

Introduction:

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is one of the unique employment generation programmes in India, aiming to augment rural livelihood security by creating sustainable natural and human made assets, through public works. The implementation of the MGNREGS promoted convergence with other rural development programmes to create synergies in rural development. There are many examples of such synergies which not only helped to enhance rural livelihoods, but also supported creation of sustainable natural assets, helped to improve the resilience of the ecosystem, adoptive capacity of community to climate change etc.

In other words, the scheme helped to strengthen the complex interlinkages between human livelihoods and ecological systems. The widespread and long lasting impacts of natural assets are in the form various ecosystem services. For example, afforestation of degraded land affects the entire society by providing different material and non-material benefits, which people value in terms of livelihoods and human wellbeing. Similarly, a farm pond provides water not only for irrigation but for other ecological functions. An understanding of ecological linkages with human livelihoods is essential to plan, implement and monitor particularly category A and B assets in MGNREGS. The contribution made by MGNREGS to climate mitigation and adoption capacity of community is quite significant. Further, strengthening of such activities the draught proofing creation of climate resilient instruments are the need of time. Integrating such works with GPDP also encourages the Gram Panchayats to modify their perspective plans towards achieving the United Nations 2030 agenda of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and also is our commitment to climate mitigation. In this context, the NIRDPR has designed a capacity building programme for effective planning, execution

and also indicators to monitor the MGNREGS with aim to localize SDG goals.

With the help of these tools and indicators, the present capacity building programme focuses on planning and monitoring for ecological assets under MGNREGS, in terms of enhanced ecosystem services and transformation in human livelihoods. The training programme also aims to elaborate different aspects of nature based solution in augmenting human wellbeing by taking examples of category A and B assets under MGNREGS. We also impart examples of best practices on transformation of ecosystem and human livelihood in the form of casual wage labour status to that of a self-cultivator; or bringing fallow land to cultivation, or improved ground water through watershed works etc., and how it helps to achieve SDG goals and our responsibilities towards climate mitigation and adoptive capacity.

Objectives of the Training programme:

- To impart basic understanding on nature based solutions and ecosystems services for planning, execution and monitoring of natural assets under MGNREGS.
- To introduce methods of assessing socio-economic benefits and monitoring of natural asset under MGNREGS for sustainable human livelihoods.
- To enhance capacity to incorporate nature based solutions in MGNREGS planning process and integrate with GPDP for localization of SDGs and climate proofing.

Methodology:

- Technical sessions by experts.
- Panel and Group Discussions
- Case Presentations

Participants: District/state officials dealing MGNREGS and other Rural Development programmes, SIRD faculty and officials of line departments.

Venue: NIRDPR, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-30

Registration: There is no registration fee for the participants.

Last date for nominations: Participants are requested to send the nominations on or before **06.09.2019**.

Accommodation: Boarding and Lodging facilities will be arranged by the organizing institute. Travel expenditure has to be borne by the nominating institutions.

Duration: The duration of training programme is for Three days i.e., **September 11-13, 2019**

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