

<b>N57</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>
Title/ Name of work undertaken	Revival of stream-Chal Khal method
Location	Ufrenkhal village, Pauri district
Organisation/NGO/Persons responsible to undertake the work	Mr Sacchidanand Bharti
Description	In Ufrenkhal village, Mr Sacchidanand Bharti has created a lush, green mountain covered with deodar, banj and utees trees over few decades. The forest has replaced a formerly barren land. The man along with villagers has also revived a local stream with the help of the Chal-Khal method. Under this system small percolation pits on every bit of available land on the slopes of stream were dug by villages. Grass and trees were planted around and in the pits to secure the edge and prevent the soil from being washed away. Once grown, they helped in retaining soil and water.
Outcome	The pits and the trees developed a mutually beneficial relationship, which rejuvenated an entire system. Today, more than 40 villages have adopted chal-khal system. Earlier, this work was carried out by the villagers through shramadaan drives. Today, it is done in the monsoons, for wages of Rs. 50/- per pit. This is an on-going process, having continued for over 30 years now. Source: <a href="http://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/village-creates-magicand-river">http://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/village-creates-magicand-river</a>
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