



Two International Suspension Bridges Built on Kali River Started

Why In News?

On February 16, 2023, Reena Joshi, DM of Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand and Dirghraj Upadhyay, CDO, Nepal, Dharchula., jointly inaugurated two international suspension bridges built on the Kali River in the international border between India and Nepal, bordering Tehsil Dharchula.

Key points

- These bridges will benefit the population of more than 10 thousands of the two countries. Business activities between the two countries will also increase and bread-daughter relations will be strengthened.
- The length of suspension bridge built at Gasku on Kali River is about 140 meters and the length of Malghatya suspension bridge built at Jaikot is about 135 meters. The load capacity of both the bridges is 42 tonnes.
- The construction of bridges at both the places will benefit the population of more than 10,000 villages of India including Jaikot, Pangla, Gasku and Mal, Rapla, Dumling, Susarpani and many other villages of Nepal.
- Due to lack of bridges at these places, people of both the countries had to travel long distances on marriages and other auspicious occasions. During the rains, the people of Nepal used to cross the Kali River through strings, drums and tubes. The risk will be reduced by building a bridge.
- Significantly, with the construction of both the bridges, the number of bridges between India and Nepal on Kali River in Pithoragarh district has increased to 11. At present Jhulaghat, Daura, Dwalisera, Jauljibi, Baluwakot, Dharchula, Tigdam Rongti Nala, Badu-Jumma, Malghatya Jaikot, Gasku-Mal, Sita Pul is included.

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