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# Village ponds, other water bodies to be revived in U'khand

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Ponds and other water bodies in the rural areas of Uttarakhand will be revived in a year and climate budgeting will be started from the next financial year

to address issues related to climate change, Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat said on Saturday.

Rawat, who planted a black berry sapling at his Bhagirathipuram residence on GMS road here on the occasion of

**"Ecosystem restoration is the theme of this year's World Environment Day and let us all make our individual contribution to it by planting a tree," Rawat said.**

World Environment Day, appealed to everyone to plant a sapling as their individual contribution to environment conservation.

He said ponds and other water bodies in all villages and adjoining areas which are there

in the revenue records will be revived in a year and climate budgeting will start from 2022-23 to bring work related to climate change into the mainstream.

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a collective responsibility of all," he said.

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# '5 states, UTs to get tap water by 2022, ahead of deadline'

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**NEW DELHI:** The Union government has decided to fully implement its programme of providing tap water to every household in five northern states and union territories by end of the current financial year, instead of the earlier deadline of 2024 and has allocated of ₹8216.25 crore for 2021-22, according to an official statement.

These states and federally-administered territories estimated to have complete coverage

under the Centre's Jal Jeevan Mission by end of FY22 are Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The amount allocated for quickening the project in these five states is four times the allocation in the previous year. When completed, an estimated 50 million people will have access to a functional tap water connection in these five states.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Jal Jeevan programme on Independence

Day, 2019. In this period, Goa, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Puducherry have fully implemented the scheme. In all, households in 62 districts, 746 blocks and 91000 villages now have a functional tap water connection.

India has 190 million rural households, according to Census 2011.

At the start of the mission, slightly more than 30 million households had piped drinking water. Since the mission's launch in August 2019, nearly 40 million new households have

been added

In Haryana, 91.32% rural homes now have tap water supply in 5,150 villages spread across eight districts. In Punjab, 77% rural households have access to tap water supply under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Lack of clean drinking water is a leading cause of child morbidity and estimated to cost 2% of potential gross domestic product (GDP), according to World Bank estimates.

Many Indian regions are severely water-stressed, according to the state-run think-tank

Niti Aayog's Composite Water Management Index 2019.

Nearly 820 million people in 12 major river basins of the country face "high to extreme" water stress. This has prompted the Centre to ramp up targets under the Mission, covering the entering country by 2024.

"What is equally important is whether enough thought is going into making these facilities sustainable on a long-term basis," said Anand Goswami, who formerly taught at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

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RIVER | UPGRADATION

13 unique bridges to be built across Musi, says development corp. chairman

# Kaleshwaram done, beautifying Musi to be focus

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 5

The Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL) has grand plans to develop both flanks of the river, with 13 unique bridges connecting two sides, including a hanging bridge, wooden bridge, twisted bridge, rope bridge, and a two-pole bridge among others.

In an exclusive chat with *Deccan Chronicle* on the banks of the Musi at Nagole on World Environment Day, MRDCL chairman D. Sudheer Reddy said that after he took over in February last year, the two lockdowns badly had hit the riverfront development project. Yet, in the five months available, the corporation has laid about three kilometres of walking track on either side of Musi.

"The current development is just the tip of the iceberg. After preparation of a detailed project report (DPR), the project will take proper shape. We have planned to construct 13 unique bridges connecting



Musi River.

— FILE PICTURE

both the banks. We have asked the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and HMDA to hand over the bridge project to MRDCL for state-of-the-art construction. Since the Kaleshwaram project is nearing completion, the gov-

ernment will fully focus on the Musi project, since the former does not require any investment," Sudheer Reddy explained.

The LB Nagar MLA said the corporation as of now is focussing on arresting the stench emanating from the river, curbing mosquito

menace, removing encroachments in buffer zones and preventing new encroachments by setting up a centralised command control room. He asserted that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is serious about removal of encroachments, which

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that primarily, MRDCL will address sewerage issue, followed by removal of encroachments, shrubs, weeds, installation of CCTV cameras all along Musi, and landscaping.

Sudheer Reddy said he has held meetings with surveyors from revenue department to fix the boundaries of the river.

So far, the state government has not even completed two per cent of the Musi Rejuvenation and Beautification Project over the years. Neither nodal agencies, including HMDA, GHMC, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), and revenue department, nor the newly formed MRDCL have prepared a detailed project report for the flagship project over the years.

The government is unhappy with earlier designs prepared by international firms claiming they are impractical considering the city's topography. All eyes are now on the new DPR that is expected to be ready by December.

would all go once MRDCL initiates its drive. He disclosed that the CM has assured funds for the project once the DPR is readied by December.

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THE MONSOON SET OVER KERALA ON JUNE 3

# Monsoon likely to reach Odisha, J'khand, Bihar by June 15: IMD

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** The southwest monsoon is likely to advance into Odisha, Jharkhand, parts of West Bengal and Bihar, the India Meteorological Department said on Saturday, hinting at its good progress in the next 10 days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the southwest monsoon has further advanced into more parts of central Arabian Sea, entire coastal Karnataka, Goa, some parts of Maharashtra, most parts north interior Karnataka, some parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, more parts of Tamil Nadu and central Bay of Bengal, and some parts of northeast Bay of Bengal.

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Meanwhile, several parts of the country, including north India, are witnessing rainfall activity.

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# Monsoon advances in TS: IMD

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## Widespread rains in Maharashtra, AP, TS

# Conditions favourable for advancement of monsoon

MUMBAI

THE southwest monsoon arrived in Maharashtra on Saturday, bringing showers in some coastal parts of the state, an India Meteorological Department (IMD) official said.

“The progress of the monsoon is as per our expectations,” said Shubhangi Bhute, director of the IMD’s regional centre. “The southwest monsoon has arrived in Maharashtra. It has officially reached up to Harnai port in coastal Ratnagiri district and its actual line is spread till Solapur and



some parts of Marathwada, followed by some parts of Telangana and Andhra

Pradesh,” she said. It is expected to bring showers to these regions, she added.

“Conditions are favourable for further advancement of the monsoon,” she said.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall reported in Anantapur and other parts of Rayalaseema region on Friday. Under the influence of the southwest monsoon, widespread rains were reported in several parts of coastal districts.

According to the IMD forecast, monsoon advanced further into remaining parts of south Arabian Sea, some parts of central Arabian Sea, remaining parts of Lakshadweep and Kerala, most parts of

coastal & south interior Karnataka and some more parts of Tamil Nadu.

A few days back, the IMD had predicted that monsoon is likely to be normal in north and south India, above-normal in central India and below-normal in east and north-east India.

Quantitatively, the monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 101 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA) with a model error of plus or minus four per cent, it had said.



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# पांच सूबों के गांवों में 2022 तक घर-घर नल से जल

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केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय ने शनिवार को कहा कि पंजाब, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू-कश्मीर और लद्दाख के सभी ग्रामीण इलाकों में वर्ष 2024 की बजाय वर्ष 2022 के अंत तक घर-घर नल से पानी का कनेक्शन दिया जाएगा।

मंत्रालय ने बताया कि 'जल जीवन मिशन' के तहत इस साल के बजट में 50 हजार करोड़ रुपये का आवंटन किया गया है। इसका मकसद वर्ष 2024 तक सभी ग्रामीण इलाकों में घर-घर नल से जल की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करना है। इसके तहत पांच उत्तर पश्चिमी राज्यों

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15 अगस्त 2019 को जल जीवन मिशन की शुरुआत से पहले हरियाणा के 31.03 लाख घरों में से केवल 17.67 लाख घरों में, हिमाचल के 17.03 में से केवल 7.62 लाख (45 फीसदी) घरों में, पंजाब के 16.78 लाख है।