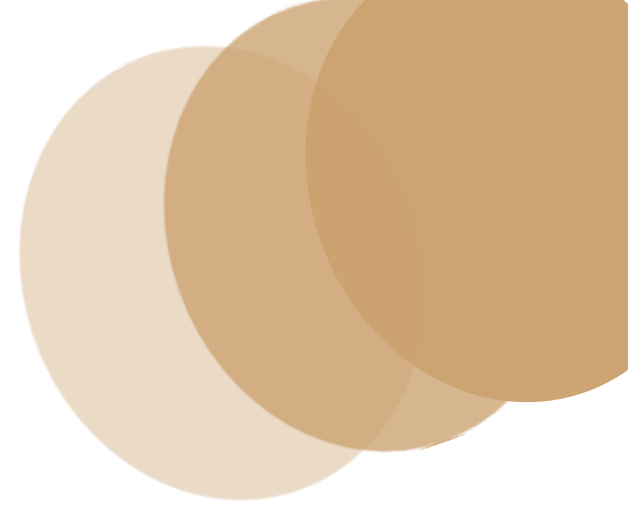




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Rural Development & Administration Department



A Presentation on

"Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and
Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) : VB- G RAM G
(विकसित भारत – जी राम जी) Act, 2025"

Background: Two decades of progress

Saturation & Delivery: Successful saturation of major Government schemes (Housing, Water, Sanitation, Electrification).



Expanded rural connectivity and deeper financial inclusion via digital access.



A diversified rural workforce with rising aspirations for productive infrastructure and climate resilience

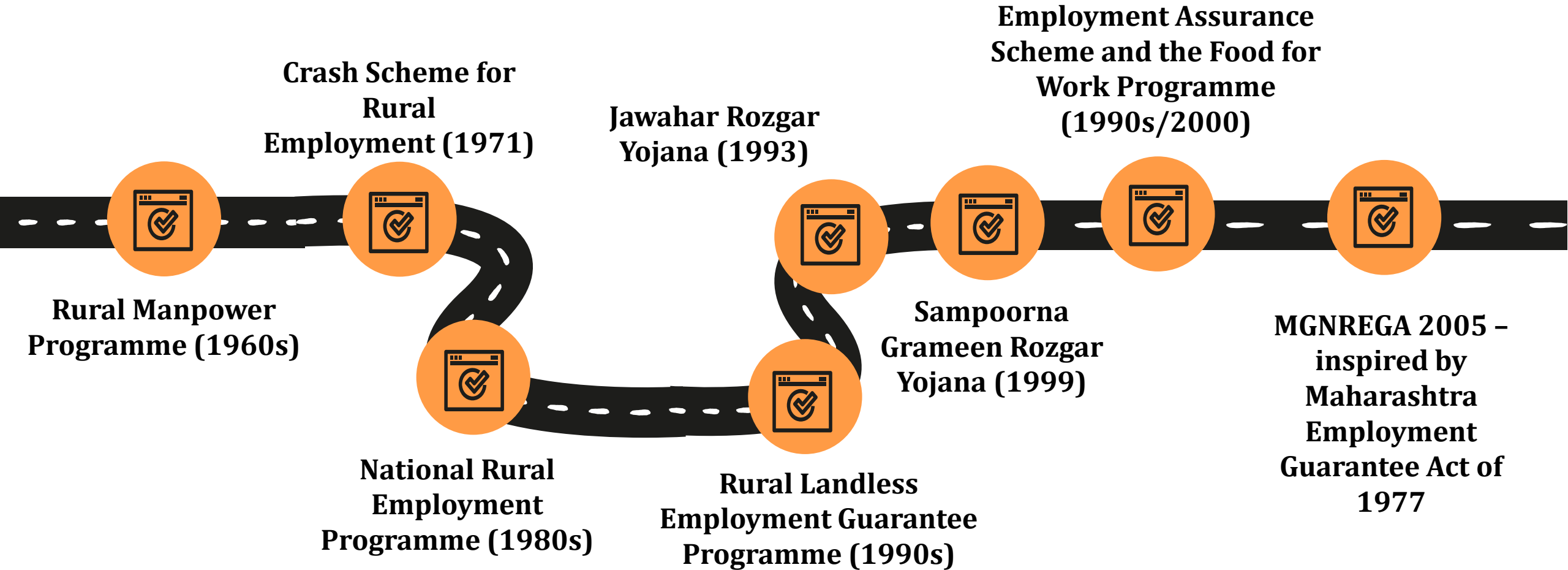


Replacing MGNREGA with higher work guarantees, capped funding, seasonal pauses, and tech-driven monitoring, raising federal and fiscal concerns.





Journey of rural employment scheme



MGNREGA Evolution & the Limits of Incremental Reform :

Women's participation rose steadily from **48 per cent** to **58.15 per cent** between **FY 2013-14** and **FY 2025-26**

1

Aadhaar seeding expanded, Aadhaar-Based Payment System widely adopted, and electronic wage payments became nearly universal

2

Gaps - work not found, expenditure not matching physical progress, use of machines, and frequent bypassing of digital attendance systems

3

Misappropriation - not working 100 days of employment. While delivery systems improved, the overall architecture of **MGNREGA** had reached its limits.

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Rationale for a New Statutory Framework



Need for reform rooted in broader socio-economic changes:

The open-ended and demand-driven design of MGNREGA no longer aligns fully with contemporary rural realities.

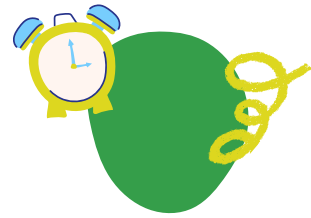
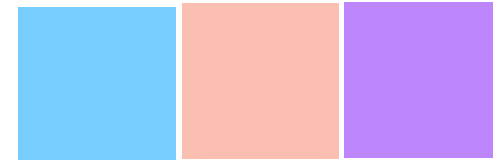
Poverty levels declined from 27.1 per cent in 2011-12 to 5.3 per cent in 2022-23

Rising consumption, improved financial access, and expanded welfare coverage

Rural livelihoods becoming more diversified and digitally integrated,

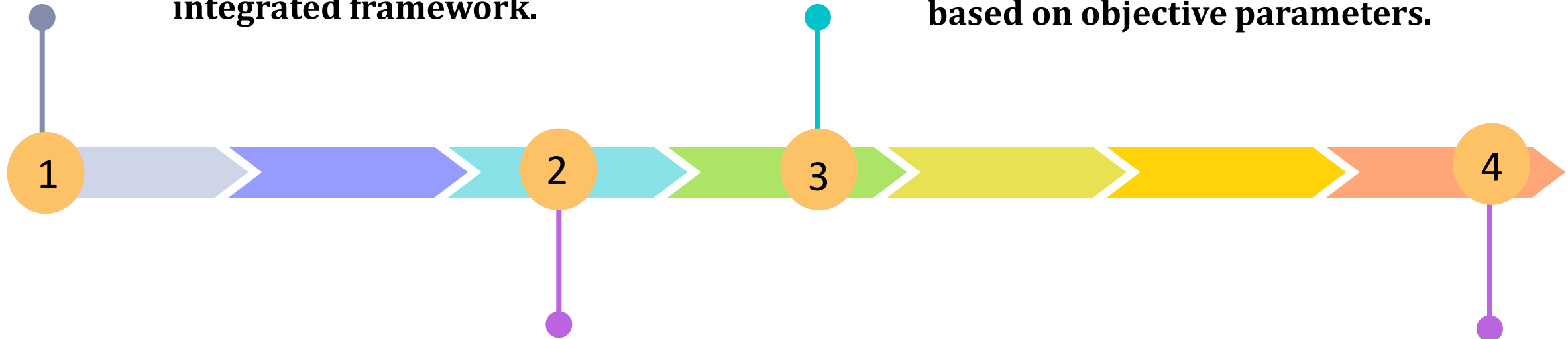
The **VB - G RAM G Act, 2025** responds to this context by modernising rural employment guarantees, strengthening accountability, and aligning employment creation with long term infrastructure and climate resilience goals.

Need for recalibration:



Whole-of-Government Approach: Move from fragmented provisioning to a convergent, integrated framework.

Equitable Growth: Fair resource distribution to reduce disparities and promote inclusive growth based on objective parameters.



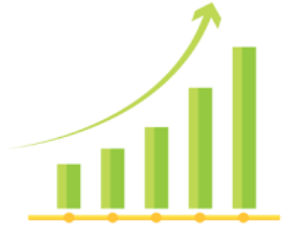
Future-Ready Infrastructure: Transition to coherent, future-oriented asset creation leveraging technology.

To address challenges faced by MGNREGA:
Delays in wage payments
fragmented asset creation, weak convergence with other schemes and rising fiscal pressures and administrative constraints

VB-G RAM G (विकसित भारत - जी राम जी) Act, 2025- An Overview

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Focuses on Empowerment, Growth,
Convergence and Saturation for a prosperous and resilient rural Bharat



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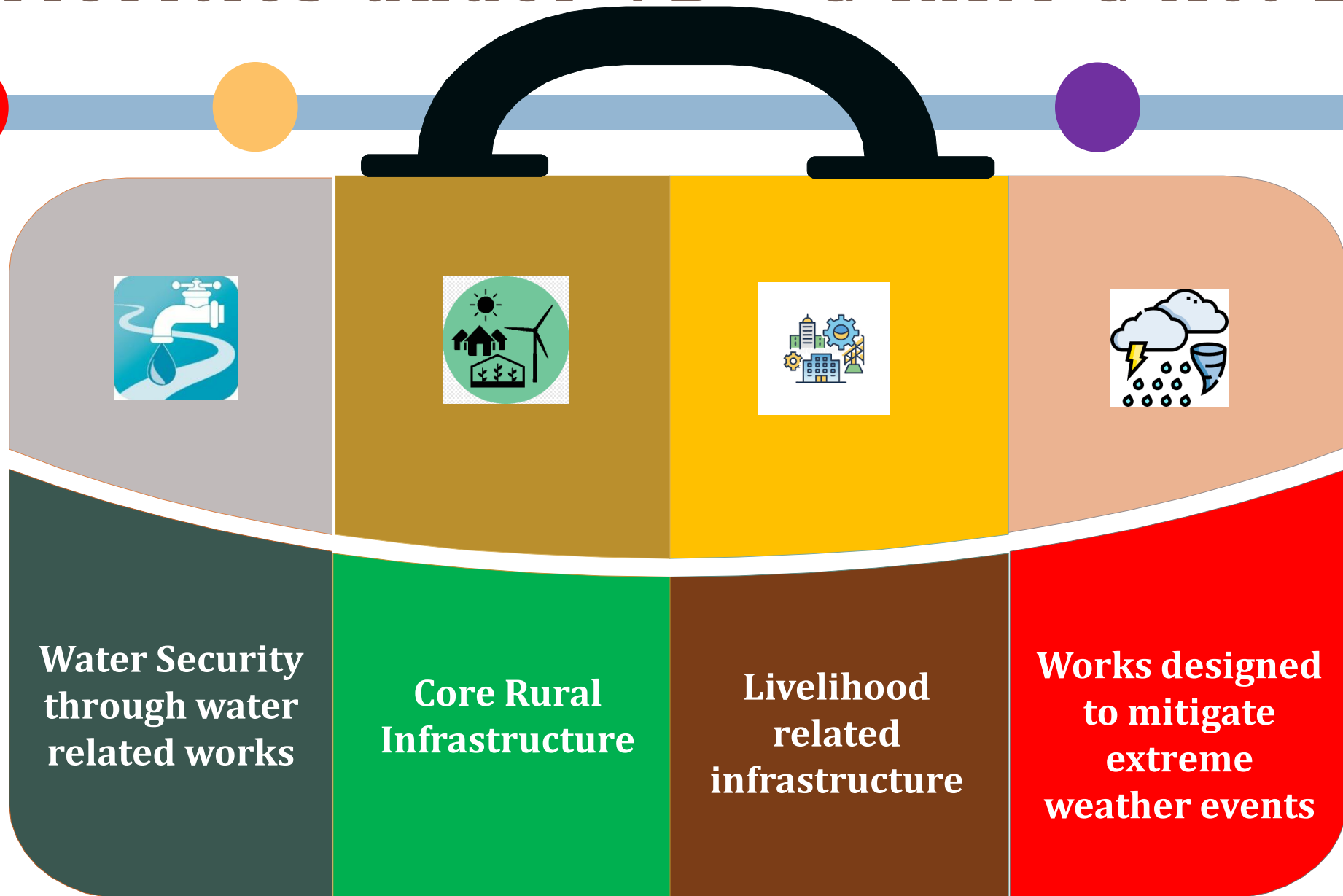
Emphasis on **water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure, and climate resilience**, generating employment and enabling Panchayats to contribute to the **circular economy**.

3

Integrated approach by linking saturation-based planning, convergence, and a whole-of-government rural development architecture.



Priorities under VB – G RAM G Act 2025





Salient features of VB – G RAM G Act 2025

1

Provides an enhanced statutory wage-employment guarantee of 125 days per financial year.



2

All works from Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans to be aggregated into the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack.



3

Four thematic focus domains: water security, core infrastructure, livelihood related infrastructure and works for the mitigation of extreme weather events.



4

Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans integrated with PM Gati-Shakti to address varying needs of the Panchayats categorized into A, B, C based on development parameters, to be prepared.



Salient features of VB – G RAM G Act 2025...cont

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States to notify in advance, periods aggregating to 60 days annually during peak sowing & harvesting when works under the Act will not be undertaken.



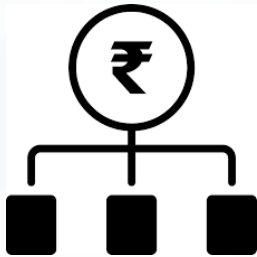
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Scheme to be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 60:40 Centre-State sharing, and 90:10 for North-Eastern and Himalayan States.



7

Central Government to determine State-wise Normative Allocation based on objective parameters. Excess expenditure to be borne by State.



8

Special relaxations during natural calamities or extraordinary situations to enable timely response and relief.



Salient features of VB – G RAM G Act 2025...cont

9

Transparency & accountability strengthen through biometric authentication, spatial technology-based planning, digital monitoring, weekly public disclosure and strengthened social audits.



10

Governance structure- Central and State Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Councils, along with National and State Steering Committees for oversight and evaluation.



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Central Government to notify wages; MGNREGA rates applicable till then



12

States to notify their Scheme within 6 months of commencement.



13

Mandatory payment of unemployment allowance if work is not provided within stipulated time.



BENEFITS OF VB – GRAMGA FOR RURAL ECONOMY

Employment linked with
productive asset creation

1

Strong focus on water security
through prioritized water works

2

Improved rural infrastructure
supporting market access

3

Livelihood infrastructure enabling
income diversification

4

Enhanced climate resilience through
soil and water conservation

5

Higher household income boosting
local consumption

6

Reduced distress migration through
local opportunities

7

Digital systems improving efficiency
and transparency

8

BENEFITS OF VB – GRAMGA FOR FARMERS

1

Assured labour availability during peak sowing and harvesting

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Prevention of artificial wage inflation in agriculture

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Improved irrigation and groundwater availability

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Better connectivity and storage reducing post harvest losses

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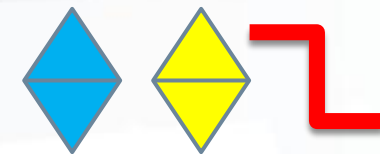
Climate focussed works protecting crops from extreme weather

Key changes from MGNREGA to VB - GRAMGA

Sl.No	MGNREGA	VB-GRAMGA
1	100 days of guaranteed employment	125 days of guaranteed employment
2	100% Central funding in Wage Component	90:10 sharing pattern for NE States/Spl Category States
3	Labour budget approach. Demand based & rights based	Normative Allocation of funds
4	No seasonal pause for sowing and harvesting	Seasonal pause for sowing and harvesting season
5	Shelf of Project/Annual Work Plan by Gram Sabha	Vikshit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP)



Concern for the State



Sl.No	ISSUES	CONCERNS
/ 1	90:10 sharing pattern for NE States/Spl Category States	More than Rs.127.00 crore required for State share against 125 days of employment, MC & admin in a year
/ 2	Normative Allocation of funds	Parameters being adopted not yet known. State may not get to cover 125 days in a financial year
/ 3	60 days seasonal pause	Are we actually busy in sowing and harvesting activities? Is Monsoon more relevant in Mizoram?
/ 4	Vikshit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP)	Emergency works needs to be cleared by Central Government

Illustrative fund requirement for VB – G RAM G

FUND REQUIREMENT UNDER VB-GRAMG ACT, DURING 2026-2027				
Sl.No	Heads	Total for States	Central Share	State Share
1	No. of Job cards	222,000	-	-
2	Wage Rate	281	-	-
3	Guaranteed Rozgar Days	125	-	-
4	Annual Fund Required for Wage - 60% (in Rs)	7,797,750,000	7,017,975,000	779,775,000
5	Annual Fund Required for Material - 40% (in Rs)	3,119,100,000	2,807,190,000	311,910,000
6	Annual Fund Required for Wage & Material (Sl.4+Sl.5)	10,916,850,000	9,825,165,000	1,091,685,000
7	Annual Fund Required for Admin (9% of Sl.6)	982,516,500	884,264,850	98,251,650
Total		11,899,366,500	10,709,429,850	1,189,936,650
In Crores		1,189.94	1,070.94	118.99

Illustrative fund requirement for VB – G RAM G...cont...

FUND REQUIREMENT UNDER VB-GRAMG ACT, DURING 2026-2027				
Sl.No	Heads	Total for States	Central Share	State Share
1	No. of Jobcards issued	222,000	-	-
2	Notified Wage Rate	301	-	-
3	Guaranteed Rozgar Days	125	-	-
4	Annual Fund Required for Wage - 60% (in Rs)	8,352,750,000	7,517,475,000	835,275,000
5	Annual Fund Required for Material - 40% (in Rs)	3,341,100,000	3,006,990,000	334,110,000
6	Annual Fund Required for Wage & Material (Sl.4+Sl.5)	11,693,850,000	10,524,465,000	1,169,385,000
7	Annual Fund Required for Admin (9% of Sl.6)	1,052,446,500	947,201,850	105,244,650
Total		12,746,296,500	11,471,666,850	1,274,629,650
In Crores		1,274.63	1,147.17	127.46

Illustrative fund requirement for VB – G RAM G...cont...



**Rs.281 x 125 days x
222000**

**SMS Required:
Rs.118.99 Cr**



**Inclusive
of
Wages,
Material
& Admin**



**Rs.301 x 125 days x
222000**

**SMS Required:
Rs.127.46 Cr**



Thank you

