



# MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh

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## Introduction

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (2005) is a legal entitlement for every rural household in the country. Some of the key worker centric provisions are listed below:

- **100 days of Work:** A legal provision for a hundred days work per rural household in a year.
- **Unemployment Allowance:** If an applicant is not provided employment within fifteen days of demanding work, applicant shall be entitled to a daily unemployment allowance.
- **Delay Compensation:** In case the payment of wages is not made within fifteen days from the date of completion of work, the worker is entitled to payment of compensation.

## About this report

This report was prepared using the data available on public domain. The period of study for all the analysis was from April to December in each year for the Employment Provided and Job Cards issued. We used the data available as on 2, January 2021 to analyse Payment Related Issues.

In this report we are going to present the details of *New workers registered, Total/average days of employment provided and Wage Payments to the workers and the volume of payments stuck due to technical problems*. We hope that the insights from this report will add value towards improving the implementation of MGNREGA in the state of Andhra Pradesh, through implementation agencies, members of Civil Society Groups, the Media and Concerned Citizens.

## Key Statistics

The following table shows a few important statistics related to Andhra Pradesh in comparison to the whole country for MGNREGA implementation in the year of 2020-21.

S No	Metric	Country	A.P	Proportion in A.P
1	Number of Job Cards Issued since Inception	14.76 Cr	0.67 Cr	4.57%
2	Approved Labour Budget	333.15 Cr Days	25.25 Cr Days	7.58%
3	Person Days Generated so far	303.67 Cr Days	22.19 Cr Days	7.31%

4	Average Days of Employment Provided per Household	44.15 Days	47.06 Days	--
5	Average Wage Rate per Day per Person	₹ 200.26	₹ 229.45	--
6	Total Center Released Amount	₹ 86195.88 Cr	₹ 7818.12 Cr	9.07%
7	Number of GPs with NIL Expenditure	7,708	6	.08%
8	Wages Amount pending due to Technical Problems	₹ 209.72 Cr	₹ 5.16 Cr	2.46%

Table 1: Few Key Statistics Related to MGNREGA Implementation in the Country Vs Andhra Pradesh

## 1. Job Cards Issued

In Andhra Pradesh 6,28,349 new workers were added to the workforce of MGNREGA, through 3,85,833 job cards in the last year i.e. 2020-21. This is almost 6% of all the job cards issued under MGNREGA since its inception in the state. District wise trends in the number of Job Cards issued and the individual workers registered can be found in figure 1.

### Job Cards Issued in 2020-21

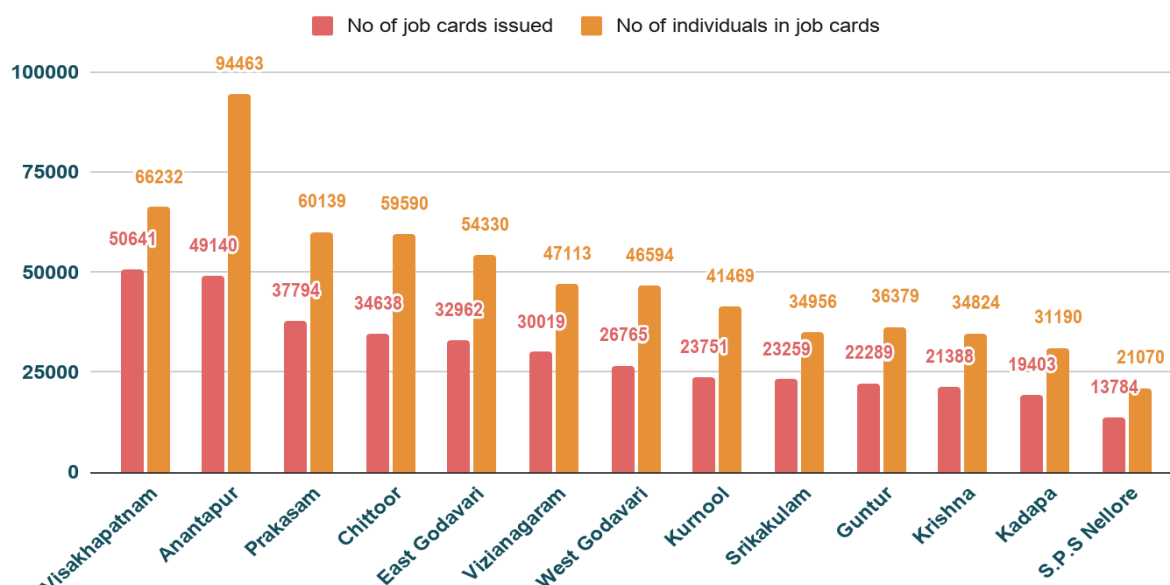
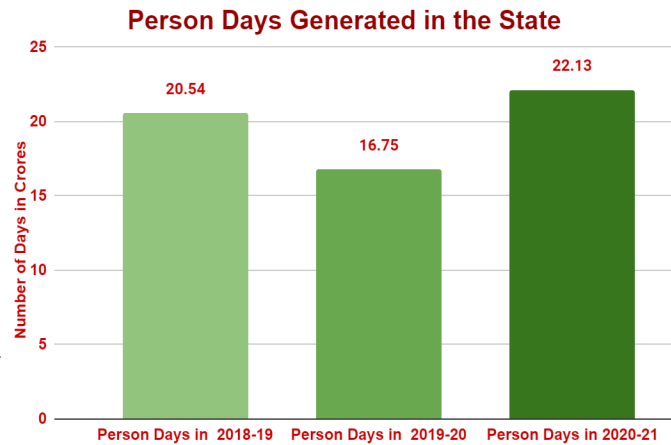


Figure 1: Number of Job Cards Issued and Number of workers included in MGNREGA in FY 2020-21

## 2. Employment Provided

Andhra Pradesh has seen 32% and 7.7% growth in the employment provided in 2020-21 compared to the same time in the last two years i.e 2019-20 and 2018-19 respectively, that makes it the highest among the last three years.

Figure 2: Person Days Generated in the Last Three Years in Andhra Pradesh



### 2.1 District Wise Trends in Employment Provided

Similar growth patterns can be seen in the majority of the districts in the state. District wise trends in the employment provided in the last three years can be seen in Figure 3. **Vizianagaram** district generated the most employment, while **S.P.S.Nellore** district generated the least with 245.26 & 90.55 Lakhs of Days respectively.

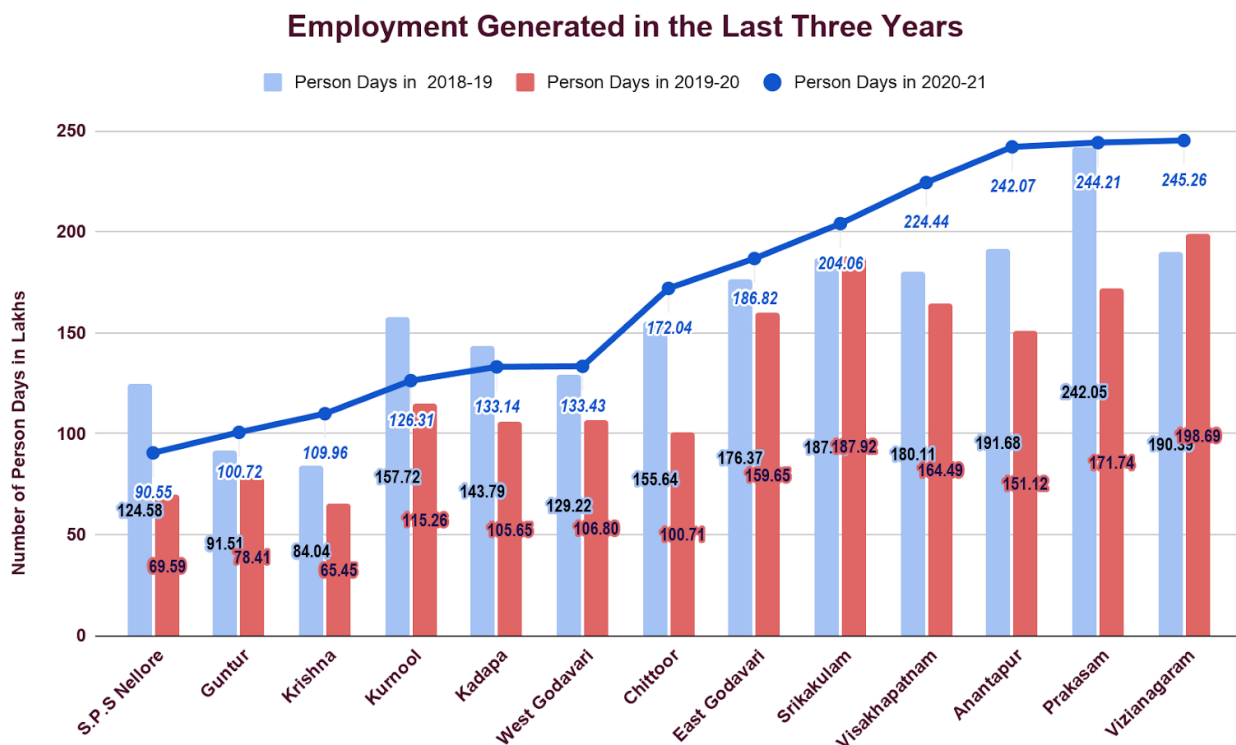


Figure 3: District Wise Trend in Person Days Generated in 2020-21

Employment provided in 2020-21 is the highest among the employment provided in the last three years, except for the districts of **Kadapa**, **Kurnool**, **Prakasam**, and **Nellore**.

## 2.2 Employment Provided to Different Categories

### 2.2.1 Employment Provided to Women Workers

Traditionally women Person Days have been more than man Person Days in the state, the same can be seen in the last three years as well. However, the share of women Person Days have seen a drop of 3.72% from the 2019-20 to 2020-21, that obviously reflects an increase in men Person Days for the same period. ***Had women worker participation been the same as the previous year, they would have received an additional ₹ 199.39 Cr in wages for the 3.15 Cr Person Days.***

However, it's worth noting that the gap between the percentage of men and percentage of women Person Days has decreased over the last three years. Last three years' trend can be seen in figure 4.

### Percentage of Employment Generated by Men & Women

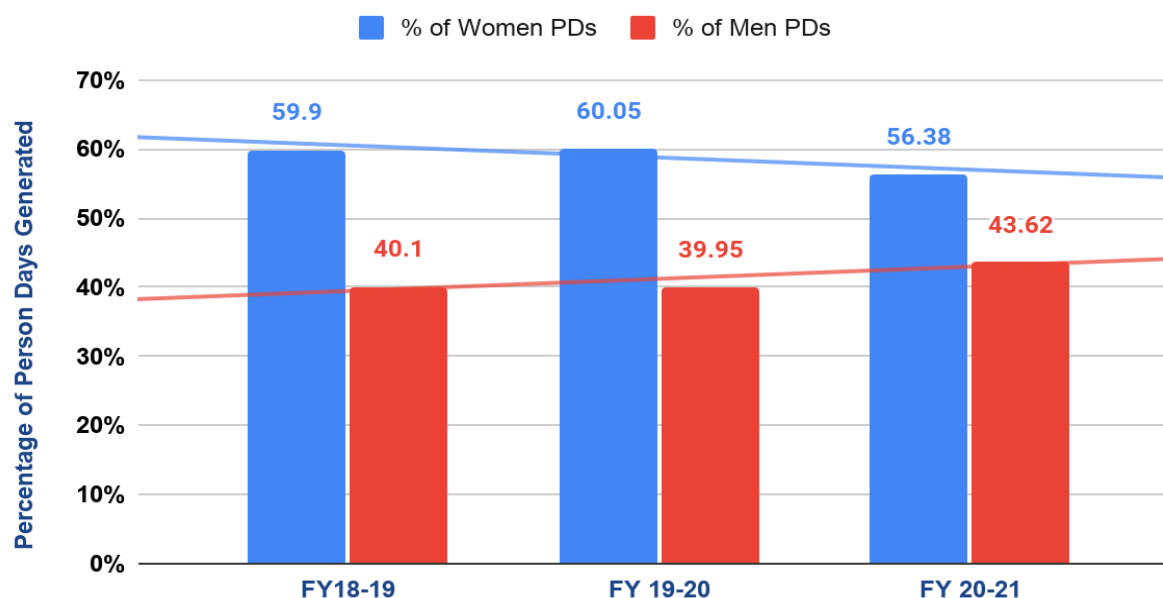


Figure 4: Percentage of Employment Generated by the Men Vs Women for the last three years.

### 2.2.2 Employment Provided to SC and ST workers

While the percentage share of employment provided to the SC workers increased by almost 2% from 2019-20 to 2020-21, the percentage share of employment provided to the STs decreased slightly from 2019-20 to 2020-21 for the same study period. SC and ST Employment Provided/ Person Days generated can be seen in figure 5.

## Percentage Share of Employment Generated by SC and ST

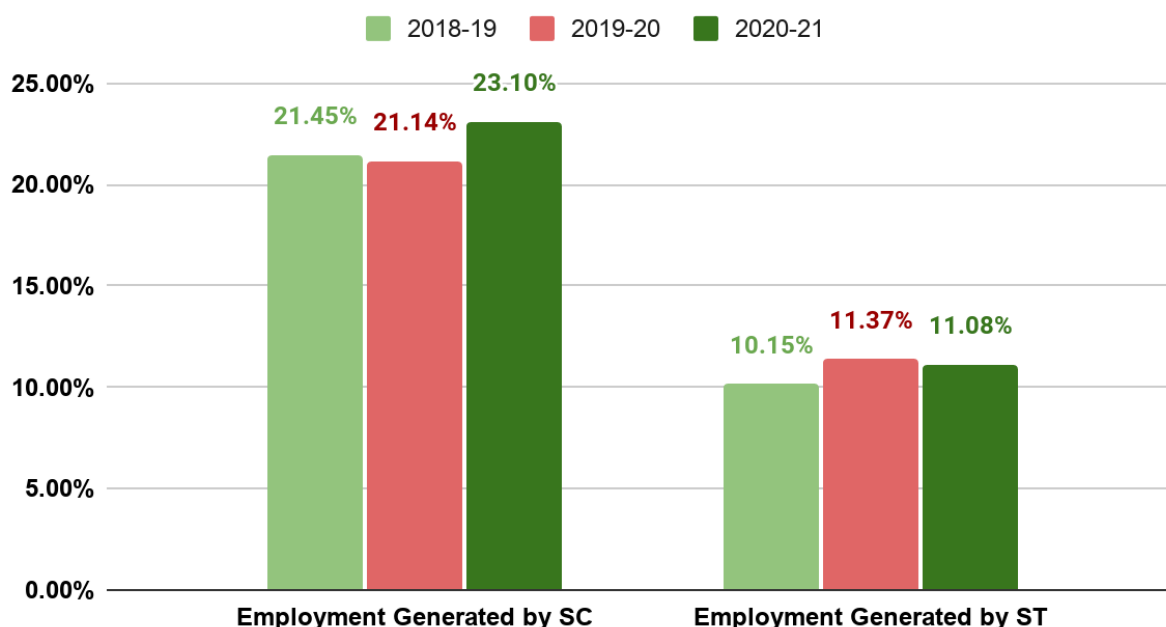


Figure 5: Percentage share of Employment Generated by the ST and SC in the state for the last three years

### 2.2.3 Average Person Days/ Employment Provided across the state

Even though there was a rise in the employment provided in the year 2020-21, compared to the last two years, only 8.62% of the households were provided 100 days of work. In other words, of the 46,71,690 households, who were provided wage employment by the state in FY 202-21 only 4,02,733 households were provided 100 days of work, which is only 8.62% of the households.

On an average each household registered for MGNREGA received a little more than 47 days of work, whereas the act guarantees 100 days of work per household. MGNREGA workers in **Vizianagaram** District received more than 60 days of work, whereas workers in **Kurnool** got only around 35 days of work. District wise trends in the same are listed in table 3.

S No	District Name	No of Job Cards Received Employment	No of Job Cards/ Households Completed 100 days Upto the Month	Average Person Days Generated per Household
1	Anantapur	409447	62487	59.12
2	Chittoor	315669	51611	54.5
3	East Godavari	420943	32001	44.38
4	Guntur	338694	7560	29.74



5	Kadapa	252001	28850	52.83
6	Krishna	291773	10660	37.69
7	Kurnool	358408	9640	35.24
8	Prakasam	481933	43208	50.67
9	S.P.S Nellore	250767	8517	36.11
10	Srikakulam	429677	20484	47.45
11	Visakhapatnam	381928	57616	58.77
12	Vizianagaram	404064	42768	60.7
13	West Godavari	336386	16273	39.67
	Total	4671690	<b>391675</b>	<b>47.37</b>

*Table 3: District wise trends in the Targeted Vs Actual Number of Households that received 100 days of work in MGNREGA in 2020-21 in Andhra Pradesh.*

One can see in Table 3, that the average Person Days provided per household in 7 districts is higher than the state average.

### 3. Payment Issues

The MGNREG Act mandates that the workers employed under MGNREGA should get paid within the 15 days of their work. However, in reality it doesn't happen due to various problems in the Direct Beneficiary Transfers. Even after the payments are processed by the central government a sizable portion of the payments get stuck at the bank level, owing to the problems related to Aadhaar linking to the Job Card and/or bank account related issues.

Rejected payments are those that are initiated from the centre, but are rejected due to technical errors; like a bounced check. Whereas the suspended payments occur when there are no Aadhaar or bank account details mapped to the worker's job card.

#### 3.1 Rejected & Suspended Payments

While the country has Rs. 209.72 Cr in Rejected Payments, workers from Andhra Pradesh alone are to receive 2.46% of this amount. That is payments worth more than 5.16 Crores of Rupees related to 40 thousands of transactions are stuck at the bank level. District wise trends in the Rejected & Suspended Payments can be seen in the figure 6.

## Wages Amount on Hold as Rejected & Suspended Payments

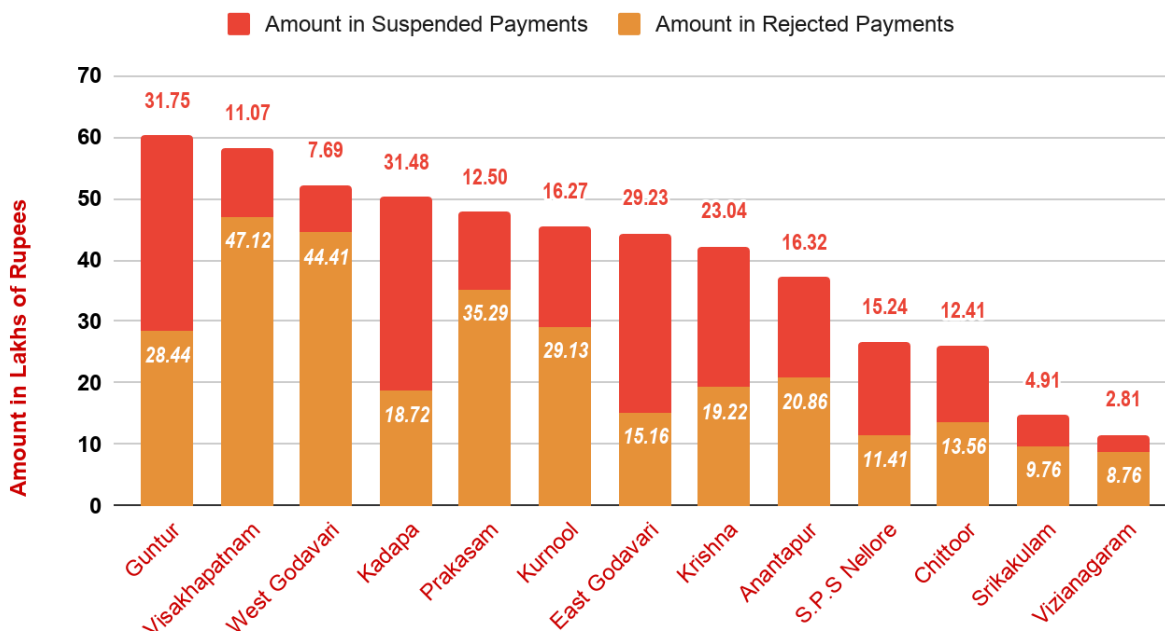


Figure 6: District wise trends in the Rejected and Suspended Payments as on 2, January 2021 in Andhra Pradesh

It is worth noting that the highest number of Person Days/ employment was provided in **Vizianagaram** District but when it comes to the wages amount stuck at the banks as Rejected and Suspended Payments it's in last place.

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