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### Marwadi Foundation Award for Dr Jadhav

DR NARENDRA Jadhav, renowned economist, former Vice-Chancellor of Pune University and Member of Planning Commission, has been selected for Bharatratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar



National Award by Marwadi Foundation, Nagpur. An economist and educationist of

international repute Dr Jadhav has held several key positions across the country.

A retired Principal Advisor and Chief Economist of Reserve Bank of India he has bagged large number of awards to his credit. A social scientist, Dr. Jadhav has authored best seller Marathi Book 'Amcha Baap ani Amhi'. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh had recently called him 'a role model for the disempowered millions in our country'.

The award consists of Rs 5 lakh and scroll of honour.

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# 'Truly a great moment'

Winners of the 12th Rajiv Gandhi Awards held recently share their feelings about getting the honour



**SUPER ACHIEVERS:** Vineet Jain, Dr Narendra Jadhav, Rohit Kochhar, Abhinav Bindra and Dr G Madhavan Nair

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**T**he Rajiv Gandhi Awards '09 that were held in Mumbai on August 19, were a grand event indeed. And now it's time for all Indians to get a glimpse of the ceremony. The event will be telecast this Sunday on Sony at 8 pm.

The award is very special to the winners. Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif reveals that when she first heard she was a recipient, she was taken aback. "Then it all started to sink in. For me, any honour that comes is a sign of being recognised as part of the system. I was close to tears, actually because just three years ago, I was a virtual outsider trying to find a foothold in Bollywood. And here I am now, getting the Rajiv Gandhi Award for my contribution to the world of entertainment. I'm ecstatic. Honour brings responsibility with it," said Katrina.

Rohit Kochhar, who received the award for Young Entrepreneur, was



**TIME FOR RECOGNITION:** Katrina Kaif gets the Best Actress award from union road transport and highways minister Kamal Nath

equally elated. "I feel encouraged. This award has motivated me to continue on my journey of creativity and entrepreneurship—two things that I truly believe go hand in hand. Entrepreneurship is all about being creative and thinking out of the box. These awards serve as great inspiration to the Indian youth."

Times Group MD Vineet Jain, who received the Industrialist Award, said, "I am used to giving away awards, not receiving them. However, the Rajiv Gandhi Award is a

recognition of all the work the Times Group has done and also a motivation for us to work harder and excel." While Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra said he was "truly honoured" on receiving the Sports Award, as did Dr Narendra Jadhav who was honoured for his contribution to the field of education, ISRO chairman Dr G Madhavan Nair, who got the Superachiever Award, pointed out, "Rajiv Gandhi was a young, visionary leader and to receive an award associated with his name is indeed a great honour."

The awards were initiated in 1995 by Maharashtra MLC and Mumbai Congress vice-president Charan Singh Sapra.

They honour achievers who are a part of India's progress into the 21st century. "Which, in a way, is a salute to the passion and energy of the recipients for keeping alive Rajiv Gandhi's dream of a progressive India. He was the architect of modern India and the awards ceremony is synonymous with India's future," said Sapra.

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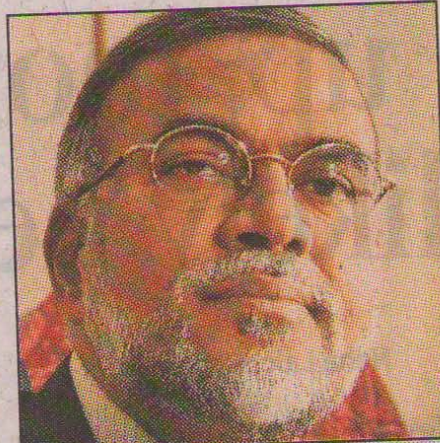
# Sept rain critical: Jadhav

## 'Rainfall In Coming Days Key To Sustaining 6.3% Growth'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Pune:** Member of Planning Commission Narendra Jadhav said here on Sunday that the rainfall in September will be critical to stabilising India's economic growth rate at 6.3% for financial year 2009-10. "If it doesn't rain in September, the growth rate may fall below 6%, but even in the worst case scenario, it will not go below 5.5%," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Jadhav, a former vice-chancellor of the University of Pune (UoP), said that the Planning Commission, which is due for an elaborate mid-term appraisal of the 11th Five-Year Plan (2007-12), was anticipating the average growth for the five-year term ending 2012, to be at 6.8%. This, considering



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**Narendra Jadhav |**  
PLANNING PANEL MEMBER

that the growth rate will pick up to 8% by 2010-11 and to 9%

by 2011-12.

Citing the 26% shortfall in the country's average rainfall till end of August, Jadhav said that the effect of drought would "minimise" only if there is good rainfall in the month of September.

"All government schemes were planned on the basis of the 9% growth projection at the beginning of the 11th plan, and availability of resources for the same. Now that the average growth is expected to be at 6.8%, this means lesser resources and we will have to reprioritise spending," he said.

Jadhav said that the reprioritisation exercise will be a major challenge and may bring some unpopularity to the Planning Commission. Especially, when the Union finance minister has called for bringing

down the country's fiscal deficit from the existing over 6% to 5.5% of the GDP by the next Union Budget and further to 4% in the ensuing Budget, he said. "We may have to reduce unplanned expenditure. The government may also have to consider measures like disinvestment of public sector undertakings," he added.

"The country has suffered a double whammy this year in the form of the global economic slowdown and the drought. As a result, we see the growth rate to be less than the 9% at the start of the 11th plan," Jadhav said.

Jadhav added that despite the growth projection coming down from 9% to 6.3%, the country was still better placed in terms of most developed economies in the west.

**MONSOON FAILURE**

# Growth rate may drop to 5.5 pc, says Jadhav

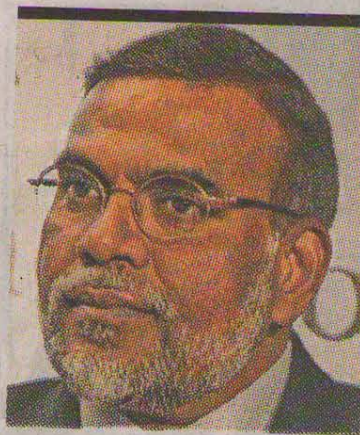
Grim situation if Kharif crops fail ■ All eyes on September rains to ascertain growth rate

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**Pune:** Reeling under the double whammy of drought and recession, the economic growth rate could plummet to as low as 5.5 per cent of country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) if the Kharif crop production fails due to lack of rains in September, Member, Planning Commission, Narendra Jadhav said on Sunday.

"The growth target for the 11th Five Year Plan, which spans from 2007 to 2012, was nine per cent. In the first year, the growth rate achieved was exactly nine per cent. Second year that is the previous fiscal it came down to 6.7 per cent due to the global meltdown. In the third year, which is the current fiscal, the growth rate predicted is 6.3 per cent, provided there is good rainfall in September,"



## SEPTEMBER RAINS ARE CRUCIAL

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■ However, failure of rains will mean increase in loss of Kharif crop output. This could lead to growth rate going down below six per cent to 5.5 per cent mark, the former vice chancellor of University of Pune told reporters here

Jadhav said.

"The growth rate will certainly not go down below the 5.5 per cent mark. Instead of looking at it in negative way, we should consider this as a symbol of our economy's resilience power. Developed countries like the USA are registering a negative growth. While we are expected to touch eight per cent next year, they will be barely managing a positive growth of 0.6 per cent," Jadhav said.

He, however, said that the drastic scaling down of the country's growth rate would lead to 'tightening of belts' in many areas. "The Finance Minister has already indicated that the fiscal deficit, which is 6.8 per cent this year, will be brought down to 5.5 per cent next year and to four per cent the year after. This means that re-prioritisation of funds allocation would have to be done during the mid-term appraisal

of the economy. The resources, which were allocated to meet nine per cent growth rate target, will now get scaled down to match 6.7 per cent," he said.

He said that steps like aggressive disinvestment of Public Sector Units (PSUs) are being mullied at the ministry level.

Jadhav, who has states Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Goa along with Union Territories Diu, Daman and Dadra & Nagar Haveli under his jurisdiction, reviewed the performance of the three States. "In Bihar, Nitish Kumar is doing a fabulous job for development of the State. Many good things have happened under his administration in last few years. Tamil Nadu is also doing exceptionally well. Goa is an area of concern. Infrastructure has to be developed in the state, especially since Goa will host the 2011 National Games," he added.

# Row over distribution of Rs 12.6 crore plan panel aid to MUHS

Vishwas Kothari | TNN

**Pune:** The state government's decision to distribute the Rs 12.6 crore financial aid by the Planning Commission, among the Nashik and Pune centres of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), has started a row amongst health university authorities.

The aid, routed through the state department for medical education and drugs, is the first time MUHS will receive grants from any central agency on such a huge scale. On August 29, the department issued an order listing the allocation break-up as: Rs 5 cr for MUHS, Nashik head-quarters; Rs 3 cr for the Pune regional centre; Rs 1 cr each for video conferencing, library and books and a consortium of journals; and Rs 1.6 cr for contingency and other equipment.

Officials at the MUHS Pune regional centre have cried foul over the allocation as they said that the financial aid forms part of the Rs 18.5 cr proposal moved by the university in December 2008 'with a specific purpose' of setting up a medical teachers' training institute (TTI) under the department of medical education and technology (DMET) — established in 2007 at one of the floors hired by MUHS at the ESIS hospital building at Aundh here. The aid was meant for DMET expansion plans, they said.

PM Shere, chief officer, Pune regional centre, has stated in a letter (dated September 1) to the MUHS vice-chancellor that the financial aid cannot be used for purposes other than development of the medical TTI. "Of all MUHS centres, only the Pune unit has been mandated for teachers' training activity," he stated. Shere told TOI, "There will be problems when the utilisation of the aid will be up for audit review."

According to MUHS management council (MC) member Rajan Ekbote, "The fund dis-

## Funds will be monitored: Jadhav

**Pune:** Member of Planning Commission Narendra Jadhav has said that the state government will eventually have to show that the financial aid granted by the commission has been used to meet the very purpose it was asked for.

"The audit review will bring out whether any diversion of funds for non-stated purpose has taken place. In that case, the government can be taken to task," Jadhav said while speaking to TOI on Friday. "Whenever the planning commission sanctions aid, it is always tied up with a particular purpose that is clearly stated. Objections can be raised if the aid or a part of it is diverted for purposes other than those specified but, if the prescribed purpose is met in parts at two separate places, then there can't be an objection."

With the government order regarding the allocation break-up in place, Jadhav said that it was an internal issue as to how MUHS distributes the fund. The Planning Commission can't go into micro-management but, it will be monitoring the utilisation of funds, he said. "The government will be expected to submit reports at regular intervals on how the funds are used and the same will be subject to an audit review," said Jadhav.



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sity higher-ups and the government striking a middle path to keep everybody content. We are talking up this issue at the university's management council meeting, slated for September 5."

According to officials here, the allocation is the consequence of the pressure built by a politically-backed lobby within MUHS at Nashik, which was against the entire aid going to Pune.

Minister of state for health Shobha Bachhav, an MLA from Nashik as well as an MUHS senate member, has strongly refuted the charge. "The funds have been allocated to MUHS as a single entity," she said. "There is no reason why there should be any sort of pressure for its distribution," she added.

Mrudula Phadke, MUHS vice-chancellor, told TOI, "The distribution has been done most rationally, in the best possible way and considering the interest of the university's presence across the state. The MUHS be-

Phadke said, "The allocation had the sole objective of ensuring equitable distribution to train teachers from all facilities — medical, dental, ayurved, homeopathy and allied sciences — that are located across MUHS centres in the state. We have plans to establish an elaborate video-conferencing network for training through the virtual mode." Phadke cited discussions at the joint board of VCs meeting held at the chancellor and state governor's office in November 2008, to point out that teachers training was a huge component that needed to be addressed in the health sciences teaching sector. "Taking this link, we approached the planning commission," she said.

PM Bulakh, MUHS advisor, said, "Staking a claim on the entire aid cannot be justified solely on the grounds that the DMET is located in Pune. Another TTI can always come up at Nashik."

Both, Bulakh and MC member Ekbote, pointed out that the Pune regional centre did not

# Jadhav makes a 'historic' correction

## PLANNING COMMISSION ■ 35 Marathi experts included in six consultative groups

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**CALLING** it a historic correction, Narendra Jadhav, member of Planning Commission, said he had for the first time included as many as 35 Maharashtra in the six consultative groups of the commission formed in the areas such as education, labour and employment and social justice for the mid-review of the 11th five-year plan.

Addressing a press conference in the city on Sunday, Jadhav said, "It has been observed that there has been very little representation of Maharashtra in various committees of the Planning Commission even as Maharashtra has some top experts in various areas. I wanted to do the historic correction by including some of them in the consultative groups of at least my areas of planning," he said.

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# Growth rate will not fall below 5.5 per cent: Jadhav

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**PLANNING** Commission member Narendra Jadhav on Sunday said despite recession and drought like condition in the country, the growth rate would not go below 5.5 per cent, which is remarkable as the most of the countries in the world, are having growth on the negative side.

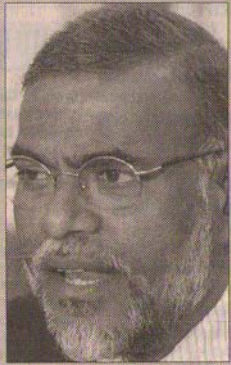
He though admitted that reprioritising of focus areas is the need of the hour as resources would be limited.

"If it rains satisfactorily in September, the growth rate will touch 6.3 per cent which is still low compared to the last year's. However, it won't go below 5.5 per cent even in this bad situation meaning Indian economy is still good," said Jadhav while speaking to the reporters here.

Jadhav said in the 11th

## Likely to head task force

Narendra Jadhav is likely to head a task force to be set up to find a middle path between the reports of National Knowledge Commission (NKC) and Yash Pal committee on higher education. "The reports have suggested a single regulating body for higher education though references in both the reports are different. To find practical solutions on the recommendations, a task force including six members will be set up. The higher education is set to under revolutionary changes but that will come through a long drawn process of enactments and constitutional amendments," said Jadhav.



five-year plan (2007-2012) the target was to maintain nine per cent growth rate.

"During the first year, it remained at 9 per cent. However, the global economic recession and some other factors brought it down to 6.7

per cent last year. This year, we hope it will remain at around 6 per cent," he said.

"While the next year projection is 8 per cent, projection for 2011-12 is again 9 per cent," he added. "In spite of double whammy of recession

and drought this year, the growth rate will not go down below 5.5 per cent, which is an achievement as the rest of the economies in the world are still on the negative side of the development due to recession impact," he said.

Jadhav however said that as the resources were limited there was a need to tighten the screws. "It does mean that non-plan expenditure will be reduced and there will reprioritising of some focus areas," he said.

"The fiscal deficit is 6.8 per cent this year and if we want to give correct signal the target for the next year should be 5.5 per cent," he added.

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