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PM Modi re-engineered, reformed and cleaned up MGNREGS

With increased allocation, direct transfers, and removal of leakages, the NDA made it effective



anjaya Baru, former press adviser to prime minister (PM) Mammohan Singh, in his tell-all book The Accidental Prime Minister, wrote about the morning of September 26, 2007, when a newly-selected general secretary of the Congress, Rahul Gandhi, visited the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) with Sonia Gandhi's political adviser Ahmed Patel. The latter handed over a statement to be issued by the PMO, which said that Gandhi had urged the PM to expand the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to 500 districts. Baru protested since it wasn't the tradition of the PMO to issue statements given out by visitors to the PM. Yet, by late evening, every media outlet was running the contents of the statement as a headline. Baru also noted the "Congress's party obsession" to give the entire credit of MGNREGS to the Gandhi family.

These incidents underline the obsession of the Gandhi family with the ownership of MGNREGS. Sonia Gandhi recently wrote an article where she accused the National Democratic Alliance government of falling back on the scheme after first criticising it. But she forgets that it was the abysmal handling of MGNREGS along with a string of corruption charges that led to the Congress-led government's undoing in 2014.

government's undoing in 2014. When this government came to power, MGNREGS was in a poor shape. It had the inherent power to be much more than the scheme that the Congress had envisaged. After understanding its problems, and the shoddy job that the previous government

did in its execution, the PM declared MGNREGS as a living monument to the Congress government's failures, but said that he would not let it die. Thus, the government re-engineered MGNREGS, fool-proofing it, pushing reforms, intertwining it with technology and making the feedback mechanism stronger. Riding on these reforms, this government revitalised MGNREGS.

The funds allocated to MGNREGS for this fiscal year, excluding the additional allocation of ₹40,000 crore in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis, was ₹61,500 crore. This was larger than the combined budgetary allocation of ₹60,000 crore during the last two years of the Congress (2012-13 and 2013-14). During the first tenure of the Modi government, ₹2,64,864 crore was allocated to the scheme and the total expenditure was ₹2,53,245 crore. On corroborating the yearly increase of budget allocation to programme during the first Modi government, one finds a 12.87% yearly increase in budget allocations. The rural job scheme is alive and kicking only because of this.

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Today, 99% wages under MNREGS are being paid electronically against 37% in 2013-14. There was massive corruption in how work was being given out; only a fraction of wages were reaching the intended beneficiaries. It was not that the Congress government had not acknowledged the presence of this massive fund leakage. PM Manmohan Singh, in 2009, admitted to the leakage of funds, yet, over the next five years, he did little to plug this.

It was the late Rajiv Gandhi who said that of every rupee spent, only 15-17 paisa reached the beneficiary. Yet, despite being in power for many years, the Congress government failed to ensure that the taxpayers' money did not end up in the pockets of spurious characters. Today, 400 schemes come under the Direct Benefit Transfer. Another famous-yet-abandoned child of the Congress was Aadhaar. The Modi government used it well and through the trinity of



 Under the Congress, there was corruption in how work was given out; a fraction of wages reached beneficiaries; and fake cards proliferated. This has changed DHREERAJ DHAWAN/HTPHOTO

schemes — Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile (JAM) — plugged fund leakages.

(JAM) — plugged fund leakages. Another big issue was the massive use of fake job cards under MGNREGS. In 2010, the Planning Commission after evaluating MGNREGS had spoken of delayed payments and mass-scale corruption. The Modi government went on a massive cleaning spree. In 2017, nearly 10 million fake MGNREGS job cards were found and stuck-offfrom the scheme. It is indeed confusing to find Sonia Gandhi accuse this government of not issuing job cards, when fake job cards proliferated under her party's rule. It is pity that she accuses this government of delayed payment, when only 34% of payment was done on time during her regime.

In the Comptroller and Auditor General of India report (2007-12), it was mentioned that only 30% work under MGNREGS had been completed. Today, all the work is geotagged and target-driven approach towards MGNREGS has been given primacy. In the words of late Arun Jaitley: "Wage through MGNREGS will be through works that are more productive, asset creating and linked

to agriculture and agri-related activities"

By converging various aspects, almost 60% of the work helps in natural resource management. Another major reform by this government is the addition of individual beneficiary work; today, 67% of all work amunts to individual beneficiaries. Apart from creating sustainable livelihoods, it is this reform that will aid our fight against Covid as this work can be done while maintaining social distancing. Today, when a resolute Modi 2.0 government is fighting the virus and its various outcomes, the ₹1,01,500 crore allocated for MGNREGS will help India navigate this temporary crisis.

The only reason why this government is using MGNREGS in its fight against Covid-19 is not because this government believes in the scheme's political legacy that the Congress claims to own, but because we believe in the work done in reforming it and making it the reliable and powerful tool that it is today.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is a Union Cabinet minister The views expressed are personal

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Monsoon no longer shy, arrives with a bang

DEBRAJ MITRA

Calcutta: The monsoon set foot in Calcutta on Friday, bringing formidable rain along with it, unlike the meek entries over the past few years.

The strong monsoon currents were attributed to a lowpressure area over the Bay of Bengal. The Met office recorded around 39mm of rain in Alipore since Friday morning.

"The monsoon has set in over most parts of Bengal, including Calcutta. Conditions are favourable for its advancement into the remaining parts over the next 24 hours," said Sanjib Bandyopadhyay, deputy director general, India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

Between 5.30pm on Thursday and 5.30pm on Friday, New Market received around 50mm ofrain, Cossipore 35mm and Joka 30mm, according to pumping stations of the civic body.

For the past few years, the monsoon's arrival in Calcutta had been timid.

Met officials said a low-pressure area over the Bay was behind the widespread rain. "The monsoon winds are strong because of a low-pressure area over the Odisha and Andhra coast. The system is expected to trigger light to moderate rain in Gangetic Bengal, including Calcutta, over the next 48 hours," said a Met official.

The monsoon entered south Bengal and north Bengal the same day. The usual onset date for north Bengal is June 5 and south Bengal June 8.

The maximum temperature on Friday was 31.2 degrees, three notches below normal. "Saturday's maximum will be around 30 degrees. Once the low-pressure area dissipates, the temperature will rise," said a Met official.

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Choked pits test monsoon-readiness



An uprooted tree leans on wires in Minto Park on Friday.

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: The monsoon's first rain on Friday led to waterlog-

Carcutta: The monsoon's Birst rain on Briday led to waterlogging along the kerbs on several roads, triggering questions whether the accumulated debris inside the rainwater catch pits have been cleaned for a seamless flow. Waterlogging was witnessed on stretches of Park Street, Mo Road, Central Avenue, Sarat Bose Road and Raja Basanta Roy Road, among others.

Along P Majumdar Roadin Kasba, residents of an apartment block found water flowing back through the drainage line and flooding the driveny. "We cleaned the drainage line in our compound after Amphan. So, it cannot be that the line is cannot be that the line is choked. It seems there is some

sort of block in the pit in the lane outside the apartment block, with which the internal drainage line is connected," said a resident.

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drainage line is connected," said a resident.

The weather office said the rain was spread out across the city. Calcuttans residing in various parts of the city said the rain was not very intense for a long duration but it came in spells. Between 5.30pm on Thursday and 5.30pm on Friday, New Market received around 50mm of rain, Cossipore got 35mm and Joka 30mm, according to pumping stations of the civic body.

Tarak Singh, a member of the Calcutta funicipal Corporation's board of administration, which is in charge of drainage, admitted that cleaning of the catch pits could not be done like in other years because of the lockdown and the

two to three months because of the lockdown. Our personnel are now working day and night but the volume of work is huge and it is taking time," said Singh.

He added the civic personnel first desilted the manholes and catch pits/gully pits in the waterlogging-prone areas. Next, they are focussing on places from where complaints of waterlogging are coming. Another Kasba resident said he had seen bubbles forming on the manhole lid on a stretch of BB Chatterjee Road. An engineer explained that this could happen if there was a block in the drainage line.

Residents of parts of south

Residents of parts of south Calcutta said they had not seen any civic worker clean the catch pits or manholes in the last two or three months. Engineers of the Calcutta Mu-nicipal Corporation said re-moving the sludge that accu-

nicipal Corporation said removing the sludge that accumulated in the sump of catch
pits and manholes was one of
the most important tasks of
the civic body before the monsoon.

An architect acquainted
with the design of Calcutta's
underground drainage net
work said the branches
dumped by the kerbside after
trees were uprooted by Cyclone Amphan had also contributed to accumulation of
studge in catch pits. The foliage of the trees blocked the
catch pits in several places. In
some places, some of the foliage even slipped through the
lid of catch pits and went in
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ones are called gully pits — have lids that can be seen along the kerbs of a road. Under the lid, there is a sump

Under the lid, there is a sump or a container that is connected to a channel linking the sump with the main drainage line under that road.

The rain water from the sump flows into the main drainage line through this channel. The mouth of the channel is located on the upper half of the sump. This is done so that dust and debris down in the channel is control to the sump from the road settles down and only the water flows through the channel.

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"If foliage settles in the sump, it could partially block the mouth of the channel. This, in turn, will hamper the flow and the water from the ofit,"he said. road above will not be drained out fast," said the architect.

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Mumbai gets early flood warning system

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Inconvenienced as they have been by recurring inundations over the years across their city, then monsoon has begun on an optimistic note for Mumbaikars. For, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), in coordination with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), on Friday put in place a State-of-the-art Flood Warning System, which can predict flood inundation three days in advance.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan jointly launched an Integrated Flood Warning System for Mumbai.

Named iFLOWS- Mumbai, the Integrated Flood Warning System will help make the metropolis become more resilient, by way of early warnings for flooding especially during high rainfall events and cyclones.

Using this, it will be possible to have an estimate of the flood inundation 3 days in advance, along with three to six hours immediate weath-

It will be very useful, especially if people need to be evacuated from low-lying areas as we will be able to forecast 12 hours in advance that a particular spot may get flooded. The system will also forecast the rainfall in each pocket.

Developed by the MoES using its in-house expertise, in close collaboration with the BMC, the system uses rain gauge data and local data such as data on land use, land topography, drainage systems, water bodies in the city, tide levels, infrastructure and population in the metropolis.

Using these as inputs, the prediction system models weather, rainfall, runoff and water movement, tide and storm surge impacts based on which early flood warnings for the city will be provided.

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Cauvery water released for Kuruvai crop

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

The short-term Kuruvai cultivation spread across the five districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Tirucirapalli, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam commenced on Friday as the Cauvery water gushed out of the Mettur Dam to irrigate the vast stretch of paddy fields.

The importance of the event could be understood from the fact that Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswamy travelled to Salem from Chennai despite the emergency conditions prevailing in the state due to corona virus pandemic to open the sluice gates of the Dam for releasing the water.

Palaniswamy scored a political advantage over his rivals by opening the gates of the shutters on June 12, the traditional date on which Cauvery water is released from Mettur Dam for Kuruvai cultivation. This is the first time in the last nine years Cauvery water is released from Mettur Dam on June 12.

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Bhagirathi erosion poses threat to nearby rail tracks

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Continued erosion of the Bhagirathi riverbank has posed a severe threat to a number of habitats in Kalna and Katwa sub-divisions and the river has reached 20 metres close to the Bandel-Katwa Railway track.

As the affected areas fall within his Assembly segment, the state animal resources minister Swapan Debnath urgently notified the state irrigation minister during a video conference today. Later, Debnath told reporters at Burdwan (East) Zilla Parishad: "It's just a matter of time that the Bandel-Katwa Railway track will be grasped by the Bhagirathi river as the continued erosion has caused the river come very close to the tracks.

He added: "Yesterday, I was accompanied by the engineers, inspected the villages beside theriverbank. As per measurements by the engineers, the river was barely 20 metres away from the tracks at Zaluidang a village." He said: "I described the situation to the irrigation minister pleading that the erosion may increase further during the monsoon."

But, the irrigation minisstated: "Told me that the irri-



gation authority was failing to initiate preventive works there as the land in that area is owned by the Railway authority."

Villages like Zaluidanga, Kalinagar have been facing the threat of extinction and according to the residents of Kalinagar, like Khudu Sheikh, Habib Sheikh: "Powerful tides in the Bhagirathi during Amphan supercyclone accelerated erosion of the earthen riverbank. The officials though had

inspected the areas after the cyclone but no action to help recovery of the riverbank health was initiated as yet."

Three years ago, the irrigation department and the zilla parishad together had planted caged boulder stone blocks to create an artificial wall along the riverbank but Amphan destabilised that wall this year.

House of one Suraj Sheikh is located barely 200 metres away from the river now. He said: "My house was nearly half a kilometer away from the riverbank five years ago."

At today's video conference, the irrigation minister took note of pre-monsoon situation of villages beside the riverbanks of Bhagirathi, Damodar, Ajoy, Khori and Dwarakeswar. The Animal Resource Minister said: "We apprehend some villages like Kalinagar, Zaluidanga may disappear from the map if action is not taken immediately."

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Throbbing wildlife along Godavari

SHYAM KUMAR MADAVEDI

Wildlife photographer Kyatam Santhosh Kumar, an avid nature lover, who dismissed the notion that blackbucks were found only in Andhra Pradesh and not in Telangana with photographic evidence, has won the hearts of many including IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao and Rajya Sabha member J Santosh Kumar, with his excellent photographs.

and Industries Minister K I Kama Rao and Rajya Sabha member J Santosh Kumar, with his excellent photographs. Santhosh Kumar, who is chairman of Navyabharathi Global School, has been visiting forests for the past 10 years, observing birds and animals and he began capturing them in frames in the past two years. His photographs of migratory birds and animals, some rare, have been compiled into an album. The migratory birds and animals he has photographed include blackbucks on the banks of river Godavari in Nandipet mandal of Nizamabad district, and migratory birds like flamingos, pelicans, Oriental Practical and Indian cursors, among others, some of them rare.

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Though he is busy running the educational institution, he makes it a point to
walk around the forest areas with permission from forest officials.

Though he came across several rare birds and animals during such trips, he could not capture them on camera since he neither had the equipment nor was he adept at taking picture. Santosh Kumar subsequently decided to capture such moments and learnt photography from a professional and purchased cameras and other photographic equipment two years ago. There has been no looking back since

"I have taken several snaps of many wonderful birds and animals in the past two years, and have compiled them into an album of 150 rare Indian birds that inhabit Nizamabad district and Telangana area," he said. Stating that there was a general misconception that blackbucks





Santhosh Kumar, chairman of Navyabharathi Global School and an avid wildlife photographer, has captured pictures of rare and migratory birds and blackbucks on the banks of river Godavari in Nandipet mandal of Nizamabad district.

are found only in Andhra and Gujarat areas, he said he had spotted hundreds of blackbucks on the banks of river Godavari in Nandipet mandal.

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Appreciating Santosh's efforts, MP Santosh Kumar tweeted: "I congratulate Santosh for his wonderful photography." while Rama Rao retweeted a tweet by the Haritha Haram handle that read: "A wildlife photographer Santosh captured these beautiful pix from Nizamabad, Nandipet forest area."



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RISKY MONSOON

Beware, floods round the corner

Monsoon preparedness this year has taken a massive hit due to delayed de-silting of drains. As this amplifies the threat of floods, bigger questions linked to faulty drain design, poor coordination and holistic, time-bound maintenance linger unanswered

RASHEED KAPPAN

ncessant, predictable and entirely avoidable with smart interventions, the threat of urban floods is here again. Eleventh hour drain de-silting, always a desperate last measure,

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Covid-19 diversion

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Involving ward panels

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Active citizen participations critical. But
to be transformational, this calls for a
well-coordinated approach that activates
the ward committees and other resident
welfare associations. This should go handin-hand withinformation sharing "Communicate with citizens even unartic or a

wemare associations. Instroud goshand-in-hand within-omation sharing. "Communicate with citizens every quarter on the status of the observed with extension of the citizens." The ward committee are are under unliked. They could be engaged to monitor the de-siling, and even disaster management, cortends Tans Krishnawawn from Chizens for Bengaluru (UB). "They just don't understand there loed ward panels. There is no imagination. The huge potential of these committees is wasted; she says.

Delayed de-siling operations are underway in marp parts of the city, butthey are not sowidespread in the Central Business Statistic (EB) parea. El nago outs out, "One spell of maints enough to let nivers floworther cash. That shows the amount of sit accumulated."

KSNDMCApps
As the monson intensifies, the flooding risk is bound to spiles. The only hope now appears to be quick, coordinated interventing of both an antifloods. Formusating the both an antifloods. Formusating of both and antifloods. The scould be a game changes if the predictions are quick and rehable. To alert the concerned BBMP engineers of flooding, KSNDMC floods also installed. To alert the concerned BBMP engineers of flooding, KSNDMC floods also installed. To alert the concerned BBMP engineers of flooding, KSNDMC floods also installed. To alert the water-level inside the drain every minute. Once it crosses 75% of the apartity, the engineers are alerted; explains the Centre director GS Strimusa Reddy.

The success of a tech-driven approach will depend on the extent of antiall this monsoon. But without a wastly improved inter-agency coordination, active participation of citizen stakeholders and acceptation of the de-silting and de-weding operations, the threat of floods going out of cormolappear disturbingly real.





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A clogged drain along B1





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नदी से बाहर निकला ५०० साल पुराना मंदिर

भुवनेश्वर। ओडिशा में करीब 500 साल पुराना एक मंदिर नदी से बाहर आ गया। मंदिर का शिवाला नदी से बाहर दिखने लगा। बताया जाता है कि ये मंदिर 15वीं या 16वीं सदी का है। इसमें भगवान गोपीनाथ की प्रतिमाएं थीं। जिन्हें भगवान विष्णु का रूप माना जाता है। इंडियन नेशनल ट्रस्ट फॉर आर्ट एंड कल्चरल हेरिटेज की पुरातत्विवदों की टीम ने बताया कि उन लोगों ने ही इस मंदिर को खोजा है। मंदिर का शिवाला ओडिशा के नयागढ़ स्थित बैद्येश्वर के पास महानदी की शाखा पद्मावती नदी के बीच में है।

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 ओडिशा के नयागढ़ के पास पद्मावती नदी के बीच में है मंदिर का शिवाला

आर्कियोलॉजिस्ट दीपक कुमार नायक ने बताया कि यह मंदिर करीब 60 फीट ऊंचा है। नदी के ऊपर दिख रहे मंदिर के मस्तक, उसके निर्माण कार्य और वास्तुशिल्प को देखकर लगता है कि यह 15वीं या 16वीं सदी का है। जिस जगह यह मंदिर मिला है उस इलाके को सतपताना कहते हैं। सतपताना में सात गांव हुआ करते थे। सातों गांव भगवान गोपीनाथ की पूजा करते थे। उसी समय यह मंदिर बनाया गया था। दीपक कुमार नायक ने बताया कि करीब 150 साल पहले नदी ने रुख बदला और तेज बाढ आई।

25 साल पहले दिखा था मंदिर का गंबद

इटैच के प्रोजेक्ट कॉर्डिनेटर अनिल धीर ने कहा कि हम महानदी के आसपास के सभी ऐतिहासिक धरोहरों का दस्तावेजीकरण कर रहे हैं। हम इस मंदिर के चारों तरफ पांच किलोमीटर के दायरे में और मंदिरों और धरोहरों की खोज कर रहे हैं। गांव के लोग बताते हैं कि इस मंदिर का मस्तक 25 साल पहले दिखाई दिया था। गांव के लोगों से अपील की गई है कि वे नदी में जाकर मंदिर के ऊपर चढ़ने का प्रयास न करें।