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# MUSI TO GET A FACELIFT

Apart from beautification, MRDCL is working towards launching boating services in the river by 2024

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There was a time when the River Musi was Hyderabad's lifeline. And then, for a long time, pollution of different forms coupled with inaction from successive governments over decades made her weak. Now, River Musi is preparing for a new chapter, one with which the State government wants to make the historic river a major tourist attraction in Telangana.

Members of the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd (MRDCL), the wing formed exclusively to rejuvenate the water body, say that by 2024, the smoothly flowing waters of the Musi will be dotted with boats. "Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's dream is to make sure Musi is rejuvenated and start boating in it. We are dedicatedly working towards it," MRDCL chairman Sudheer Reddy said.

The mega project, not to be simple by any means, will therefore be executed through two master plans. The first one is the Musi Action Plan, to bring back life to the water body and the second, the Musi Road Development Plan to develop infrastructure in and around the river. A total of 13 bridges will be constructed and 63 sewage treatment plants will be built as part of the project. Several of the works have already been launched alongside the water body that was neglected for decades.

From Puranapul to Nagole, bushes have been removed, walking tracks were built, extensive greenery has been developed and tonnes of debris were cleared. Anti-larval operations, extensive fogging and spraying of chemicals using drones to check mosquito menace are some of the measures taken to control the mosquito population along the banks of Musi. Efforts of the State govern-



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ment are yielding results, revealed verification. Part of the Musi running across Nagole, which once used to be an eyesore due to pathetic sanitation, has drastically changed. That particular stretch of the water body was one of the dirtiest places, with commuters avoiding the stretch due to the rancid smell and fear of vector-borne diseases. Post-rejuvenation, the same place has turned out to be a hit among locals and joggers. Some locals along with elected representatives also had breakfast on the banks of the Musi running through Nagole.

"Around 1,000 joggers visit the place every day. Before the lockdown, the locals also had breakfast with me on the banks of the river. They enjoyed the meal without any complaints," said Reddy. Taking a leap ahead, following the craze among locals, authorities are now planning to hold a monthly exhibition (santha) on the riverbanks from next month. A 100 metre flag post has also been installed and will be unveiled this month.



— Photos: Surya Sridhar

The Musi, which roared into life in October 2020 after the nonstop heavy rains, is raring for a new shot at life, and if these master plans work out, that new chapter won't be far.

## Path to rejuvenation

- Two Master Plans in place
- Musi Action Plan to revive the water body
- Musi Road Development Plan to develop infrastructure

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# Antarctic glacier is breaking up faster

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WASHINGTON

A critical Antarctic glacier is looking more vulnerable as satellite images show the ice shelf that blocks it from collapsing into the sea is breaking up much faster than before and spawning huge icebergs, a new study says.

The Pine Island Glacier's ice shelf loss accelerated in 2017, causing scientists to worry that with climate change the glacier's collapse could happen quicker than the many centuries predicted. The floating ice shelf acts like a cork in a bottle for the fast-melting glacier and prevents its much larger ice mass from flowing into the ocean.

That ice shelf has retreated by 20 kilometres between 2017 and 2020, according to a study in Friday's Science Advances. The crumbling shelf was caught on time-lapse video from a European satellite that takes pictures every six days.



Satellite images show the ice shelf collapsing into the sea breaking up much faster than before and spawning huge icebergs. — Photo: AP

"You can see stuff just tearing apart," said study lead author Ian Joughin, a University of Washington glaciologist. "So it almost looks like the speed-up itself is weakening the glacier... And so far we've lost maybe 20 per cent of the main shelf."

Between 2017 and 2020, there were three large

breakup events, creating icebergs more than 8 kilometres long and 22 miles 36 kilometres wide, which then split into lots of littler pieces, Joughin said. "It's not at all inconceivable that the whole shelf could give way and go within a few years," Joughin said. "I'd say that's a long shot, but not a very long shot." <sup>AP</sup>

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# Jal Jeevan Mission: Centre allocates Rs 10,870 cr to UP

**NEW DELHI:** To translate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of providing clean tap water to every household, Union Government has increased the Central allocation for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission to Uttar Pradesh to Rs 10,870.50 Crore. In 2019-20, Central Government allocated Rs 1,206 crore, which was increased to Rs 2,571 crore in 2020-21. Thus, this year Central allocation for

implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttar Pradesh has increased four-fold.

Union Minister, Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during his last meeting with the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister had assured to provide all assistance to the State to make provision of tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission.

During the review, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister assured

that Uttar Pradesh government will ensure tap water connection to every rural home by 2024 as announced by the PM Narendra Modi.

In Uttar Pradesh there are 2.63 Crore households in 97 thousand villages, out of which now 30.04 lakh (11.3%) households have tap water supply in their homes.

Before the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission only 5.16 lakh (1.96%) household had tap

water supply. In last 21 months, under Jal Jeevan Mission, the State has provided tap water supply to 24.89 lakh (9.45%) households. Despite this, there are about 2.33 Crore household without tap water supply in Uttar Pradesh.

In 2020-21, the allocation for UP was enhanced to Rs 2,571 Crore. With the opening balance of Rs. 777 Crore, UP had assured availability of Rs.3,348 Crore of Central fund.

The State Government could utilize only Rs. 2,053 from this fund.

In a letter to UP Chief Minister, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has urged the State to take necessary measure to accelerate the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and to provide tap water supply to one third of the remaining households, i.e. to 78 Lakhs rural households in UP this year.

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## जल जीवन मिशन : उत्तर प्रदेश को 10,870 करोड़ का केंद्रीय अनुदान

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। देश के प्रत्येक ग्रामीण परिवार तक नल जल कनेक्शन देने के लिए शुरू किए गए जल जीवन मिशन के तहत उत्तर प्रदेश को मौजूदा वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 में 10,870.50 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए हैं। चालू वर्ष में उत्तर प्रदेश में 60 हजार गांवों में काम शुरू किया जाएगा और 78 लाख नए घरों को जल नल कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जाएंगे।

केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री के साथ हुई अपनी पिछली बैठक में आश्वासन दिया था कि उत्तर प्रदेश को

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‘जल जीवन मिशन’ के अंतर्गत हर घर तक नल से जल पहुंचाने के लिए धन की कोई कमी नहीं होने दी जाएगी। उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री ने भी शेखावत को भरोसा दिलाया है कि उनकी सरकार हर ग्रामीण घर में 2024 के अंत से पहले-पहले नल जल कनेक्शन प्रदान कर देगी। उत्तर प्रदेश में 97 हजार गांवों में 2.63 करोड़ परिवार रहते हैं, जिनमें से 30.04 लाख के घरों (यानि 11.41%) में पीने के पानी का नल कनेक्शन है। ‘जल जीवन मिशन’ की घोषणा से पहले उत्तर प्रदेश में केवल 2% घरों में ही नल जल कनेक्शन था। इस प्रकार, पिछले केवल 21 महीनों के दौरान निरंतर प्रयासों के फलस्वरूप राज्य में 24.89 लाख और घरों (9.45%) को नल जल के नए कनेक्शन प्रदान किए गए।

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# यूपी को 10870 करोड़ का केंद्रीय अनुदान मिला

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

केंद्र सरकार ने जल जीवन मिशन के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश को मौजूदा वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 में 10,870.50 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए हैं। इसके जरिये राज्य के 60 हजार गावों में 78 लाख नए नल जल कनेक्शन दिए जाएंगे। साथ ही प्रदेश की सभी 177 आर्सेनिक और फ्लोराइड प्रभावित बसाहटों में भी नल से जल पहुंचाया जाएगा।

वर्ष 2019-20 में उत्तर प्रदेश को अनुदान की यह राशि 1,206 करोड़ रुपये थी, जो 2020-21 में बढ़ाकर 2,571 करोड़ रुपये कर दी गई थी। इस

**2024 तक नल से जल**

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वर्ष मिला केंद्रीय अनुदान चार गुना ज्यादा है। केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत ने राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री के साथ हुई पिछली बैठक में आश्वासन दिया था कि उत्तर प्रदेश को जल जीवन मिशन के तहत धन की कमी नहीं होने दी जाएगी।