

MGNREGA AND SOCIO ECONOMIC CONDITION OF STUDY AREA- A CASE STUDY OF NANDAPUR GRAMAPANCHAYAT, KHURDA

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ABSTRACT

Starting from 200 districts, the coverage of NREGA was increased to all the rural districts in the country. However, despite coming out of a countrywide struggle for enactment of EGA, the performance of the NREGA varies a lot across the states.

The major question arises as to how to implement the Act, which can give justice to the poor for whom the act was designed. To a certain extent, the effective implementation is consequent upon greater awareness and participation of beneficiaries, since they have a greater role to play according to the Act. However, technicalities apart, effective implementation of the Act is also conditional on the effort of the state governments in ensuring effective implementation of the Act by doing away with the contractor system, simplifying the implementation design and above all, the political will to ensure its successful implementation.

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