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National News

Nine reservoirs of Mission Bhagiratha to be shifted

Nine out of the 20 overhead reservoirs planned in the wildlife sanctuaries of Telangana as part of the Mission Bhagiratha project are being shifted into non-wildlife areas, owing to the recommendations of the National Board for Wild Life (NBWL). The Telangana government's Rural Water Supply wing is making certain changes to the Mission Bhagiratha project, following the recommendations and conditions put by the NBWL, before it granted permission for the project. "During field inspection before the project approval, the NBWL officials made certain suggestions, which included removing or relocating of the overhead reservoirs from the wildlife sanctuaries wherever possible. The government has responded positively to this suggestion and decided to shift nine reservoirs to the non-wildlife areas," a highly placed official from the Forest department said.

Restitution

A sum of money paid in compensation for loss or injury.

Sabotage

Destroy a property.

Business News

Defence firm Bellatrix eyes funding

Bengaluru-based Bellatrix Aerospace Private Ltd., an Indian aerospace and defence company working in the area of satellite propulsion systems, is in the process of raising \$2 million, said a company official.

"We are a boot-strapped company. We are expecting to raise \$2 million within three months and have initiated talks with private equity and venture capital firms. The fund will be used for research and development and product development. It will last us 18-24 months," said M.R. Gopinath, chief financial officer, Bellatrix Aerospace.

Scurry

Proceed hurriedly.

Serenity

The absence of mental stress.

State News

Telangana to give forest land to Navy

The Telangana government is set to hand over 2,900 acres (1,174 hectares) to Indian Navy for building an Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) base station about 60 km from Hyderabad. The State will be left with 300 acres of the forest which will also be fenced and ringed with road by Navy. "The first stage clearance has been given and the Navy officials have deposited Rs. 133 crore and another amount of Rs. 12 lakh for fencing markers. There is no quid pro quo as is being speculated. The forest will become better with more protection as the whole area will be fenced and a road will be laid around it." said P.K. Jha Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana. The forest in question is home to wild rabbits, neelgai, chital, sambar, wild boar, peacocks besides a host of other small animals and birds. In 2007, two pairs of leopards were sighted showing the health of the forest. The density of forest ranges between above .4% in 244 hectares, between .1 to .4% in 425 hectares, less than .1% in 518 hectares.

Somber

Grave or even gloomy in character.

Subside

Wear off or die down.