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Arunachal Pradesh: Deterioration in the quality of Siang/Brahmaputra River

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Responding to a starred question in the Rajya Sabha this month, union minister of state for external affairs V Muraleedharan said India was in ‘constant touch’ with China to ‘safeguard our interests’ pertaining to the Brahmaputra river. MP Lal Sinh Vadodia has asked a series of pointed questions on the Brahmaputra and how reported dam construction by China was likely to adversely impact on its downstream course. Vadodia asked (a) whether some dams have been built or are under construction on tributaries of Brahmaputra river by China; (b) whether due to construction of the said dams, the water of Siang river has become polluted and the local people are forced to drink this polluted water as a result of which they are having various types of diseases; and (c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide pure drinking water to the people living there and protect their interests? Muraleedharan in a written reply said the Government has seen reports ‘drawing possible linkage between the deterioration in the quality of Siang/Brahmaputra River and the infrastructure construction activities on the river in China’.

“In this regard, Government has noted Chinese Foreign Ministry’s statements denying any such link and stating that the situation was caused by an earthquake in the region and was not a man-made incident. “Government, in close cooperation with various State Governments which are users of the waters of Brahmaputra River, continues to carefully monitor the water flow in river Brahmaputra for early detection of abnormality so that corrective and preventive measures are taken to safeguard livelihood of peoples of these states of Union of India,” stated Muraleedharan. The minister further pointed out that “as a lower riparian State with considerable established user rights to the waters of the trans-border rivers, Government has consistently conveyed its views and concerns to the Chinese authorities and has urged them to ensure that the interests of downstream States are not harmed by any activities in upstream areas”. Muraleedharan assured the house that the government “remains engaged with China on the issue of trans-border rivers to safeguard our interest, including through an institutionalized Expert Level Mechanism which was established in 2006, as well as through diplomatic channels”.

Vadodia’s question was perhaps prompted by recent reports about China blocking a tributary of the Brahmaputra to construct a dam and Beijing’s reported plans to construct multiple dams on Yarlung Tsangpo, the name by which the Brahmaputra is known in Tibet.

China has already allayed Indian apprehensions that the Lalho dam project on the Xiabuqu river, a tributary of the Yarlung Tsangpo, would adversely impact on the flow of the Brahmaputra river into India. Describing the Lalho dam project on the Xiabuqu river as an important livelihood project to address food security and flood safety in Tibet, the Chinese foreign ministry
told an Indian news agency that the tributary river is located completely within the Chinese side. “The reservoir capacity of the project is less than 0.02 per cent of the average annual runoff of the Yarlung Zangbo-Brahmaputra. It cannot have an adverse impact on the downstream,” Chinese foreign ministry said in a written reply to PTI to a question on India’s concerns over the dam. China has also rejected as “false and untrue” media reports that it was planning to build a 1,000 km long tunnel to divert water from the Brahmaputra river in Tibet close to Arunachal Pradesh to the parched Xinjiang region. Brahmaputra flows from Tibet into Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and later into Bangladesh.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Fisherwomen undergoing fish curing trg**


More than 70 fisherwomen are participating in a three-day training programme on ‘smoke-curing fish in hygienic conditions’ which began at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) here in Lower Dibang Valley (LDV) district on Tuesday. Fifteen community fish-smoking kilns worth Rs 8 lakhs were distributed to women SHGs on the first day of the event which is being organized by the ICAR’s Kochi (Kerala)-based Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) in collaboration with the KVK here, under the CSR scheme of Coal India Limited (CIL). CIFT principal scientist Dr MM Prasad said the teamwork and toil of the fisherwomen of the district “are paying dividends in the form of success stories. “Women of Arunachal Pradesh in particular and the NE region in general are leading in different walks of life. The enthusiasm has resulted in women-centric projects such as the CIL’s CSR projects,” he said. Commending the CIFT for its support to the district’s fisherwomen, Roing ADC Tapik Pertin said, “Some women fishers become trainers and are able to train other fisherwomen, resulting in better development of the fisheries sector.” Oimang Lego of Jiya village shared her experience, and urged women to strive hard to make LDV “a role model district of the country.” KVK Head Dr TJ Ramesha, fishery scientist Jimmy Mize and innovator Jatan Pulu also spoke.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Scorching heat killing reared fishes**


Scorching heat and scanty rainfall are making survival difficult for fishes in shallow ponds here in East Siang district. Reared fishes are dying due to drying out of ponds, incurring heavy losses for the fish farmers. This correspondent witnessed dead fishes floating in a pond owned by one Devish Panyang near the bank of the Ngorlung river. The mercury rose to 36 degree Celsius in Ruskin area on Sunday, forcing daily wage earners to remain in their houses.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Skill enhancement fisheries training held**
Three days ‘skill enhancement fisheries training’ was held from 7 to 9 May at the BRC hall here by the department of Fisheries for 20 fish farmers from different circles of Lohit district. Attending the inaugural day, SDO K Karmakar stressed that fish farming should be taken up using the latest technology by interested farmers to increase production and maximise income.

Briefing the gathering on the various aspects of the training, DFDO L Kamchi requested the trainees to adopt new fish culture technology for better production. He also stressed for conservation of riverine fishes, and not to harvest during the ban period from April to September months for their smooth migration and breeding. Fishery Officer Tapan Datta also advised the trainees to implement the knowledge earned from the training and utilize it on the field and share the technology with others. The DDA and DVO also shared their experiences and knowledge with the farmers for increasing income through fish farming by adopting integrated fish farming technique with other allied culture systems.

Arunachal Pradesh: Dy CM Seeks Innovative Schemes to Double Farmerâ€™s Income by 2022

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein called for submission of innovative schemes to achieve the target of doubling the farmer’s income by 2022. He said this while conducting a pre-budget meeting with the secretaries and directors of agriculture and allied sectors for inclusion in the next budget. He said that the objective of doubling the farmer’s income by 2022 as envisaged by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi can only be achieved with the farming related activities through agriculture and allied sectors. He asked to submit the proposals with five years perspective planning so that the objective can be achieved by 2022. He asked them to propose something new for the coming budget that has not been done earlier to increase the income of the farmers. He said that in addition to supply of quality planting materials to the farmers, feasibilities of drip and sprinkler irrigations to the cash and plantation crops should be looked into and provided wherever feasible.

He also asked them to make optimum use of farmer’s portal and e-marketing portal like eNAM for marketing of the local products to the outside of the state which would help to fetch better price to the farmers. He also asked the veterinary and fishery departments to increase their activities and propose schemes that can supplement the agriculture and horticulture income of the farmers which would also help in augmenting their income. Dairy and poultry farming would give double benefit to the farmer in terms of milk production as well as in achieving the objective of organic farming. He asked the Fishery Department to go for large scale fish cultivation and also to make all the defunct fish farms of the Govt functional again. He said
Tourism on Fishery is another potentials of the State where educated youths and established progressive fish farmers can be engaged. Secretary Horticulture, Mimum Tayeng, Secretary Agriculture, Y W Ringu and Advisor to Budget, P Aich also attended the meeting besides the Directors and Joint Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary and Fishery Departments.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Training on solar fish drying method**


The Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), East Siang, in collaboration with the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat on Wednesday organized daylong skill development training cum demonstration programme on ‘Low Cost Solar Fish Drying Method’ for the farming community of Mebo. The objective of the programme was to acquaint the framers on hygienic methods of fish preservation. Speaking on the occasion, Subject Matter Specialist, Fisheries, S M Hussain highlighted the need for a balanced diet and importance of integrated farming to reduce malnutrition, enhancing food security and income generation. He also stressed on the slogan of “grow locally and think globally” to the trainees.

Training cum demonstration on the methods of construction of low cost solar dryers and process of fish drying was demonstrated to progressive farmers. The low cost solar dryer can be constructed by utilizing locally available materials like bamboo, wood, and white or black polythene sheets. During the programme, 44 progressive farmers were trained about the procedure of fish preservation by using salting and sun drying methods in a hygienic way. At the end of the programme, four units of low cost solar dryers were distributed to four groups of farmers of Mebo block by the Deputy Director Agriculture (Training).

**Arunachal Pradesh: Fish farmers training starts**


Two day training programme for fish farmers was inaugurated by DHO Komri Murtem at Regional High Altitude Fish Seed Farm at Tarin on Wednesday. DHO Murtem exhorted the farmers to avail the opportunity to learn about accurate fish farming, which can become a sustainable economic activity. He highlighted the ‘Stand Up India’ scheme initiated by the Government of India to encourage entrepreneurs, and advised trainee farmers to avail loans under the scheme to develop fisheries that would supplement the demand outside Ziro. Resource persons N K Purkayastha, FO, Mudang Ranka and HK Hazarika, AFOs and Subject Matter Specialist from KVK are providing training on fish pond farm construction, pre and post stocking measures, food and feeding habits of different species and fish pathology. More than 20 farmers from Raga, Ziro, Yachuli and Yazali are attending the training programme.
Arunachal Pradesh: Parl Secy calls for preservation of water resources
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Parliamentary Secretary Gum Tayeng insisted upon protection and preservation of water resources and exhorted all stakeholders to create mass awareness on it. She was addressing an awareness programme on health and sanitation, conservation of rivers, water bodies and aquatic animals, especially fish at Mobang on Tuesday, where she also inaugurated a local medicine/naturopathy centre. She also briefed on water connection and power supply issues of Parbuk areas and assured to resolve it soon. Highlighting the various developmental activities undertaken in the area, she sought cooperation of the public and government officials to accelerate the pace of developmental activities. A cultural troupe from Assam presented Bihu dance on the occasion, which was appreciated by Tayeng, saying that such programmes bring people closer and help know each other better.

Deputy Commissioner Deepak Shinde lauded the efforts of the public of the area to ban fishing using non-conventional methods in Jia River and said that administration alone cannot resolve all issues without help and cooperation of the public. He also informed that gun license holders must obtain NOC from respective gaoh burahs for renewal of their licenses. He called for strict implementation of process so that firearms are not used for hunting purposes. Underscoring the importance and promotion of local traditional medicines, he sought the details of the local medicine center at Mobang-I run by one Kaling Boko for government recommendation, recognition and any assistance. He also called for mass participation to fully achieve the goal of Swachh Bharat Mission in the district. Bukong ZPM, Starson Saring highlighted the various developmental works of the area and informed about free two-room accommodation facilities at Dibrugarh, run by the Samaritan Society for the patients of Bukong. District unit ABK (WW) president Tinam Tayeng (Lego) highlighted some social issues. Earlier, fish seeds were released in Jia River near Bolik culvert point and Kangkong village to regenerate fish population.

Arunachal Pradesh: Training organized on recent advances in aquaculture
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A three-day long capacity building training programme on ‘Recent Advances in Aquaculture for Increasing Fish Productivity through Polyculture of Fishes’, organized by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra East Siang, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Central Agriculture University, Pasighat for the state’s Agricultural Field Assistants concluded here on Friday. The training aimed at acquainting the Agricultural Field Assistants with recent advances in field of aquaculture for increasing fish productivity and develop master trainers for promoting economically viable and environmentally sustainable technology for livelihood and nutritional security which encompasses rational utilization of available resources of the farm. In the inaugural session of the programme, Dean of College of Horticulture and Forestry, CAU,
Pasighat, Dr. BN Hazarika apprised the farmers about the role of fishery sector in achieving nutritional and livelihood security in the state. He also highlighted importance of balance diet in reducing malnutrition, enhancing food security and income generation.

Associate Professor MAP, College of Horticulture and Forestry, CAU, Pasighat, Dr. TS Mehra and KVK East Siang Subject Matter Specialist (Fisheries), SM Hussain also shared their views and experiences on prospects of Aquaculture in the state. During the training emphasis was given on different aspect of integrated farming viz. aquaculture, integrated fish- cum-animal husbandry farming, off season vegetable production, different integrated models, water and soil quality analysis, bee keeping and farm mechanization. A day-long exposure visit to adjoining integrated farming system unit at Jonai, Assam was also organized for exposing the Agricultural Field Assistants to different models prevalent in the system.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Awareness camp on paddy cum fish farming**


A day-long awareness camp on “Paddy cum Fish farming” was organised by Fisheries Department in collaboration with PRI members at Bogdo, Dego and Panya villages on Monday. Commissioner Fisheries, Huzar Lollen, DFDO, Kenbom Chisi, ASM, Remi Lollen and PRI members of Bogdo, Panya and Dego village, farmers and fisheries staff of DFDO office Aalo attended the camp. Interacting with fish farmers and PRI members, Commissioner Lollen informed about the programmes and policies of the fisheries department and encouraged unemployed youth and farmers to take fisheries activities in the village for self employment. He discouraged the use of pesticides and weedicides and encouraged for eco-friendly method with paddy cum fish farming.

The Commissioner is on a four days extensive tour to the district to know the first hand knowledge of various subsidy schemes being implemented by the fisheries department of the district. He visited Kombo Tarsu, Darka etc and inspected all the facilities of fisheries department. Speaking on the occasion, DFDO, Kenbom Chisi stressed on the importance of paddy cum fish farming and request all PRI members to cooperate with fisheries department of the district for successful implementation any govt. aided programmes. He also appealed all PRI members to select a genuine beneficiary for implementation of any subsidy scheme. ASM, Remi Lollen informed that many farmers are unable to take up fish farming in the village due to unavailability of fish seeds.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Pasighat Meat Market Association cries for justice**

While showing their deep resentment over district administration’s recent order halting the selling of meat at Pasighat Bazaar near APMC fish market, the Pasighat Meat Market Association has staged protest against the order on Tuesday and threatened to continue the protest until their genuine demands are met. The Pasighat Meat Market Association led by its President Dana Ratan appealed to the East Siang DC to let them run their business from near the APMC fish market instead of the distant 2 mile. While sharing their grievances, the meat vendors has said that they have been facing lots of hurdles in running the business from 2 Mile market as there has been cases of robbing off their hard earned money and meat by unruly youths. The association submitted a petition demanding the DC to revoke the order served on August 24.

The association strongly pleaded the authority to relocate the meat vendor at Panchayat Building near APMC fish market. If not fulfilled, the association threatened to launch democratic movement. The association has also questioned the sincerity and commitment of local MLA Kaling Moyong, who is said to have promised them of shifting the said market at Panchayat Building during the time of election campaign. All Arunachal Pradesh Labour Union East Siang Unit has also supported the cause of the meat vendors and appealed to the concern authority not to do injustice with the poor vendors. Tani Jamoh, President, AAPLU East Siang has said that district administration needs to revoke the order as the very order is ‘biased and unjust’. It is being observed that, even common public are facing hardship of going to APMC market at 2 mile to purchase meat, as most families don’t have vehicle to move from main market to meat market at 2 mile. The shifting of the same market adjacent to main market would also reduce the hardship of common denizen.

Arunachal Pradesh: Fibre reinforced plastic hatcheries distributed to fish farmers

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Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) hatcheries were distributed to three progressive fish farmers of Midpu (Doimukh), Balijan and Sonajuli to produce quality seeds to meet the demands. Doimukh ZPM Tana Yayo handed over the hatcheries to Tana Akin Tara of Midpu, Doimukh, Nabam Yabang Boria of Balijan and Tana Nikam Tara of Sonajuli, Balijan in a small function at Doimukh on Saturday. The hatchery was provided by CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Orissa under NEH Sub-tribe plan. After giving away hatcheries, ZPM Yayo also attended the River Ranching programme at Midpu organised by Fisheries department where she briefly spoke on the need to save nature. She appealed to the people to extend help to Fisheries Department in its endeavour to save fish species and prevent mass killing of baby fishes in the rivers and rivulets of the area.

River Ranching programme was conducted at Poma and Beysernallo under Sangdupota circle on July 22 to enhance fish population in the natural water bodies and conservation of endangered fish species. In total, 20,000 fingerlings of labeo calbasul gonius spp were released. ZPM Gollo
Takam of Upper Balijan empathetically appealed to the people to come forward in preserving the local fishes species available in the rivers of the area and also advised the PRI, GB and the students to participate in the conservation of the ecology. The programme was attended by DFDO Tania Nabam, PRIs leaders local Public, fisheries departmental staffs and students of the area.

Arunachal Pradesh: Fish seeds distributed to flood affected farmers

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To encourage progressive fish farmers of Namsai to take up fish farming on commercial basis, fish seeds were distributed to 97 beneficiaries of 12 villages under Lekang circle on June 25 by the district fisheries department. After distributing the fingerlings, EAC Lekang HN Dubey highlighted the importance of fish farming being a powerful income/employment generating activity. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of Namsai also insisted upon judicious use of the fingerlings to enhance fish production. Most of the beneficiaries were flood affected fish farmers. Representative of PRI members were also present during the fish seed distribution programme at Govt. Fish Farm, Nongkhon and appreciated the effort of Department of Fisheries to promote fish farming in the district.

Arunachal Pradesh: KVK distributes 2.40 lakh fingerlings to farmers

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Lohit, Namsai distributed 2,40,000 fish seeds of Indian major carp and exotic carp to 67 fish farmers of 17 different villages under Namsai district. The fingerlings were distributed during a three days demonstration and on-farm trial to develop integrated paddy cum fish culture and post monsoon management of fish culture. The fingerlings were distributed under the guidance of Programme Coordinator (in-charge) of the KVK Dr. Debasis Sasmal with the objectives to introduce integrated fish farming, post monsoon culture of carps, increase fish production and improve rural livelihoods. The KVK has provided the fingerlings to the farmers because of non-availability of quality fish seeds in the district.

Arunachal Pradesh: Training on fish farming held

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In all, 36 fish farmers along with ASM, GB attended a day-long training-cum-demonstration programme held at Guhain Gaon, Namsai on Saturday to mark ‘Fish Farmers Day’. It was jointly conducted by the BTT, Mahadevpur, ATMA, Namsai district and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lohit under ICAR-NRC on Yak. During the programme, Mahadevpur SVO-cum-BTT convener,
Jayanta Mungkhang informed the farmers about the various schemes of ATMA and advised them to avail the facilities. KVK Project Coordinator incharge, D. Sasmal also informed the trainees about ways to solve major problems related to low productivity and management of fish pond while, ATMA, SMS, Haridasi Sasmal trained the fish farmers on composite fish farming and described remedial measures of pre-stocking management of fish pond and post stocking management to increase the yield.

**Arunachal Pradesh: Fisheries dept to explore and popularise Trout culture**


The Fisheries department has decided to adhere to the state government’s decision to explore and popularize trout culture in private sector and market linkage. Accordingly, construction of new ponds, expansion of paddy-cum-fish culture to other districts in line with the practices of Ziro valley ornamental pisciculture, trout culture in private sector will be promoted, stated an official release. The decision was taken in the Annual Development Agenda 2016-17 cum schemes review meeting of last two years of the Department of Fisheries on Friday at Itanagar. Commissioner (Fisheries) Huzar Lollen chaired the meeting which was attended by the directorate officials and District Fisheries Development Officers (DFDOs) from the districts. The meeting also decided to take up the “Commercial Fisheries Enterprise” for unemployed fisheries graduates so that self-employment and income generation opportunities could be created.

Addressing the meeting, Lollen expressed the hope that TFC and RKVY commercial Fish Farming scheme would be a success. Accordingly, he directed all DFDOs to follow up the activities through regular field visits. The Commissioner also emphasized on the outcome of all the schemes and suggested to shun the schemes which has neither helped the department in production enhancement nor attracted the farmers. Lollen also urged the participants to remain in the district headquarters. He reminded to ensure compliance of e-transfer of subsidy to beneficiary account and regularly report to the Director of Fisheries. Earlier, Director of Fisheries J Taba requested the DFDOs to give new ideas for the growth of fisheries in the state. The DFDOs who were present in the daylong meeting actively participated in the deliberations through their presentations. Taking serious note of the absence of the DFDOs of Tawang, Dibang Valley and Upper Subansiri districts in the meeting, the Commissioner asked for issuing Show Cause Notice immediately.