



Mutual Trust Bank Chairman Syed Manzur Elahi and noted artist Qayyum Chowdhury launch the calendar of the bank at a function at Sonargaon Hotel in the city on December 27. Twelve noted artists of the country were also accorded a reception at the function.

Ensure optimum use of irrigation water

Minister asks authorities

BSS, dhaka

Agriculture Minister M K Anwar here yesterday asked BADC, Department of Agriculture Extension and Barendra Development Authority to prepare a report to ensure optimum use of irrigation water.

He also asked them to bring more lands under the irrigation in the country.

The report, the minister said will be sent as a proposal to different concerned organisations for implementation.

He stated this while reviewing the progress of implementation of different development projects under the ministry during the current financial year.

Secretary of the ministry Kazi Abul Kashem, heads of different organisations under the ministry, representatives of various ministries and concerned officials

attended the meeting.

Anwar said 55 percent lands of the country have so far been brought under irrigation and a strategy will be formulated to bring rest of the lands under irrigation.

The minister said a system will have to be evolved to stop misuse of water by introducing a modern irrigation system to ensure increased crop production.

The meeting was informed that Tk 1,100 crore has been allocated for implementation of 82 development projects under the ministry during the current fiscal. He said 41 percent of the allocated money has already been spent for implementing the projects.

Anwar said the production and distribution system of seeds have to be further developed.

