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Breakthrough? India lets Pak team inspect Chenab projects

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New Delhi: A three-member Pakistan delegation will visit India from January 27 for inspection of projects in the Chenab basin, official sources here confirmed. The visit is mandated by the Indus Waters Treaty to allow both sides to resolve issues related to hydroelectric projects.

In what was the first official engagement between India and the Imran Khan-led government last year, the two sides had discussed ways to strengthen the role of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) for resolving matters under the 1960 treaty.

Pakistan's water resources minister Faisal Vawda had described India's approval to the visit as a major breakthrough. "Pakistan and India have been into Indus water treaty dispute for ages. Due to our continued efforts there's a major breakthrough that India has finally agreed to our request for inspection of Indian projects in Chenab basin," he had tweeted.

The two countries are currently involved in technical discussions on implementation of various hydroelectric projects under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty including Pakal Dul (1,000 MW) and Lower Kalnai (48 MW) in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. Both the countries had in the last meeting agreed to undertake the treaty mandated tours of both the Indus Commissioners in the Indus basin on both sides.

Pakistan media reports had then said that India had invited Pakistani experts to visit the sites of the Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai hydropower projects on the Chenab river next month to address Islamabad's concerns over the construction of the projects.

During the talks, India was said to have rejected Pakistan's objections to the construction work.

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FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION

NGT summons chief secys

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NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed chief secretaries of all states and union territories (UTs) to be present in the Tribunal on various dates between March and May 2019, with a progress report of what they have done about municipal solid waste management, air pollution and river pollution among other issues.

In a first, NGT has clubbed several significant environmental issues which were being heard separately by the Tribunal like air pollution, river water pollution, illegal sand mining, polluted

industrial cluster and solid waste management and directed chief secretaries of all states to review the progress on dealing with these issues.

An NGT bench headed by Chairperson, Adarsh Kumar Goel specified 36 meeting dates with 36 chief secretaries between March to May 2019.

It has directed the chief secretaries to acquaint themselves with the status of compliance with solid, plastic and bio-medical waste management rules; status of functioning of committees constituted by National Green Tribunal comprising of former high court judges or senior bureaucrats to oversee imple-

mentation of NGT orders; status of action plans to remediate polluted river stretches; status of committees overseeing the implementation of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP); status of action plans to deal with illegal sand mining and fines collected from erring industries under the "Polluter Pays" principle. "It is made clear that chief secretaries may not delegate the above function and the requirement of appearance before this Tribunal to anyone else. However, it will be open to them to change the date, by advance intimation by email at NGT website," the order published on Wednesday said.

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KILLER STORM HITS INDONESIA

Floods, landslides claim at least 30 lives

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MAKASSAR, INDONESIA: Floods and landslides in a central Indonesian province hit by torrential rains this week have killed 30 people and left more than two dozen missing, the national disaster agency said on Thursday.

Ten districts and cities in South Sulawesi province including the capital, Makassar, have been affected by flooding that began late on Tuesday, forcing more than 3,000 people to flee their homes.

Adnan Purichta Ichsan, the chief of Gowa district near Makassar, says operators of the Bili Bili rock-fill embankment dam were forced to release water on Tuesday, which contributed to flooding but avoided a worse dis-

aster.

South Sulawesi governor Nurdin Abdullah told the local media that the siltation of the dam along with deforestation of the upstream watershed worsened the floods.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said 30 people were confirmed dead and 25 were reported missing.

The head of the provincial disaster agency, Syamsibar, said the amount of rainfall was declining on Thursday and the Bili Bili dam's water level had dropped by about 6.6 feet.

Deadly landslides and floods are a frequent occurrence during seasonal rains across Indonesia, with man-made changes to the environment often worsening so-called natural disasters.