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Chapter. 5

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**Enter the Hargila Army**

Today, Barman's Hargila Army, a self-help group of 70 women, mostly recruited from families that own nest trees, make and sell tablecloths and scarves woven from cotton or silk and emblazoned with Greater Adjutant storks.

Barman was able to do this with a government donation for high-tech handlooms and high-quality yarn. Then she invented a pledge program. "You are going to be the Hargila Army! Protector of the Tree! Protector of the Bird! Your duty is to weave the stork's motif on the cloth

The hope is that the mostly-poor women will benefit from the government-assisted

sale of these Greater Adjutant decorated fabrics including traditional gamochas. The handicrafts will also increase public awareness and help transform the image of a species that has long been viewed as a despicable pest.

**Answer the questions briefly.**

1. Why was the Greater Adjutant called a prodigy of ugliness ?
2. What were the two reasons that led to the decline of the birds?
3. What did Purnima Barman find out about the storks while doing her thesis?
4. How did Barman try to instil a sense of pride and ownership in the bird?
5. Mention two methods that the conservationist used to make the villagers realise the importance of the stork.