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MGNREGA in Telangana

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About this report

This report was prepared using the data available on public domain¹. The period of study for all the analysis was from 1, April to 25, October in each year for the Employment Provided and Job Cards issued. We used the data available as on 25, October 2020 to analyse Payment Related Issues. We hope that the insights from this report will prove to be useful for members of Civil Society Groups, the Media and Concerned Citizens. We hope this will add value towards improving the implementation of MGNREGA in the state of Telangana .

Introduction

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (2006), is a legal entitlement for every rural household in the country. Some of the key worker centric provisions are listed below:

1. **100 days of Work:** A legal provision for a hundred days work per rural household in a year.
2. **Unemployment Allowance:** If an applicant is not provided employment within fifteen days of demanding work, applicant shall be entitled to a daily unemployment allowance.
3. **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.

¹ <https://www.nrega.nic.in/> and <https://www.nrega.telangana.gov.in/>

Key Statistics²

National Level Statistics

- 13.62 crores of households, i.e. 26.03 crores of registered individuals
- 8.57 crores of households, i.e. 13.19 crore workers are actively working in the programme.
- 19.53% & 15.69% of workers against active workers belong to the SC & ST communities respectively.
- Rs. 291.06 crores worth of payments are on hold as Rejected Payments and due to be paid to the workers in the country.

MGNREGA is predominantly centrally sponsored program and the central government has released Rs. 66,248.89 Cr this year as on 20, October 2020 and the state of Telangana received around 4.4% of these funds already. On an average Telangana has been receiving around 4% of the central released funds of MGNREGA for the past five years.

Telangana State Level Statistics

- 52.3 lakhs of households i.e. 1.12 crores of registered individuals
- 2.68 lakhs of new households i.e 5.84 lakhs of individuals got registered in 2020-21.
- 16.55.% & 13.98% of workers against active workers belong to the SC & ST communities respectively.
- 58.4% of employment provided has been utilised by women workers in 2020-21.
- 5.99 crores of Rupees of worth payments are due to reach the workers and are on hold due to technical errors.

It is needless to say the importance of such a scheme/act in the time of a pandemic and the value of money this scheme puts in the hands of the rural population can not be underrated. In this bulletin we are going to explore the employment provided under MGNREGA and new families, workers registered under the scheme for the reporting period. As well as the payments that are due to reach the workers and on hold for various reasons, primarily technical in nature.

² All data in this section has been compiled as on 23 October 2020

Employment Provided in MGNREGA

Employment provided in TS is 12.71 crore person days in the study period of 2020-21, the highest in the last 3 years. The increment in the total employment provided in the state in this year of Pandemic is evident from the graph below.

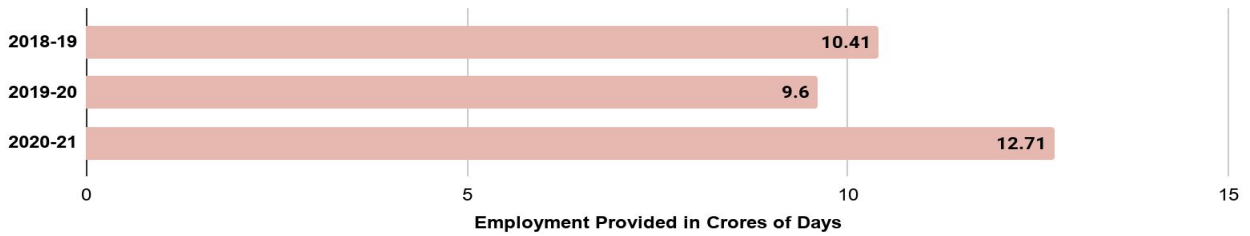


Figure 1: Employment Provided in TS for the same period (1, Apr -20, Oct) in the last three years

In 2020-21, there is a 32.35% increase in the employment provided in the state compared to last year.

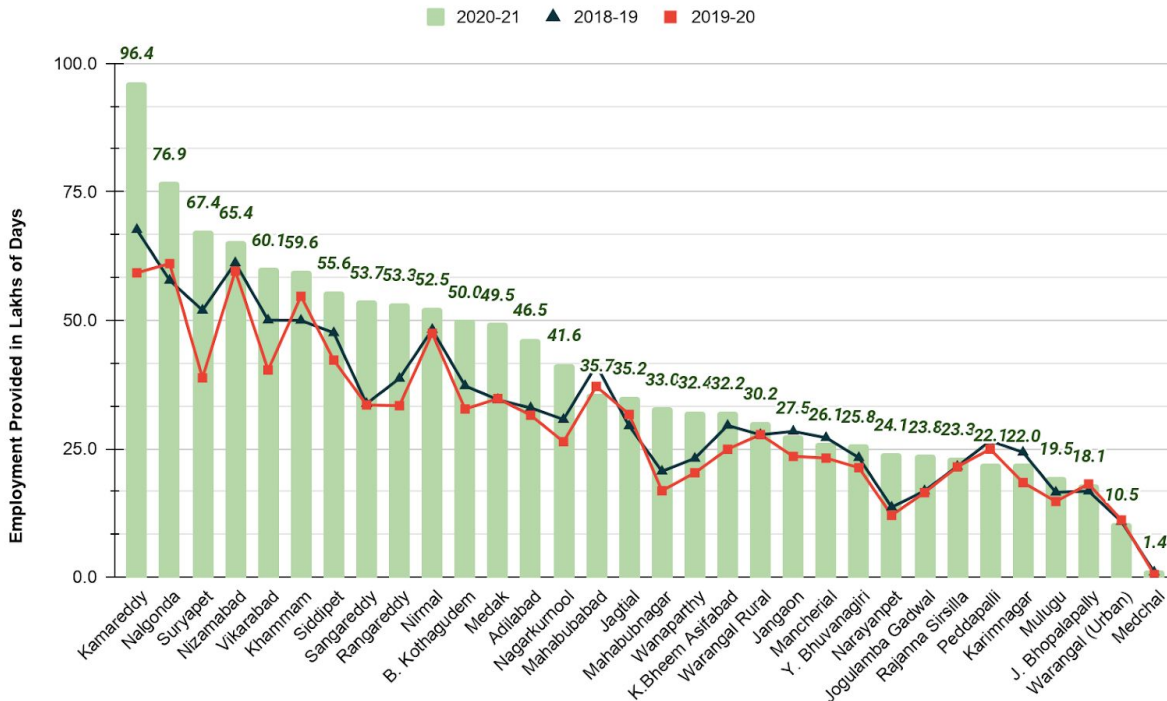


Figure 2: District wise trend in Employment Provide in the study period

28 districts provided higher employment this year compared to the last year for the same study period. Mahabubabad, Janagaon, Mancherial and Peddapalli are the only districts with lesser employment provided this year compared to last year. Kamareddy provided the highest employment, while Medchal provided the least employment among the districts this year. District wise trends in the employment provided for the last three years for the study period can be observed in Figure 2.

Along with the increase in the employment, this year more than 1.6 lakh households have finished their 100 days of work i.e. 5.3% of the households who worked. This year in the first six months only the average household employment provided has reached last year's average for the whole year, which is 43 days.

Along with an increase in employment across the state 1.6 lakh households have already finished their quota of 100 days of Employment against the 1.77 lakh that finished their quota in the whole year in FY 20. District wise trend in the Average household employment and Number of Households completed 100 days work is listed in the table 1 below.

S No	District	Average No of days employment provided per Household (for the study period)		Total No of Households completed 100 Days of Wage Employment (for the study period)	
		2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21
1	Adilabad	47.19	50.43	5651	6223
2	Bhadradi Kothagudem	43.01	46.71	5237	5780
3	Jagtial	46.57	38.81	7819	3578
4	Jangaon	43.29	40.35	4678	2368
5	Jayashanker Bhopalapally	40.95	32.53	2954	1214
6	Jogulamba Gadwal	38.22	36.11	3285	2873
7	Kamareddy	48.99	61.55	9279	22147
8	Karimnagar	36.85	32.14	2914	1676
9	Khammam	42.11	37.21	8198	4659
10	Kumram Bheem(Asifabad)	42.81	40.87	3690	3040
11	Mahabubabad	40.46	32.21	5350	2083
12	Mahabubnagar	36.97	44.32	5846	5117

13	Mancherial	39.85	36.94	3649	2511
14	Medak	47.38	47.58	7898	6135
15	Medchal	31.84	29.26	155	200
16	Mulugu	46.3	46.29	2541	2264
17	Nagarkurnool	41.36	43.79	4912	5074
18	Nalgonda	38.56	38.01	9774	8835
19	Narayanpet	36.06	39.94	2869	3584
20	Nirmal	52.1	48.47	8527	5581
21	Nizamabad	47.52	43.52	9983	8101
22	Peddapalli	42.25	35.43	4647	2171
23	Rajanna Sirsilla	47.92	44.06	6095	3449
24	Rangareddy	51.69	53.41	7320	8637
25	Sangareddy	44.43	46.61	5319	5986
26	Siddipet	50.31	48.4	11965	6967
27	Suryapet	32.07	41.68	3508	6843
28	Vikarabad	49.13	53.55	8055	7166
29	Wanaparthy	42.5	48.91	4106	4993
30	Warangal (Urban)	43.22	34.34	2451	1136
31	Warangal Rural	41.82	35.33	5436	2964
32	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	35.47	33.24	2923	2319

Table 4: Average Household employment and the Number of Households finished 100 days of work in the last two

Best Performing Mandals

- 540 Mandals are participating in MGNREGA in Telangana
- 456 Mandals provided more Employment compared to last year for the same study period.

Top 10 of the highest employment provided mandals are listed in the table 2 below.

S No	Mandals	District	Employment Provided in Days (2020-21)
1	Machareddy	Kamareddy	865695
2	Lingampet	Kamareddy	706299

3	Gandhari	Kamareddy	668994
4	Yacharam	Rangareddy	615020
5	Bichkunda	Kamareddy	587287
6	Jukkal	Kamareddy	578567
7	Manchal	Rangareddy	556444
8	Madgul	Rangareddy	544519
9	Dharur	Vikarabad	538520
10	Nandipet	Nizamabad	536352

Table 2: Top 10 Mandals with Highest Employment Provided in 2020-21

456 Mandals of 540 participating Mandals in Telangana provided more employment in this year than the previous for the same time period.

However, if we were to consider the growth rate in employment provided in the pandemic compared to last year, 270 Mandals showed higher percentage change than the state average. Top 10 of these are listed in the below table 3.

S No	Mandal	District	Employment Provided in Days (2019-20)	Employment Provided in Days (2020-21)	Percentage* Increase in Employment Provided
1	Nandigama	Rangareddy	2875	39406	1270.64
2	Shamshabad	Rangareddy	8437	80666	856.10
3	Keesara	Medchal	1488	14086	846.64
4	Shamirpet	Medchal	2800	23151	726.82
5	Chinthala Palem	Suryapet	56254	282323	401.87
6	Moinabad	Rangareddy	6419	30829	380.28
7	Kothur	Rangareddy	4253	18024	323.79
8	Gummadidala	Sangareddy	18025	65552	263.67
9	Lingal	Nagarkurnool	62780	213113	239.46
10	Allapalli	B. Kothagudem	17635	59798	239.09

Table 3: Top 10 Mandals with increase in Employment Provided in 2020-21

*Percentage Change = (Increase in employment in 2020-21 X 100)/ employment in 2019-20.

Worst Performing Mandals

Despite the fact that the employment provided across the state this year on an average is greater than the last year, there are 84 Mandals where the employment provided is lower than the last year in the same study period. That is 15% of the 540 participating Mandals from the state. Top 10 mandals with the least number of days employment provided are listed in the below table.

Despite the increment in employment provided across the state this year, 84 Mandals provided less employment this year than the previous between Apr - Sep.

S No	Mandal	District	Employment Provided in Days (2020-21)
1	Nandigama	Rangareddy	39406
2	Palmela	Jayashanker Bhopalapally	37282
3	Moinabad	Rangareddy	30829
4	PATANCHERU	Sangareddy	24960
5	Shamirpet	Medchal	23151
6	Jagtial	Jagtial	20035
7	Kothur	Rangareddy	18024
8	Keesara	Medchal	14086
9	Medchal	Medchal	11647
10	Bhadrachalam	Bhadradri Kothagudem	9973

Table 4: Top 10 Mandals with the Lowest Employment Provided in 2020-21

If we were to consider the drop in the employment provided this year in the Mandals compared to the last year employment provided, the list changes completely. Top 10 of them can be seen in Table 5.

S No	Block	District	2019-20	2020-21	Percentage Drop* in Employment Provided
1	Thorrur	Mahabubabad	205714	99515	51.62
2	Rudrangi	Rajanna Sirsilla	90806	50227	44.69
3	Peddapalle	Peddapalli	455228	252709	44.49
4	Luxettipet	Mancherial	141007	92099	34.68
5	Regonda	Jayashanker Bhopalapally	282899	196159	30.66
6	Dilawarpur	Nirmal	281278	201140	28.49
7	Raghunadhapalem	Khammam	335773	244072	27.31
8	Odela	Peddapalli	270835	202036	25.40
9	Danthalapalle	Mahabubabad	158727	118907	25.09
10	Srirampur	Peddapalli	203300	152744	24.87

Table 5: Top 10 Mandals With Highest Percentage Drop In The Employment Provided In 2020-21
 *Percentage Drop = (Drop in employment in 2020-21 X 100)/ employment in 2019-20.

Payment Issues

MGNREGA is predominantly funded by the central government. 90% of the funds are provided by the center. All the wage payments that are made to the workers get credited into their accounts through direct beneficiary transfers from the central govt. In this process there are data related issues because of which the payments don't reach the worker accounts as intended. Rejected Payments and Suspended payments are two prominent categories of payment failures in Telangana. The incidence of Rejected payments in Telangana is much lower than the rest of the country, with only 0.77% of the rejected transactions of the total rejected transactions in India.

- Rs 5.99 crores of worth wage payments are stuck due to technical errors
 - ◆ Rs. 2.25 crores are stuck as Rejected Payments
 - ◆ Rs 3.74 crores as Suspended Payments.
 - ◆ 18% of this amount (Rs 5.99 Cr) has to go to workers from Nalgonda district alone.

Table 6, shows the district-wise data for payments that are unpaid/stuck due to technical errors as on 23 October, 2020.

S No	District	Unpaid Amount (In Rs.)
1	Nalgonda	10789406
2	Mancherial	2509617
3	Mahabubnagar	2396991
4	Mahabubabad	2342462
5	Sangareddy	2287653
6	Nizamabad	2277317
7	Bhadradri Kothagudem	2119576
8	Wanaparthy	2114582
9	Jogulamba Gadwal	2112024
10	Siddipet	2091801
11	Nagarkurnool	2063324
12	Khammam	1953144
13	Mulugu	1941841
14	Rangareddy	1920230
15	Jagtial	1811906
16	Warangal Rural	1793051
17	Adilabad	1775124
18	Medak	1716925
19	Vikarabad	1399919
20	Suryapet	1333089
21	Narayanpet	1321054
22	Jayashankar Bhupalpally	1262809
23	Karimnagar	1182754
24	Jangaon	1181883
25	Rajanna Sirsilla	1061758
26	Kamareddy	1010075
27	Kumram Bheem Asifabad	983125
28	Nirmal	864832
29	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	746913
30	Warangal (Urban)	741865
31	Peddapalli	656145
32	Medchal	139143

Table 6: District wise trend in Pending Payments across the state as on 23 October 2020

More than 2.7 Lakh new job cards were issued this year alone.

Job Cards Issued

Every rural household upon registering for MGNREGS, will get a Job Card, this enables them to access work under MGNREGA. It contains the updated details of work demanded and received, wages paid etc.

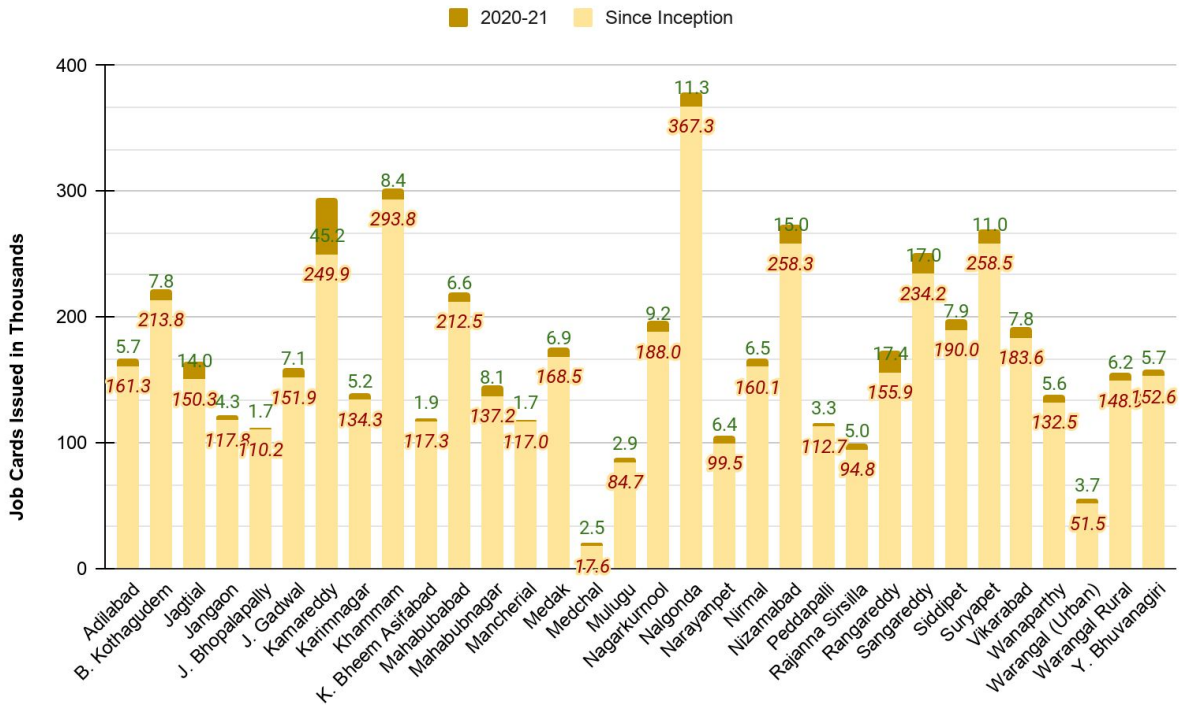


Figure 6: Number of Job Cards Issued in Telangana

Since the inception of the scheme about 52.3 lakh job cards issued as on 20, October 2020 in Telangana, 1.14 crores of individuals have benefited from it. This year alone about 2.7 lakhs of new job cards were issued i.e., 5.2% of the total job cards issued since the inception of the scheme in 2005 in the state. From figure 6, we can see that Kamareddy issued the most number of Job cards while Mancheril did the least.

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