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Islamic Varsity construction in progress

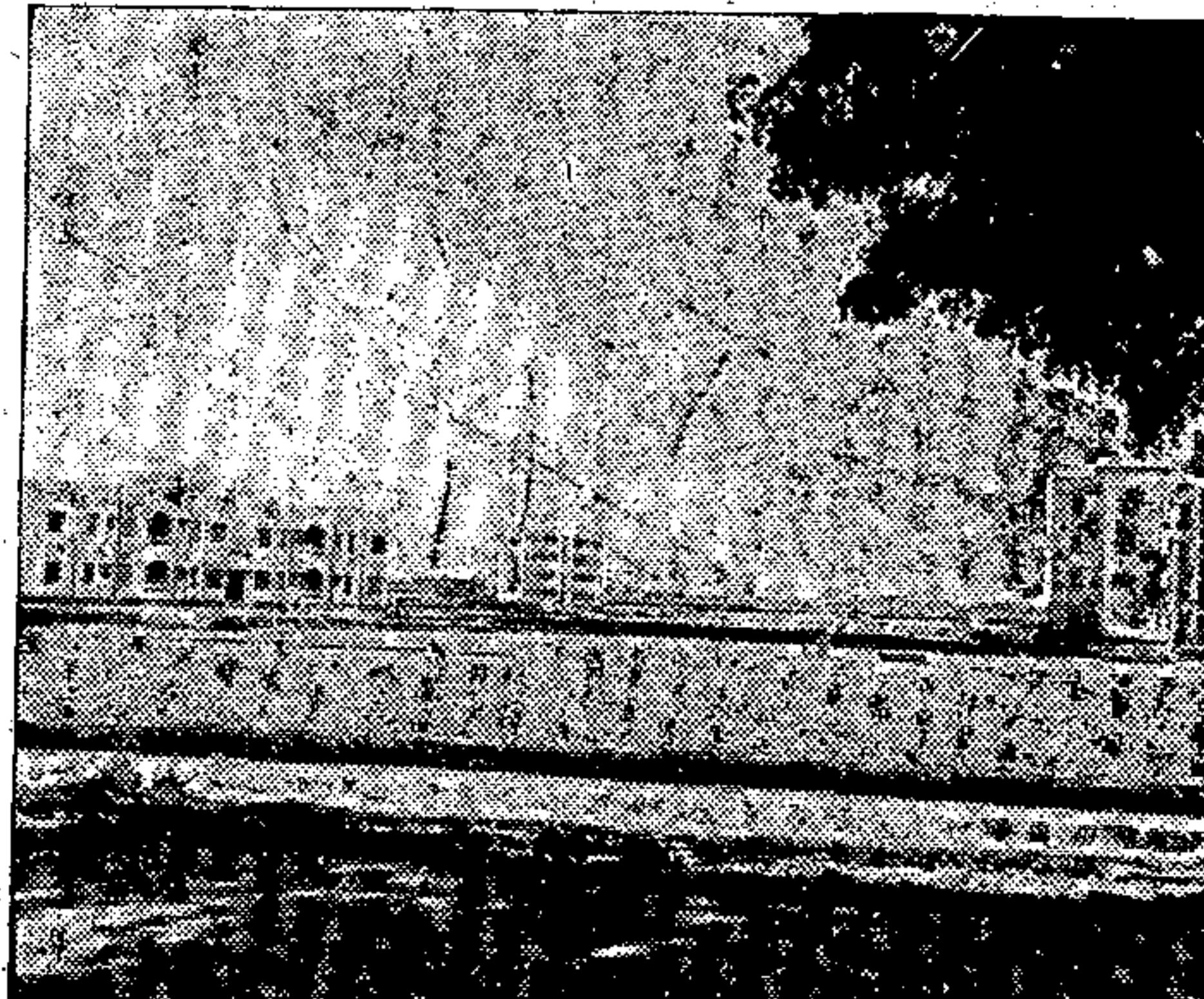
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JESSORE: Construction of the Islamic University Complex on 175 acres of land at the border of Kushtia and Jhenidah districts is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to be completed by 1992. The total cost of the project will be around Taka 115 crore, according to sources.

The government in 1980, undertook the decision for establishing the Islamic University. A fund amounting to Tk 26.93 crore was sanctioned as first instalment for implementation of the project and arrangements was made for acquisition of 175 acres of land—87.50 acres in Shantidanga mouza under Kushtia district and 87.50 acres in Dulalpur mouza under Jhenidah district (then Jessore district).

The Ministry of Education took the responsibility of the construction work. Twenty per cent construction of the Saddam Hossain Hall, a hostel for accommodating 544 students was completed at a cost of Tk 3 crore.

Later the site of the university was shifted to Gazipur near Dhaka. Thus the project was left abandoned for years.



JESSORE: Construction of Islamic University at Santidanga-Dulalpur in progress.—Times.

On January 2, 1989 the government took a decision to shift the site of the university again from Gazipur to Shantidanga-Dulalpur and the responsibility of the construction work of the university complex was vested in the Public Works Department.

By now 50 per cent of the work of the Saddam Hussain Hall has been completed and it is hoped that the rest work of the hall will be complete by September this year.

Construction of another hall for male students would be taken up very soon. Meanwhile for the

accommodation of teachers and staff of the university 20 flats in 3 buildings have been completed. Construction of the administrative building is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Besides, construction of a two storied academic building and another hall for the female students is also in progress.

One of the two proposed electric sub-station buildings has been constructed and supply of electricity to the campus has already began. To ensure water supply one deep tubewell has been installed. A pond has been excavated and playground is being prepared.

An amount of Taka 3 crore was spent during the financial year 1989-90. Taka 14 crore will be spent this year. The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Jessore, Mr Nurul Huda told the Times that if the fund was available in time, the construction of the Islamic University Complex would be completed on schedule.

Meanwhile, classes of the Islamic University are being held at different places in Kushtia town and the students are also residing at the premises of educational institutions.