

Chain of check dams on tributaries of Gomti river help restoration and provides irrigation in UP

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Releasing water into Gomti is a must to rejuvenate the drying river, which is also threatened by pollution from industries and domestic waste. The high power committee set up by union ministry of water resource is deliberating on releasing excess water from Ghaghra into Gomti through pipeline. The two rivers might be linked at Ramnagar, Barabanki because the distance between the two rivers is shortest there about 50 to 60 kms. To conserve the water and to redirect it into Gomti in the lean season, there is a need to construct reservoir, dams and revive old tributaries in this view, Behta check dam has built on Gomti river tributaries which is located at Nale, Lucknow district. This dam helps restoration and provides irrigation in larger circulation in Uttar Pradesh. While, UP is one of the largest exporter of agriculture products in India, central government has also invested much in the state. Check dam are important component of agriculture in UP providing irrigation facilities and raising ground water level is necessary. Built Behta check dam in 2015-16 and finished



construction in 2016 march has benefited 100 cultivators around Budhariya Gram Panchayat of Maliyabad, Lucknow district. The check dam measures 20 metres wide and has height of 2metres and covers 77 hectares of agriculture land. This dam has increase around 3metres groundwater level and gives many other benefits to surrounding villages besides farmer. Besides according to Uttar Pradesh pollution control board flow of Gomti has reduced by 35 to 40% over the years. Against this, biotic pressure on the river has increased. Number of people living along its banks and extraction of water from the

Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) convergence with total cost of Rs 45.21 lakh. One of the beneficiaries, Nabi Ahmed said that the dam has benefited his agricultural land since its construction. He cultivates wheat, fruits and vegetables such as brinjal and potato. He said his income has doubled and even tripled with proper irrigation channel from this check dam. Besides according to Uttar Pradesh pollution control board flow of Gomti has reduced by 35 to 40% over the years. Against this, biotic pressure on the river has increased. Number of people living along its banks and extraction of water from the

river is more. Conservationist suggests releasing water from Sharda to Gomti to maintain minimum flow. Desilting the river to increase its depth is an urgent requirement because with slight increase in rainfall in rainy season, Gomti gets flooded. To conserve the water and to redirect it into Gomti river the check dam has built at Behta River, one of the tributaries of Gomti River. If the river gets ample water, pollutions will not be threat for the river so there is need to restore Gomti's tributaries. More numbers of check dam has plan to build up at Gomti's tributaries.

Naga Chiefs questions the reason behind the functioning of ADC office from Imphal

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The Naga chiefs Association Chandel has expressed strong resentment against elected ADC member, Chandel functioning its office at Imphal. "It is against the wishes and interest of the public of Chandel for the elected ADC members functioning from Imphal. It would be in the highest interest of the people of Chandel for the elected ADC member to function at the district headquarters. After a long gap of years the ADC election has been held and now the elected ADC members are functioning its office at Imphal for the past 8 (eight) years. It is only two years remaining for the tenure of present elected ADC members to complete, the Naga chiefs Association therefore earnestly request the elected ADC members of Chandel to function at the district headquarters. The Naga chiefs Association Chandel had submitted memorandum to the concern authority regarding functioning of ADC members at the district headquarters. The Naga chiefs Association Chandel appeal through this press to cooperate with our endurance to function ADC members at the district headquarters at the earliest time possible. Elected ADC's members are representing the mandate of Chandel district and it is in the interest and welfare of the district for the elected ADC members to function at the district headquarters. The Naga chiefs Association Chandel falls to see any developmental works taken

by the elected ADC members of Chandel. There are not developmental works taken by elected ADC members of Chandel. It is surprise to find zero development by elected ADC members. A huge sum of money Implemented for different developmental works through elected ADC has not reached the public", a statement said. The Naga chiefs Association Chandel asked the government of Manipur the kinds of projects/schemes/works being implemented through elected ADC members. It also asked to clarify the works implemented by elected ADC members? Asking reason for the interest of the ADC members to function from Imphal the Naga Chief Association said that Elected ADC members are mandate of the people of Chandel and people grievance should be addressed by them. Elected ADC members should not ignore the wishes of the public of chandel. The Naga chiefs Association of Chandel is shock to hear that some of the vested elected ADC members had alleged "threat on their lives" by some of the insurgent group because of that they could not attend office at the district headquarters. The allegation of some of the elected ADC members is baseless and mala fide. There is crystal clear that there is no threat on any of the elected ADC members of Chandel. The "self made" threat perception by some of the elected ADC members is totally wrong and unfounded. All the elected ADC members should come and station at the district

headquarter and addressed the public grievances and usher developmental works of the district. The Naga chiefs Association Chandel also expressed unhappiness on immediate transfer of MISS Daryal Julie Anal, MCS & C.E.O ADC Chandel who was posted for a short period of three months. "She is a dynamic officer with commitment and dedication to her duty", the statement said and added that the Naga chiefs Association, Chandel said asking the reason for her transfer. On what Immediate Govt policy requirement she has been transfer? Can the govt of Manipur cite the reasons behind why she has been transfer? If the present Govt. really wants development for the district any officers posted at the district should stay for a maximum period of three years. There are department like P.W.D, TD, & P.I.E.D etc. functioning at Imphal. There are offices and quarters for these departments existing in Chandel. Offices and quarters are existing only In name and there is no report of staffs attending the offices. D.T.O and FCS godown are the immediate requirement of the district now and why the Govt. of Manipur ignoring all these requirements of the districts and interested only In transferring an officers at the districts level? The Naga chiefs Association Chandel appeal to the Govt of Manipur to kindly allow functioning of elected ADC at the district headquarters and functioning of all other departments at the district headquarter in the interest and welfare of the public of Chandel.

PoK editor insists on greater exchanges

By Our Correspondent
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Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) based journalist editor Haris Qadeer on Friday favoured more people-to-people contact and exchange of ideas between all parts of Kashmir for greater regional understanding and meeting of minds. He also spoke about the challenges facing journalists in conflict zones, calling upon aspiring scribes to cultivate proper commitment and passion for the medium if they are to survive in the profession. The young editor, while interacting with Guwahati based newsmen during the "Meet the Press" programme organized by Guwahati Press Club through online interaction from Muzaffarabad, emphasized on



frequent contact and movement of journalists to give a correct picture from various conflict zones. Qadeer, who used to edit Urdu newspaper *Daily Mujadala*, once the largest circulated daily in PoK, expressed concern over the restricted media freedom in the area and said that people-to-people contact and exchange of ideas between different stakeholders could bring about

peaceful resolution in Kashmir. He said that most of the issues concerning the common people in PoK are not highlighted in media as the remacular media is not very strong and majority of newspapers that are circulated in PoK are Kashmir editions of Pakistan based newspapers. As for TV channels, these are cable operated and not DTH, which explains the nearly zero visibility of Indian channels in that area. Qadeer further said that the mainstream media in Pakistan are reluctant to highlight the issues in PoK as the region is geographically isolated and suffers from overall lack of development. In particular, road infrastructure is in rudimentary condition, there is no train connectivity whatsoever, and

no operational airport. "So the people here have to first move to Lahore or Islamabad by road before they can proceed to other places, mainly for health related issues," he said. Admitting the presence of Islamist fundamentalist elements in PoK, he said that the growth of radical elements and terrorism have affected local aspirations for a greater Kashmir, which would also incorporate PoK, Baltistan-Gilgit and Aksai Chin. "In contrast to commonly-held belief in India, the people of PoK are neither in support of Islamabad nor in support of New Delhi but prefer to identify themselves as Kashmiri first," he said. Speaking about the crisis facing journalists in conflict zones like PoK, Qadeer revealed that his newspaper had conducted a survey last year asking people of PoK about the future of Kashmir. However, when 73% respondents favoured freedom from Pakistani occupation and establishment of an independent State of Kashmir, the authority in Islamabad closed down his publication. It remains closed till date.

One held for killing migratory birds; Forest Minister appeals protection of Wildlife & Environmen

Imphal, Sept 29,

Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar has appealed to the people of the State to help in the protection of wildlife & environment. Addressing media persons at his New Secretariat office, the Minister said the report of the arrest of one person for allegedly poisoning and killing migratory birds is highly condemnable and unfortunate. A team of Bishnupur Police Station led by SI Y. Motilal Singh today arrested a person named Khundrakpam Nabachandra Singh, 52 years

old for allegedly poisoning and killing migratory birds at Kwasiphai Maning Leikai, Bishnupur district. It is reported that around 20-30 birds, mostly mynas and doves, died due to poisoning by insecticides anucron, super killer and novan among others. The arrested person said he used the insecticides to protect American Peas cultivated in his paddy field. The Police team also found dead birds hanging on sticks which were used to scare the other birds. Informing the media that the person will be produced before the court for his

offence, the Minister stated that the State Government is working hard and is committed for wildlife and environmental conservation. Forest and Environment Minister further said the person if found guilty, can be convicted under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for which he can be imprisoned for a term which can extend up to three years or with fine which may extend to Rs 25,000 or with both. Th. Shyamkumar appealed to the citizens of the State to contribute in the effort to save the wildlife and environmental protection and conservation.

AR conducts ex-serviceman rally

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To honour and commemorate the sacrifice and selfless service to nation by the ex-servicemen, Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a mega Ex-Servicemen rally at Pallel on 28 September 2018. The event was attended by an approximate strength of 106 Ex-Servicemen, their dependents, Veer Naaris (war widows) and locals hailing from hill areas of Chandel and Tengnoupal Districts. The rally was conducted to provide a platform for registration of grievances and for their immediate redressal. Issues related to pension, health care, re-employment among many others was taken

up at the event. The mega rally had inter alia, a pension anomalies cell, bank cell, NARCOM Cell and medical camp comprising of specialists ENT, Dental, Medical and Gynecologist. In the medical camp free diagnosis and distribution of medicine along with medical consultation were given to the Veterans, Veer Naaris and locals. On the occasion the officers of ChandelBn and HQ 26 Sector Assam Rifles interacted with the Ex-Servicemen, locals and representatives of District Sainik Welfare Board and briefed them about various welfare schemes. The Veer Naaris, War Veterans and Ex-Servicemen were felicitated during the event by the Chief Guest Brig S SSheoran, Sena Medal Bar

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Awareness Programme on Organic Farming

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As a part of the National Nutrition Month, a programme on Promotion of Drumstick/Local Medicinal Herbs and Vegetables cum Awareness Programme on Organic Farming and Plantation was organised at the Eklavya Model Residential School, GannomSapameina in Kangpokpi District on Friday. The programme was jointly organised by Sadar

Hills ADC, Kangpokpi and District administration, Kangpokpi. The highlight of the programme was the demonstration on Vermicomposting by District Agriculture Officer, Kangpokpi Shri N. Tolen Singh, which was followed by a brief lecture on the importance of drumstick as a food item and its medicinal value. While interacting with the students of the school,

Deputy Commissioner, Kangpokpi Dr. Rangitabali Waikhom, who was present as Chief Guest, exhorted them to focus on their aim in life and to be true to themselves and work hard to achieve their goal. The programme was also attended by CEO, Sadar Hills ADC Shri T. Manihar, Principal of Eklavya Model Residential School, officials and staff of Agriculture Department, Kangpokpi, teachers and students of EMR School.