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## Two-day conference on livelihood security August 28-30,

THE POOREST Areas Civil Society (PACS), in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, will hold a two-day State-level conference on 'Livelihood security - State policy, private initiatives and civil society action' at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, on August 29 and 30.

The PACS is an anti-poverty programme being implemented in India through networks of civil society organisations (CSOs). PACS programme is supported by the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom. The programme is being managed by a consortium of Development Altern-

ative and Pricewaterhouse, Coopers operational since 2001.

The programme is in operation in the 108 poorest districts, identified by the Planning Commission of India, in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh states for the past four years. The programme has a network of 353 CSOs in 79 districts covering 11,365 villages in the six states.

In Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, till date, PACS programme has 43 CSO partners working in 15 districts, 55 blocks and 3,188 villages.

A spokesperson for the PACS said the purpose of the

proposed conference is to provide primarily a learning opportunity for the CSOs that form network within Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, to develop a mutually shared perspective and identify developmental issues within the framework of livelihood security in the two states, explore innovative approaches and successful examples that inspire models/processes for replication and take a critical look at the Government policies, private initiative and strategies adopted by CSOs to address issues that affect livelihood security of the poor.

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**किफायती तरीके अपनाकर अपने पानी सुरक्षित रखें**  
**तीन दिवसीय राज्य स्तरीय आजीविका सुरक्षा सम्मेलन आयोजित**

भारत: देश के पानी के संकट को देखते हुए सरकार ने एक नीतिगत दस्तावेज तैयार किया है कि हम पानी के उपयोग के किफायती तरीके अपनाकर पानी को सुरक्षित रखें। यह विचार भारतीय जन प्रकल्प संस्थान के चल रहे तीन दिवसीय राज्य स्तरीय आजीविका सुरक्षा सम्मेलन के दूसरे दिन में भूमिपानों और जंगल को उत्पादकता विषय पर व्यक्त किये गये। इस सत्र में सुना संस्था के संदेश में पानी के सुरक्षित रखने की चर्चा हुई।

कई संस्था के निदेशकों ने सम्मेलन में भूमि उत्पादकता आजीविका के बारे में कहा कि जंगल और धार में अनुपलब्ध जमीन है इसलिए वहाँ खेती से आजीविका मुश्किल है। जंगल और डिब्बो जिलों में जंगल भी इसलिए आजीविका के नए तरीके अपनाए जा सकते हैं पर विपणन की व्यवस्था जरूरी है। एएसए के अरुण खेती ने भूमि पानी पैट्ट को आजीविका के साथ जोड़ते हुए नये रास्ते तालमेल को बात की। बरखा के दूरे सब ने जल जंगल उद्योग पर लोगों के अधिकार के बारे में चर्चा की। सत्र में पेश के बड़े संदेश प्रकाश तुरंत ने प्राकृतिक संसाधनों पर स्थानीय लोगों के अधिकार को जमाने में संस्थाओं को भूमिका पर बात की। उनकी संस्थाओं को जगह बिना किना इस प्रकार के अधिकारों को प्राप्त करने से पूर्व संस्थाएं अपनी

को कीशिया को जानी चाहिए। आजीविका के लिये जल संशोधन सत्र में नाबार्ड के प्रमुख महाप्रबंधक श्री ए.के. माधुर ने बताया कि गाड़ो कन्वेंशन के मिलनिले में स्वयं महावत समूह परम्परागत का कार्यक्रम नाबार्ड को एक महाप्रबंधक कार्यक्रम है। उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि नाबार्ड ने कुछ काम और भी शुरू किये हैं। माइक्रोड डेवलपमेंट बाड़ी वाटर इन्फ्रैस्ट्रक्चर स्कीम और माइक्रोड। इनका लाभ समूह उठा सकते हैं। स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इण्डियाके प्रमुख महाप्रबंधक एच. मरुटाबाय ने बताया कि स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया को राष्ट्रीय कृषि एक्सप्रेसी ने है। लघु जिला को लेकर स्टेट बैंक अफ इण्डिया की योजनाओं की जानकारी उन्होंने दी।



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## अफसर लोगों पर राज करने के लिए नहीं

नारा • धोयान, 30 अगस्त। सरकार की भूमिका समाज में राज्य के अनुसार परिवर्तनशील भूमिका होनी चाहिए। अधिकारियों को आम लोगों की समस्याओं के प्रति संवेदनशील होना चाहिए।

ये विचार गरीबों को आजीवन सुरक्षा पर राष्ट्रीय जन प्रबंधन संस्थान में चल रहे तीन दिवसीय सम्मेलन के समाप्त वक्तों में व्यक्त किए। कामन वेल्थ इंजीनियरिंग के मुकेश नयक ने अमेरिका में भारत राजदूत रहे दिवंगत आशुद हुसैन को याद करते हुए उनके द्वारा लिखी पंक्तियों को दोहराया कि सरकारी अधिकारियों को हमेशा इस बात का ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि वे आम लोगों की सेवा के लिए पदस्थ हैं, न कि उन पर राज करने के लिए। एम्बो फ्रंटियरेशन हैदराबाद के खैरो राज ने कहा कि मग्न में अब भी बाल श्रम और बाल शिक्षा से जुड़े मुद्दों पर काम करने की जरूरत है। उन्होंने गरीबों में राज्य सरकार द्वारा चलाए जा रहे विज कोर्स कार्यक्रम की सराहना की और कहा कि इससे स्थिति में काफी सुधार आएगा।

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Experts share view on livelihood security



Kiran Sharma, Project Manager, PACS speaking at the inaugural function of the conference. Pioneer photo

**Staff Reporter**

The Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme (PACS) State conference on 'Livelihood Security', organized by Development Alternatives and Prit Waterhouse Coopers began on Sunday at the Indian Institute of Forest Management.

The conference was inaugurated by Ms Anita Mandla, president of the Setona district panchayat, Ms G Rathod, Sarpanch of Jamunia Tal panchayat, and Ms Manu Patil, Sarpanch of Bajera panchayat by lighting the traditional lamp. The program was attended, amongst others, by resident editor, Hindustan Times, Asif Zaidi, Mr Yogesh Kumar of Samarth and Ms Kiran Sharma, program manager, PACS, New Delhi.

During her inaugural address, Ms Gita Rathod said that her election to the panchayat three times in a row was only because of development activities carried out under her initiative in her village.

Echoing a similar view, Ms Manu Patil also said that the work that empowered women were doing in the respective panchayat's spoke for self and gave them the self confidence to deal with situations more confidently and effectively.

Ms Kiran Sharma spoke at length about the PACS programme in state of Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh. She said that there was a need to look at livelihood issues simultaneously with capacity building and empowerment of civil society organisations (CSOs).

Mr Asif Zaidi emphasized the need for building public and media pressure through pressure groups highlight issues and concerns to make governance more accountable and participatory.

Representatives of various CSOs involved in the regional consultation as a build up to the State conference gave a presentation of the respective issues and concerns.

The programme was conducted by PACS State Anchor Sanjeev Ranjan.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

■ Event: Inter-School  
Open Painting Competition  
Organiser: MP Lake  
Conservation Authority  
Venue: Jal Tarang  
Interpretation Centre,  
Near Boat Club  
Time: 11 am

■ Event: Conference on  
Livelihood Security  
Organiser: Pricewater  
houseCoopers-  
Development Alternatives

Venue: IFM, Bhopal  
Time: 3 pm

■ Event: Parents  
Education Workshop on  
Medi-Claim Insurance  
Facility to Mentally  
Challenged Persons  
Organiser: Parents Society  
of MP for Welfare of  
Persons with Disabilities  
Venue: Renu Mahila  
Vidyapeeth, II No. #100  
Time: 5.30 pm

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## CSOs, media should work as watchdogs'

By Correspondent  
Bhopal, August 28

CIVIL society organisations (CSOs) and the media both need to establish a rapport and work like watchdogs so that the country functions in the true sense of a democracy, Hindustan Times Resident Editor Asif Ali H Zaidi today said here.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the State Conference on Livelihood Security — State Policies, Planning Action and Civil Society Participation — that has been organised by the Development Alternatives Waterhouse/Coopers (P) Ltd's Poorer Areas Civil Society Programme (PACS). The three-day meeting is being held at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM).

During her presentation, Zila panchayat president Anita Bhandaria said, "Sometimes the press can get things on the wrong foot," but added that elected representatives have to learn to deal with day-to-day situations and work for the people.

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Bijora sarpanch Manju Pathak, PACS State anchor Sanjeev Ranjan, Samarthan's Yogesh Kumar, PACS country manager Kiran Sharma, Jamunia sarpanch Geeta Rathod inaugurating the three-day Livelihood Security conference that began at the IIFM on Sunday.

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## आईआईएफएम में तीन दिवसीय सम्मेलन आज से

श्रीघान, 27 अगस्त • नई दिल्ली: राजधानी स्थित भारतीय जन प्रबंधन संस्थान (आईआईएफएम) में रविवार से 'जीविकोपार्जन सुरक्षा' पर तीन दिवसीय सम्मेलन शुरू किया जा रहा है। राष्ट्रीयता मुद्दामों पर चर्चा के दौरान, राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम में राज्य के ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री और इन विभाग के प्रमुख अधिकारी भी हिस्सा लेंगे। देशभर से एक दर्जन से ज्यादा विद्वान इसमें समाज के सबसे गरीब वर्ग की जीविकोपार्जन पर अंतर डालने वाले मुद्दों पर चर्चा करेंगे।

Jagran  
August 27, 2005

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## पैक्स चला रहा है 6 राज्यों में प्रोजेक्ट

भोपाल, 28 अगस्त\* नर्स। गरीबों को जागरूक कर उनकी क्षमताओं को मजबूत बनाने के लिए द पुब्लिक एरियान सिविल सोसायटी (पैक्स) पिछले 4 सालों से देश के गरीब जिलों में कार्य कर रही है। ताकि इन जिलों के लोग अपने अधिकारों की पैरवी कर हक को मंग कर सकें। देश के छह राज्यों के 108 गांवों को कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया गया है।

यह बात बुधवार को पैक्स की मध्यप्रदेश-छत्तीसगढ़ प्रोग्राम मैनेजर किरण शर्मा ने पत्रकारों से चर्चा करते हुए बताया। इस अवसर पर संस्था के समन्वयक संजीव रंजन, संचालक अमोद खन्ना, राजू खोगल, एमएसएम पती भी मौजूद थे। किरण शर्मा ने बताया कि प्रोजेक्ट के लिए इंग्लैंड

की डिपार्टमेंट फार इंटरनेशनल डेवलपमेंट संस्था (डीएफआईडी) से 25 मिलियन पाउंड राशि मिली है। इस प्रोजेक्ट को 7 साल में पूरा करा जाएगा। 4 साल बीत चुके हैं।

पैक्स गरीबों के लिए काम करने वाली लगभग 400 सामाजिक संगठनों (एनजीओ) के माध्यम से छह राज्यों में अपने प्रोजेक्ट संचालित कर रहा है। यह कार्यक्रम 11 हजार गांवों में चल रहा है। मध्य के 16 जिलों को इसमें शामिल किया गया है। संजीव रंजन ने बताया संस्था के प्रयासों के कारण ही बड़ी संख्या में महिलाएं पंचायत चुनकर लड़ रही हैं। महिलाओं में आत्मविश्वास आया है और वे अपने अधिकारों को मांग रही हैं।

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## Experts underline need for water conservation

**HT Correspondent**  
*Bhopal, August 29*

DELIBERATIONS ON the second day of the State Conference on Livelihood Security being organised at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) focused on land, water and forests, and the rights of forest dwellers on them.

The panelists included Arun Joshi of ASA, Vivek Sharma of CARD and Ved Arya of Srijan, Prakash Louise of Bihar Social Institute, Patna, A K Mathur, CGM, NABARD, S Bhattacharya, CGM, SBI and BMNS Rathore of State Biodiversity Board.

Ved Arya in his presentation argued the case for water conservation and the growing problem of water scarcity in rural areas. He further said that the indiscriminate use of water in activities like flood irrigation, digging bore wells that deplete groundwater tables at alarming rates, and lack of awareness about alternative and cost-effective water conservation technologies and techniques was adding to the growing water crisis in rural areas.

Speaking on land and livelihood issues Vivek Sharma said that poor infertile soils in districts like Jabua and Dhar only exacerbated poverty and livelihood issues in these areas.

On the relationship between land, water and forests, Arun Joshi said that there was a need to innovate and explore new linkages between them and livelihood issues.

The second half of the session was devoted to a discussion on land, forest and water rights of tribals and forest-based communities in the two states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Prakash Louise spoke on peoples' fights over land, water and forest resources. He cautioned the participating CSOs that they acquaint themselves thoroughly with the nitty-gritty of these issues before taking them up since they needed to be understood in their proper context if their effort was to make any impact.

The session also included a detailed discussion on natural resource management, especially on the issue of declining land productivity and its impact on livelihoods in rural areas.

A K Mathur, CGM, NABARD and S Bhattacharya, CGM, State Bank of India, addressed the delegates on the issue of Financing Livelihoods.

They dwelt on the issues of micro financing, credit, SHGs and marketing rural produce.

The last day of the session was addressed by DFO, Mandla, Chitranjan Tyagi and member of State Biodiversity Board BMNS Rathore.

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