



## MINERS BUILDING THE NATION

**M**INERS risking their lives go down shafts to extract granite at the Madhyapara mine in Dinajpur. It is not an easy job. A small lapse in concentration could lead to an accident, and miners have died on duty at the mine. It is not that they get overly well paid either. But they carry on day in day out and have lunch sometimes sitting on the ground. Their work plays a significant role in the developing country as granite is used in many projects. The mine is overwhelmed by their work. Last year around this time, the mine had a stock of about 4 lakh tonnes of the rock but this year it is 5.42 tonnes. The rock is left all over the mine as it has capacity only to keep 40,000 tonnes. The officials of the mine say that their stock would reduce soon as they have received orders, mostly from government agencies like Bangladesh Railway, Roads and Highways Department and the Water Development Board.

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