shirishasth Canal of Kumrabatia union of Jhenidah thana has been going on spontaneously. By this time 80 per cent work of this canal has been completed. The rest is to be completed this month.

On the other hand, 25 per cent work of the Goghata Canal digging of Ghorsal union of Jhenidah Sadar thana and 80 per cent work of Shaheber Canal of Kotchenpur thana have been completed.

It is reported that when completed the canals will provide irrigation facilities as a result of which about 65,000 maunds of additional foodgrains will be produced annually.

MAGURA

Our correspondent from Magura adds: The re-excavation of the 2-mile long Kochatola Canal in Magura subdivision began on February 24 last. Thousands of people from all walks of life participated in the work on voluntary basis.

SDO Magura, formally inaugurated the re-excavation work. This canal when completed, will provide irrigation facilities to over 500 acres of land in Satrugitpur union under Magura Subdivision.

RAIPURA

BSS from Raipura adds: Excavation work of the 5-mile long Maheshber-Shibpur Canal from the Meghna river to Arjol Khan in Raipura police station has been completed.

In all 18,97,300 cubic feet of earthwork were done on the canal which began on December 8 last.

About 18,000 members from 27 organisations of Narsingdi subdivision participated in this canal digging programme on voluntary basis.

The canal which flows through Charsubardy, Mirzanagar and Adjabad Union Parishads will help irrigate 20,000

acres of land during the winter season to produce about two lakh maunds of additional foodgrains in the area.

CHITTAGONG

Another report from Chittagong adds: The five and a half miles long re-excavated Gagra Canal was opened here on Monday.

The Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong performed the opening ceremony in the presence of local people and officials.

President Ziaur Rahman visited the Gagra Canal while the re-excavation work was in progress recently. The re-excavation work on Gagra Canal one of the three longest canals of the district, was undertaken on self-help basis in December last in response to a call by President Zia and completed on February 29.

A total of 5,000 acres of land would be benefited by the canal of which 4,000 acres would be protected from flood waters and 1,000 acres would get irrigation facilities. It is expected that ultimately by the canal in due course.

The Deputy Commissioner in his speech lauded the spirit of the local people in accomplishing this project and said that as provided by the Government power pumps would be supplied free of charges. The SDO Sadar North also spoke on the occasion.