

Zia lays foundation stone of Lalmonirhat sub-divisional HQ's

Coop societies in all villages by year-end

RANGPUR, Jan. 15: President Ziaur Rahman said here today that cooperative societies would be formed in all the villages of the country within this year, reports BSS.

President Zia was addressing a conference of the representatives of the cooperative societies of the Rajshahi Division this afternoon.

The representatives declared their pledge to accelerate the pace of development of the country by wholeheartedly associating themselves with the on-going revolution and added that they were prepared to participate in the coming second phase of the revolution too on voluntary and cooperative basis.

The cooperators assured the President that they would also work with a spirit of dedication so that the target set by him for country wide 'cooperative revolution' is success.

President Zia announced that a national conference of the representative of the cooperative societies would be held in Dacca during the last week of February, in which over 20 thousand of them would be invited.

President Zia said that sacri-

fice dedication and mutual trust were the pre-conditions for the success of cooperative movement.

Reiterating his recent call for bringing dynamism in cooperative movement by infusing radical ideas such as children's cooperatives President Zia said there must be cooperative banks also all over the country.

Minister for Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives Capt (Retd) Abdul Halim Chowdhury, Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Minister Mr. Moyeedul Islam and State Minister for Scientific Research Technology and Atomic Energy Dr R A Ghani and local MPs were present.

71ST SUB-DIVISION

Meanwhile Lalmonirhat message adds: President Ziaur Rahman laid the foundation stone of the country's 71st sub-divisional headquarters today.

Addressing a big public meeting arranged on the occasion, President Zia said that the main objective of the creation of this sub-division was to bring the administrative facilities to the door step of the people for organising the masses so that they could participate in the current revolution for improving their economic condition.

He said that by creating

this sub-division the BNP leaders had fulfilled a popular demand of the area. Recalling the election pledges of the BNP President Zia said that the BNP was people's party and the leaders and workers of the party were, unlike the BKSALites, dedicated and ready to work with the people living in villages.

He maintained that the key to success of the current revolution lies in rural areas where, he added, the people irrespective of age, sex and creed were digging canals with the help of their two hands and spade.

TEESTA RIVER

President Zia called upon them to utilise the waters of Teesta river through innumerable canals for irrigation. He said 'once our food production is doubled other economic problems will be automatically solved.'

He said that he was 'very optimistic' about the future of the nation because the women and children had also come forward to participate in the revolution. The whole country would enjoy the fruits of their labour soon, he added.

Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Ministers Mr. Moyeedul Islam, and Labour and Industrial Welfare Minister Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed also spoke.



President Ziaur Rahman unveiled the foundation stone of the newly created Lalmonirhat sub-division in the Rangpur district on Tuesday, January 15.—Photo: PID.