

Role of MGNREGA in Sustainable Development: Environmental and Social Perspectives

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Abstract: *The article examines the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), focusing on its environmental and social impacts for sustainable development in rural India. It highlights the importance of eco-friendly practices and empowerment of marginalized communities, while also identifying challenges and offering policy recommendations to enhance MGNREGA's environmental and social sustainability. Strategies for integrating these considerations into MGNREGA planning and implementation are discussed to ensure effective poverty alleviation and inclusive, sustainable development in rural areas. Further research is recommended to evaluate these strategies and address emerging challenges.*

Keywords: MGNREGA, sustainable development, environmental & social impact, eco-friendly practices, marginalized communities, gender equality, rural poverty, policy recommendations

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