

# U'khand aims to implement river-linking project in 2 yrs

**Dehradun:** A team of experts, including engineers of the drinking water department and geologists, are currently carrying out the initial ground survey work of a project to bring water from two tributaries of the Pindari river to rain-fed rivers in Uttarakhand's Bageshwar and Almora districts, reports **Kalyan Das**.

"The survey started on June 8 and will continue till June 12. During this survey, they will study the area of Pindar river and try to identify the points from where water can be extracted. The initial ground and analysis work is likely to be completed within a year after which we will send a detailed report to the Centre for clearances. After two years, we are hopeful of implementing it," said Nitish Jha, secretary in the state's drinking water department.

Director of Uttarakhand Space Application Centre MPS Bisht said, "Water would be extracted from Pindar (at a height of about 2,200m) and dropped in Gomti in Bageshwar's Baijnath valley (at a height of about 1,800m) through tunnels and pipes."