

# National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) - Provisions, Execution and Related issues

## Introduction

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (NREGA-2005) was passed in the parliament on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2005. It came into force in 200 districts on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 and it is due to be extended in the whole of rural India within five years. This Act provides a universal and enforceable legal right to the most basic form of employment. It is a step towards legal enforcement of right to work as an aspect of fundamental right to live with dignity.

## Objectives

- To provide a thorough understanding and knowledge about the Act and its provision to participants.
- To equip participants with understanding about institutional mechanism for implementation and monitoring of scheme / Act.
- To impart required skills among participant to use various instruments (provided under the Act) like social audit, RTI for proper implementation and monitoring.
- To create enabling environment in their area of work for people's mobilization, strengthening empowerment process and fighting for right.

## Key Topics

- Features, provisions and operational guidelines
- Institutional mechanism for implementation and monitoring
- Social audit as an instrument for monitoring and good governance
- RTI as an instrument for transparency and accountability
- Role of PRI and civil society in implementation and monitoring

## Expected Participants

- NGO personnel (Top & Middle Management Level)
- Govt. officials (District & Block Level)
- Representative of PRI (Panchayat Samiti & Zilla Parishad)

## Methodology

- Interactive lectures
- Group discussion & presentation
- Individual interactions and experience sharing
- Case studies

## Expected Outcomes

After completion of the programme, participants would be able to

- Understand importance of NREGA as means for economic security and fundamental right.
- Understand existing provisions and instruments for implementation.
- Use RTI and social audit for proper implementation and monitoring.
- Mobilize community and ensure environment for participation of civil society and PRI
- Participate actively in beneficiary identification, their enrollment and ensuring employment.

### Programme Director

Prof. S. S. Singh

### Duration

3 days: December 17-19, 2009

### Venue

Bhubaneswar