

Impact of MNREGA in transforming lives of rural women

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Rural women are key agents for development. They play a catalytic role towards achievement of transformational economic, environmental and social changes required for sustainable development. In the interest of long term development it is essential to facilitate women empowerment. To achieve the empowerment of women the government of India introduced different programmes. One such programme focusing on unskilled based wage-employment is MGNREGA. Besides meeting out the goal of social protection and livelihood security, MGNREGA promises so much from perspective of women empowerment. In this paper, based on the secondary data an attempt has been made to comprehensively understand the impact of MNREGA in transforming lives of rural women via gainful employment generation.

■ **KEY WORDS**: MNREGA, Empowerment, Rural women, Employment generation

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