

Kerala turns to tribal wisdom to help solve human-animal conflict

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 4 /-- In the forests of Kerala, where elephants sometimes stray into villages and leopards are spotted near farmland, a new effort is underway to ease tensions between humans and wildlife—by listening to those who have lived closest to nature for generations. For the first time in India, the Kerala Forest Department has launched a programme called 'Gothrabheri', which brings together the traditional knowledge of tribal communities to help address human-animal conflict in the state. These communities, 37 in total, have lived in and around Kerala's forests for centuries. Many of them once shared the landscape peacefully with wild animals, following age-old customs that respected the rhythms of the natural world.

Now, as that balance has become harder to maintain, officials hope these communities might hold part of the answer. In recent months, the Forest Department held regional gatherings with tribal representatives, encouraging them to share their experiences and ideas. The aim is to collect this wisdom and turn it into a practical guide for forest and wildlife management—one that reflects both science and lived experience. Kerala Forest Minister A K Saseendran, while inaugurating the final state-level convention of the Gothrabheri here two days



ago, said that the state government came up with the idea of Gothrabheri after realising that 13 out of the 19 people killed in wild elephant attacks this year were tribals, and that the attacks occurred inside forest areas. "We wanted to study why such attacks are happening now, when they were rare or unheard of in the past. So we decided to listen to the tribals and gather the indigenous knowledge that once helped them live in harmony with wild animals," Saseendran said. He added that the final state-wide convention was organised to bring in experts to codify the inputs collected by the department from 18 regional conventions, and to include them in the management plan for the coming year. "The indigenous knowledge

possessed by the tribal communities that are very deeply rooted in nature, environment, and ecosystem management. So what we are planning is to gather this information from tribals themselves and use it in our day-to-day forest and wildlife management strategies," P. Pugazhenthil IFS, head of Kerala Forest Force, told PTI. He said the department listened to 37 tribal communities in Kerala during the regional convention. "Wonderful ideas regarding nature conservation, sustainable development, human-animal conflict mitigation, and co-existence have come up. Our idea is to bring them together and compile them to form a management tool," Pugazhenthil said. He said the department is also planning to invite some start-ups to convert some of the ideas they got from the

conventions into products. "Tribal communities have been participating in all our management efforts, and this is far beyond what they will physically contribute. Here, they are going to contribute intellectually as well," Pugazhenthil said. He said, though there could have been some on-and-off efforts to engage the tribal community in forest and wildlife management, this is the first time in the country that such a concerted effort has been taken to collect their indigenous knowledge and use it in forest and wildlife management. Raman Rajamannan, the only existing Tribal King in Kerala, from Kovilmalai in Idukki, said the entire tribal community in the state is positive about the project and welcomes it. "This has been our long-standing

demand—to be heard on this issue. We, too, have been facing the problem, especially with wild boars, and have had to give up most of our traditional crops and switch to cash crops. This has affected us both financially and socially," Rajamannan told PTI. He said tribal communities in Kerala used to have a strong sense of responsibility towards forests and wildlife. "That connection and commitment have drastically declined. We used to treat the forest and its animals as sacred. There was always respect," he said, adding that tribes used to refer to elephants as Patti and tigers and leopards as Thathan—affectionate terms commonly used to address elders with respect. "There are wrongdoers in our communities as well, and perhaps because of such actions, we are now facing what feels like a curse—these increasing wild animal attacks. So it's very important to remember how we once lived peacefully, and try to return to that way of life," he added. He said the project has already captured the indigenous knowledge of tribal communities in forest and wildlife management, and that implementing it on the ground will greatly benefit both tribal people and the wider public. "We are wholeheartedly supporting it, because they are genuinely listening to us," he said. (PTI)

UP: Manorama river revival initiative launched in Gonda

LUCKNOW/GONDA (UP), JULY 4 /-- Launching an initiative to rejuvenate the Manorama river in Gonda, the district administration has begun desilting, garbage removal and tree plantation along its banks. Acting on the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's instructions, District Magistrate Neha Sharma initiated efforts to rejuvenate the river through public participation, the Uttar Pradesh government said in a statement. "Manorama is not just a river, it is our cultural heritage, its revival will be a matter of pride for our people," Sharma said. In recent years, the Manorama river has "nearly vanished" and its flow has been reduced by silt, encroachment and dried-up sources, and its revival will be a major milestone in water conservation and re-establishing Gonda's ecological and cultural identity, the government said. While inspecting the entire stretch of the river from its origin at Manorama Sarovar in Gonda district, the DM issued detailed instructions to various departments. As part of the initiative, the forest department has been tasked to plant trees along the banks of Manorama, focusing on native species like peepal, neem, and pakad. Simultaneously, desilting and cleaning operations have been launched. The river's stretch from the Gonda-Balrampur road to Tadilal village will be cleared and its water stream will be rerouted. A coordinated, multi-departmental approach has been adopted, and respective departments have been assigned their duties, the statement added. The MGNREGA cell is tasked with deploying labourers, while the forest department will oversee afforestation. Their irrigation department has assigned the technical evaluation of the river's structure and flow, the statement added. (PTI)



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NOTICE No. 192/PGC/25

Date: 03/07/2025

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TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Hon'ble Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, the Executive Engineer, Kalimpong Engineering Division, GTA invites Tender vide **EOI NO.- 01/EE/KED/KPG/GTA/25-26 DT.05/07/2025 for 01** No of Services Works from available and resourceful bonafide Consultancy to participate in the bid, Details of which are available on tender.wb.nic.in

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Kalimpong Engineering Division

GTA Kalimpong

ELECTRICAL WORKS IN ALIPURDUAR JUNCTION

Tender Notice No.: AP/EL/09/25-26;
Dated: 01-07-2025; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work;
Tender No.: AP/EL/09/25-26; **Name of Work :** At Alipurduar Jn. Division-Electrical work for: Construction of OH tank at Kalibari Pump House of capacity 2 lakhs liter and filter house in SP colony of capacity 0.75 lakhs ltrs. **Advertised Tender Value:** ₹19,03,240.56/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹38,100/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 25-07-2025. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in

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Tender No.: EL-TRD 26 25-26. **Name of work:** Electrical TRD work in connection with "Proposal for construction of Road over Bridge in lieu of Level Crossing No. NC-5 (Manned) at Km 7/9-8/0 between station Rangapani-New Jalpaiguri in New Jalpaiguri-Aluabari Section". **Tender Value:** ₹1,37,47,475.73/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,18,700/-; **Date & Time of closing of Tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 28-07-2025 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 28-07-2025. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website www.ireps.gov.in

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NOTICE

Applications are invited from eligible SHG members under NRLM/ANANDADHARA for engagement as Business Development Service Providers (BDSPs) against 07 numbers of vacancies by Mahasangha of Mathabhanga-I Development Block, Coochbehar District. Application Forms will be available at Official Website of the Coochbehar District exclusively from 04th July, 2025 (from 12 O'clock onwards) and closing date for submission of online applications will be 16th July, 2025 (upto 5.00 PM). For more details, please go through the Notice vide Memo No. 1304/MD/MTB-I dated 04-07-2025 of Block Development Officer, Mathabhanga-I Development Block, available at the Notice Board of Mathabhanga-I Development Block/ Official Website of Coochbehar District (www.coochbehar.gov.in)

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CBI searches premises of Pharmacy Council of India chief in corruption case

NEW DELHI, JULY 4 /-- The CBI has conducted searches at the premises of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) president Montu M Patel after he was booked for alleged corruption and systemic irregularities in the inspection and approval processes for pharmacy colleges, officials said on

Friday. The action against Patel was taken based on the findings of a preliminary enquiry (PE) which showed instances of alleged corruption, control and potential manipulation in granting approvals to colleges, besides initial allegations against him of pre-election inducements and post-election nepotism. In its enquiry based on

a complaint from the Union health ministry secretary, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) scrutinised the methods by which pharmacy colleges received accreditation, revealing a departure from the established norms and a lack of transparency. The PE showed that up to December 2022, inspections were conducted in offline mode, necessitating visits to college sites by PCI teams and the preparation of reports in a standard format. These reports, along with compliance reports, were then considered by the Executive Committee (EC) for approval. (PTI)

CBI takes over probe into disappearance of Keralite in 2023

NEW DELHI, JULY 4 /-- The CBI has taken over investigation into the disappearance of a 23-year old Kerala resident, who has been missing since 2023, officials said. The agency has registered an FIR on the directions of the Kerala High Court after the father of the young man approached it with a plea seeking a comprehensive investigation into his disappearance. Jamsheer, a B.SC. Electronics degree holder, had gone to the UAE on November 13, 2022 in search of employment. In the petition before the high court it was submitted that he regularly communicated with the family through phone calls and text messages through WhatsApp till March 29, 2023. However, after April 4, 2023, all contacts abruptly ceased, and his mobile number was found switched off. Two days later, his elder brother received a WhatsApp

message from Jamsheer's mobile number, composed in Malayalam but using English characters, claiming that he had been arrested at Nepal airport with 1.5 kg of gold and would be granted bail in a few days. The family learnt from the UAE immigration department that Jamsheer left the country on March 22, 2023 and arrived at Hyderabad airport next day. In his plea, the father pleaded that despite his son's prolonged disappearance of over two years, no meaningful investigation was done by the Kerala police. The family said it suspects foul play in the messages received and illegal detention of his son. (PTI)

Pradhan, Shikarpur GP has invited on-line E-tender vide NIT no. 1/15th FC(Tied)/2025-26 Dated 02.07.2025. Last date of submission of Technical Bid and Financial Bid: 10.07.2025 upto 5.00 PM. Details are available www.wbtender.gov.in or etender.wb.nic.in and office Notice Board.

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Pradhan

Shikarpur Gram Panchayat

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ELECTRICAL WORKS IN ALIPURDUAR JUNCTION

Tender Notice No.: AP/EL/10/25-26;
Dated: 02-07-2025; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work;
Tender No.: AP/EL/10/25-26; **Name of Work :** At Alipurduar Jn. Division-Electrical work for: Construction of OH tank at Kalibari Pump House of capacity 2 lakhs liter and filter house in SP colony of capacity 0.75 lakhs ltrs. **Advertised Tender Value:** ₹19,03,240.56/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹38,100/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 28-07-2025. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in

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Block Development Officer Alipurduar-I

Development Block Panchkolguri :: Alipurduar

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