

Nothing short of revolution can change our fate

# Come forward to take up the challenge: Zia

JAMALPUR, Nov 26: The Union Parishad Chairmen from Jamalpur and Mymensingh districts today pledged to actively participate and mobilise people for the canal digging operation beginning in December on voluntary basis, reports BSS.

The pledge by the UP Chairmen was made spontaneously when President Ziaur Rahman was addressing them here this evening.

President Zia said that during the last referendum and presidential and parliamentary elections they played a significant role. Describing them as pioneers of democracy in the country President Zia said that they now owed the responsibility to the country for actively guiding the people towards prosperity.

Expressing his confidence in them (chairmen) President Ziaur Rahman hoped that they

would be able to mobilise the entire population for excavating irrigation canals to double food production. He mentioned that the key of success lay in their hands. They must come forward to take up the challenge in social, economic and political spheres of the nation, the President maintained.

President Ziaur Rahman said that when the question of national development has come up it was futile to identify people by their political affiliation alone. He said that nothing short of a revolution could change the fate of our people.

He said that it was our joint responsibility irrespective of caste, creed and political affiliation to hasten the forthcoming Revolution, which he said, begins with the doubling of food production by ensuring round the year irrigation through excavating canal.

President Zia reiterated that the fundamentals of our Revolution were that it would be peaceful, democratic and through the Parliament. It will be a Revolution of progress and total change in the outlook of the nation, he added.

## BNP WORKERS

Addressing the union-level BNP workers in the afternoon President Ziaur Rahman declared here today that the peaceful Revolution would bring total economic emancipation of the people.

Chairman Zia expressed the hope that through dedicated efforts of the BNP workers new leadership would emerge in the country which would ultimately usher in an era of happiness and prosperity.

He urged the workers to prepare themselves so that they could shoulder responsibilities which lay ahead and said a time would come when these work-

ers would guide the entire nation.

Chairman Zia said the Revolution would ensure all-out welfare of the people and the nation would take its first lesson of work from it how to mobilise the people to utilise their hands for bringing radical changes in their fortunes.

Addressing the workers BNP Secretary General Prof Badroddoza Chowdhury said that at present BNP was organising its network at the union level and very shortly the party network would be expanded at the village-level.

He said in this way revolutionary forces would be built-up all over the country to make the Revolution a total success and turn it beneficial to the masses.

Minister for Youth Development Khandaker Abdul Hamid also addressed the meeting.