

Socio-Economic Impact of MGNREGA on Rural Workers: Study of District Sambalpur, Odisha

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Abstract: *Through the provision of guaranteed work opportunities, the major social welfare program in India, MGNREGA, seeks to improve livelihood security in rural regions. In order to evaluate the complex impacts of MGNREGA implementation on the socioeconomic circumstances of rural workers in Odisha, the study makes use of an extensive research approach.*

The study examines the employment trends, income levels, and general economic well-being of rural workers taking part in MGNREGA activities using a mix of quantitative and qualitative approaches. The research examines how the program affects wage dynamics, the empowerment of underprivileged populations, and the reduction of poverty while taking gender, caste, and geography into account.

The study also explores the social ramifications of MGNREGA, looking at how education and health outcomes for rural workers and their families have changed. Through an analysis of the program's effects on gender equality, community development, and social capital, the research seeks to provide subtle insights into the larger socio-economic developments in Odisha that MGNREGA has sparked. The projected contribution of the empirical results to policy discourse is to illuminate the advantages and disadvantages of MGNREGA in tackling socio-economic issues in rural Odisha. In order to maximize the program's beneficial effects on rural workers' lives and enhance its performance, the research highlights the need of making context-specific policy modifications. This will help to build sustained socio-economic development in the area.

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