



Muradi Demands Village Status Back

Why in News?

Muradi was merged into Naugaon Nagar Panchayat in 2018, alongside Mungra, Naugaon, and Dhari Gram Panchayats.

- Since becoming part of the Nagar Panchayat, the **village residents have reported experiencing more losses than gains.**

Key Points

- Agriculture is the primary income source in village, but **Nagar Panchayat** lacks farming facilities.
 - Irrigation canals (kools) maintained by the former Gram Panchayat are now neglected.
 - Increased wild animal intrusions (monkeys, pigs, stray cattle) threaten crops.
- A major canal damaged during highway expansion has remained unrepaired for five years and smaller canals also suffer damage, impacting irrigation.
 - Local youth raised Rs 35,000 for temporary canal repairs, which proved ineffective without government support.
- Transition from Gram **Panchayat to Nagar Panchayat** led to the **loss of [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme \(MGNREGS\)](#) benefits.**
- Residents now face higher house taxes, water, and electricity tariffs without service improvements.
- A major concern of Muradi residents is the **increased migration.**
 - The village boasts a historically non-migratory community, **but residents fear that urban incorporation will disrupt this tradition.**

MGNREGA Scheme

- **About:**
 - MGNREGA is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the [Ministry of Rural development.](#)
 - It provides a legal guarantee for one hundred days of employment in every financial year to adult members of any rural household willing to do public work-related unskilled manual work at the statutory minimum wage.
- **Implementation Agency:**
 - The **Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)** is monitoring the entire implementation of this scheme in association with state governments.
- **Objective:**
 - This act was introduced with an aim of improving the [Purchasing Power](#) of the rural people, primarily semi or unskilled work to people living below poverty line in rural India.
 - It attempts to bridge the gap between the rich and poor in the country.

