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Lingohack

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Today's Headlines:

Nepal drains dangerous Everest lake

Promising signs for new male contraceptive

New home for thousands of baby turtles

Transcript:

Nepal's army has finished draining a dangerous lake near Mount Everest. Officials say it's the highest drainage project of its kind in the world. The equipment was **airlifted** up to 5,000 metres for the work. It's vital to protect communities downstream and prevent flooding. Scientists say global warming makes glaciers melt fast and lakes get filled up.

A hormone injection has been shown to be a safe and effective method of contraception for men. Scientists in the US say the jab was almost 96 per cent effective in tests. However, more research is needed as a relatively high number developed **side effects**, including acne and mood disorders.

Thousands of baby Taricaya turtles have been **released** into the Peruvian Amazon. The move is part of an effort to save them from extinction after extensive logging and development in the rainforest.

Words and definitions:

airlifted

transported by aircraft

side effects

additional unpleasant results of taking a drug

released

set free

Watch the video online: <http://bbc.in/2fedvK9>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

airlifted / side effects / released

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