

## The District Administration, SMC, Irrigation Department *on move to prevent possible flood situation in the city.*

"Tangana Nallah" & "Dhobijor Nallah" are the two major channels in the Sambalpur city which drain out surplus rain water from the city into Mahanadi River. In the event of high flood situation in Mahanadi and heavy rain in the locality, the rain water of the city does not find a way to the river due to closure of sluice gates at discharge points and thus causing flood like situation in most part of the city in the past.

With a view to prevent the possible flood situation in the city are , the Irrigation Department, as a major move, has cleaned the bed of the Dhobijor nallah & Tangana nallah before the on-set of monsoon this year so as to ensure free flow of rain water to the river.

The SMC has also taken up massive drive for cleaning of all main as well as internal drains in the city by engaging adequate manpower and machineries before the rainy season.

In addition to the above three high power pumping stations are also coming up at Balibandha, Binakhandi and Talbhatapada to pump out the surplus rain water of the city in to the river in the event of shut down of the irrigation sluice gates at the said locations during higher water level in river Mahanadi. The work at Balibandha and Binakhandi are in fast progress and expected to be completed by mid- August this year. Moreover 15 nos. of Diesel pump sets have been kept in ready ness which can be pressed into service at the time of need. The District Administration has also arranged a mock drill on 1st July 2015 involving all stake holders as a measure to assess the preparedness of the concern departments to combat possible flood situation.



**Pumping Station at Binakhandi**  
*Work in Progress*



**Mock-Drill for testing of high power diesel pumpsets**