

# A Study on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on Rural Empowerment in Tirunelveli DT

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**Abstract:** *The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act of India (MGNREGA) was passed to “provide for the enhancement of minimum wage security of the households in rural areas of the country, by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every year to every household whose members to do unskilled manual work”. The MGNREGA ensures on demand one hundred days of employment in a year to a household at the minimum wage for rural households. The MGNREGA is based on twin principles of universality and self-selection. The Act places enforceable obligation on the State and gives power to rural labourers. AS A Legal right to work, MGNREGA related with previous employment generation schemes in several aspects. This study examines the impact of MGNREGA on rural empowerment in Tirunelveli.*

**Keywords:** Rural empowerment, Impact of MGNREGA, Socio economic development.

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