

Community Development and Poverty Alleviation in Rural India: Assessing Mgnrega's Socioeconomic Influence on Rural Workers

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Abstract: *This paper explores the socioeconomic impact of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on rural workers in India, with a specific focus on its role in community development and poverty alleviation. By analyzing existing literature, government reports, and empirical studies, the paper aims to assess how MGNREGA has influenced the socioeconomic well-being of rural workers, including income levels, livelihood opportunities, and access to social services. Additionally, the paper discusses the challenges and opportunities associated with MGNREGA implementation and offers recommendations for maximizing its potential as a tool for community development and poverty alleviation in rural India.*

Keywords: MGNREGA, rural workers, community development

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