

## **Rejuvenation of Tamsa River**

Tamsa is a 151.4 kilometer long river that originates in Gram Panchayat Basodhi in village Lakhnipur, Ayodhya district of Uttar Pradesh. Tamsa river is of immense cultural significance as it is believed that Lord Ram spent the first night on its banks after his exile from Ayodhya. The river also finds mention in Ramcharitmanas of Tulsidas among other spiritual texts and tourists still throng Gora ghat in Bikapur tehsil with reverence. On the north of Tamsa flows Ghaghra and on the south river Gomti, as two separate streams. Tamsa is the main route of outflow of water from the area lying in between these two rivers. From Ayodhya, Tamsa flows into district Ambedkarnagar and merges into Visuhi river at Katheri village. Within Ayodhya, the river flows through 77 Gram Panchayats in 10 blocks.

But, years of urbanization and encroachment severed the water flow at some stretches and polluted the sacred river. In fact, the river practically vanished for a distance of about 25 kilometer from blocks Mavai to Rudolli. In the backdrop of such plight of the historic river, the Ayodhya district administration swung into action and launched Tamsa River Rejuvenation project on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. The sanctioned cost of the project is about Rs. 24.08 crore, a good part of which has already been spent. The district administration, the Panchayati Raj department and the forest department among other stakeholders worked closely with each for the success of the project. Within a year of the launch of the project, that extensively got its work done under MGNREGA, inspiring results have come out.

It is claimed that de-silting work of nearly the entire stretch of the river has been completed and about 2 lakh plants have been planted as part of the afforestation component. Besides, while all rainwater streams are being connected to the river to augment flow, all sewage drains that merged into the river are being tapped to arrest pollution. Several check dams and other structures have been built at every 5 kilometers that has stopped water logging in farms and enhanced agricultural productivity. In view of the religious importance of the place as it houses ancient Rishi ashrams, the ghats are being developed to attract tourists to the region. According to official claims, holistically, the above interventions not only augmented water flow in the river but has also resulted in considerable increase in groundwater levels in the region. The project also brought employment to the people as it was linked to MGNREGA and thousands of labourers from the villages through which the river passes, were engaged in different restoration works.

Shri Anuj Kumar Jha, the present District Magistrate of Ayodhya is dedicatedly taking the Tamsa river rejuvenation work forward, which was initially started under the watchful supervision of Shri Anil Pathak, former DM of the district.



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