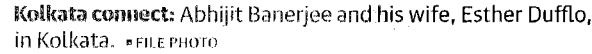


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“Congratulations to #AbhijitBanerjee on winning the Nobel Prize in Economics. Abhijit helped conceptualise NAYA that had the power to destroy poverty and boost the Indian economy. Instead we now have Modinomics, that’s destroying the economy and boosting poverty,” Mr. Gandhi said in a tweet.

**“Congratulations to Abhijit Banerjee on being conferred the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. He has made notable contributions in the**



Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, an economist himself, in a letter to Mr. Banerjee congratulated him and Ms. Duflo. "I am particu-

Jairam Ramesh, Congress MP, recalled Ms. Duflo's work during the UPA regime. "Delighted that Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo have won this year's Economics Nobel. As Minister of @moefcc [Environment and Forests] in 2010, I had asked Duflo to work on market instruments for pollution control. I'm glad that system is now in use in Gujarat," Mr. Ramesh said on Twitter. The idea that she proposed was to offer economic incentive to the industrial units to limit their pollution output. Last month, the Gujarat government launched an Emissions Trading Scheme where industries can buy and sell the ability to emit particulate matter by trading permits within the cap for emission fixed by the government.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that her State was "overjoyed". "Hearty congratulations to Abhijit Banerjee, alumnus of South Point School and Presidency College, Kolkata, for winning the Nobel Prize. Another Bengali has done the nation proud. We are overjoyed," Ms. Banerjee said in a tweet.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the Delhi government's education scheme Chhnuti, which provides special focus for the weakest students was based on a model developed by Mr. Banerjee. "Heartiest congratulations to eminent economist Abhijit Banerjee for being among the winners of this year's Nobel prize for Economics. Work on poverty alleviation gets highest endorsement. Abhijit Banerjee's path breaking work has also benefited lakhs of children studying in Delhi govt. schools," Mr. Kejriwal said.