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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



First half of the financial year 2023- 24 has passed and the State has generated 11.32 cr persondays achieving 75.5% of its Approved Labour Budget of 15 cr, which is due to increase in demand for work.

2349 Amrit Sarovars which helps in conserving water has been completed in the State. A large number of user groups like WSHGs, Farmers' group, Village Committees took responsibilities of maintaining Sarovars, that will lead to women empowerment, improved economic and social conditions.

The State focuses on creation individuals assets for of enhancing income of rural households and increasing productivity of land and addition agriculture to development of rural asset base.

All Districts / Blocks / Line Departments / PRIs have to work co-ordinately ensuring effective implementation of MGNREGA.

State exhausts 75.5% of total Approved Persondays in 6 months

In just six months into the current FY 2023-24, the State has exhausted as much as 75.5% its approved Annual Labour Budget under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Out of the Agreed Labour Budget of 15.00 crore person-days by the Centre, the State has generated 11.32 crore person-days (as on 30.09.2023) by providing employment to as many as 27.14 lakh households consisting of 45.53 lakh persons. Present daily wages for each individual working under MGNREGA is Rs 237/- in all blocks except 20 migration prone blocks of Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nuapada, where it is Rs 345/- per day.

Interestingly, 48.96% of those who have benefited under MGNREGA in the current fiscal are women. The Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) persondays accounts for 14.53% and 33.36% of the total persondays respectively. All 6794 GPs participated in MGNREGA generating a total of 11.32 crore persondays in the State.

As many as 1,07,576 households have completed 100 days of employment till Sept, 2023 in the State. The State aims to achieve more than 20 cr persondays during FY: 2023-24. All Districts are required to make proper strategy to accelerate persondays generation in the coming months. The highlights of MGNREGA as on 30.09.2023 are given in Table-1,

Key Performance Indicators	Achievement	Top 05 Persondays generating Districts
Persondays generation	11.32 Cr	
Women Participation	48.96%	 Ganjam (133.58 lakh) Mayurbhanj (97.78 lakh)
Scheduled Castes	14.53%	
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	33.36%	Sundargarh (73.39 lakh)
Total Households Worked	27.14 Lakh	Bolangir (67.11 lakh)
Total Individuals Worked	45.53 Lakh	Kalahandi (62.73 lakh)
Differently abled persons worked	12,547	

Table-1: Highlights of MGNREGA during FY: 2023-24 (as on 30.09.2023)

Amrit Sarovar: Conserving Water for Future Generation

Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on 24th April 2022 with a view to conserve water for the future. Under the Mission, every district of the State was intimated to construct or rejuvenate at least 75 Amrit Sarovars having a pondage area of at least 1 acre with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic metres by 15th August 2023.



2349 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed /rejuvenated across the districts against the target of 2250 @75 per district.

To mark the occasion, an information board is put up at every Amrit Sarovar in which all the information related to the work is available to the public. Planting of indigenous tress at Amrit Sarovar site is being done. All Amrit Sarovars constructed/rejuvenated are geo-tagged at three different phases i.e. before the construction, during the construction and after the completion of asset creation using GeoMGNREGA app of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. User groups and Panchayat Pratinidhi /Panchayat Level Officers were assigned the responsibility for execution, monitoring and protection of the site.

All Block / GP level functionaries were instructed to mobilize users' groups / locals so that the water structures are used as a source of generation of livelihoods through irrigation, fisheries, duckery, cultivation of water chestnut, water tourism or any such activities.



Focus on creation of Individual and Durable assets

MGNREGA uplifts rural livelihoods with guaranteed income by creating durable assets for the community and marginalized individuals of the society. Along with providing employment, the State is focusing on creation of

individuals of the society. Along with providing employment, the State is focusing on creation of durable and sustainable assets such as Play field, Rural Park, GP Model Tank, AWC including individual assets like Horticulture plantation, Livestock shelters, Farm Pond etc. Such initiatives have resulted in development of rural asset base at GP level as well as promotion of livelihoods of the rural poor. Individual assets like 21412 Land development, 34145 Mo-Upakari Bagicha, 6435 Livestock Shelters, 11445 Farm Pond and 2624 horticulture plantation have been created during FY: 2023-24 (so far). Durable assets like 1702 GP Model tank, 6345 Play Fields, 823 Rural Park, 7847 AWC have been taken up to strengthen GP asset base.





News Corner THROUGH LENS at State Level



Two day CDO-cum-EOs conference held during 2nd and 3rd August, 2023. Hon'ble Minister, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water graced the meeting at MGNREGS conference hall on 03.08.2023.



One Day review meeting of MCs & APOs of 20 migration Blocks was held under the chairmanship of Director, Special Projects on 20th July,2023 at SIRD Campus.



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EVENTS from Districts



Field visit by Principal Secretary, PR & DW Dept and Director, Special Projects during July,2023 (left) Cluster cow shed under MGNREGS, Kotiya GP, Pottangi Block, Koraput. (right) Interaction with farmers at Sunabeda GP, Umerkote Block, Nabarangpur



Distribution of work order for cattle sheds to the beneficiaries in Khaprakhol Block, Bolangir during August 2023.



CDO-cum-EO, Ganjam taking review of all BDOs, AEEs and APOs through OSWAN VC during Sept, 2023.



Celebration of Independence Day, 2023, plantation (Amrit Vatika), collection of Maati for MMMD programme held at Amrit Sarovar in Pandakamal village, M Rampur Block, Kalahandi District.



Installation of Silaphalakam having names of the Veers at Gandakipur School, Kujanga Block, Jagatsinghpur District.

