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Fair wind: On IMD's projection of good monsoon

The article concentrates on the fact that Monsoons are likely to be 101% of the LPA of 88cm. Note that the rainfall was in surplus in the last two years too. It is good news for India that Agricultural zones may have an 'above normal' rainfall.

Though the pattern has always been that Northeastern India used to observe higher base rainfall. But this time the case is different, and central India is expected to have stronger rainfall. Even the IOD conditions are negative, which is positive news for Monsoons in India.

A good monsoon has always benefited agriculture and India being one of the largest agricultural economies. On the contrary, a surplus rainfall brings along the threats of floods, landslides, etc. The inputs from deployed monsoon models must be used by the Government to work on infrastructural facilities such that the gains in the agriculture sector do not get wiped off due to losses on the former grounds.

Words to look out for

Propitious:

- **Synonyms:** auspicious, opportune, advantageous
- **Antonyms:** unfavorable, unfriendly, unhappy
- **Word usage:** They should wait for the most propitious moment between now and the next election.

Veering:

- **Synonyms:** swerving, turning, wandering
- **Antonyms:** straight
- **Word usage:** She was always veering from one opinion to another.

Bounteous:

- **Synonyms:** liberal, generous, abundant
- **Antonyms:** scanty, insufficient, deficient
- **Word usage:** The bounteous buffet could probably feed thousands of people.

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Not quite masterful: Cities are India's economic engines. They need more flexible plans to grow

The article talks about improving urban planning and developing them. Note that cities are the economic powerhouses. They always present a long-term plan of urban development based on population projections.

Despite all such planning, the results for India haven't been so good. Primary reasons for this are: firstly, half the population belongs to slums. Secondly, master plans are rigid and do not consider market forces. Lastly, there is a lack of coordination between institutions that draft plans.

MPD41 have aims to address these challenges in the future. The affordable housing scheme needs concrete reforms, private transport needs to be limited, and assign priorities to economic activities, especially in the case of Delhi.

Words to look out for

Radical:

- **Synonyms:** e revolutionary, extremist, fanatic
- **Antonyms:** conservative, traditional, moderate
- **Word usage:** This decision signified a radical change in their policies.

Dismal:

- **Synonyms:** gloomy, dreary, cheerless
- **Antonyms:** bright, pleasant, glad
- **Word usage:** Cultivation does not begin till the limits of this dismal region are passed.

Ramped up:

- **Synonyms:** accelerated, accrued, acquired
- **Antonyms:** abridged, clipped, contracted
- **Word usage:** The company announced plans to ramp up production to 10 000 units per month.

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