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ANSWERWRITING PRACTICE- GS2

- 1. Discuss the problems being faced by the rural workers dependent on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).(250 words)**

MODEL ANSWER:

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was passed in 2005. It intends to provide guaranteed employment in manual work for 100 days in every financial year to rural adults willing to work. It is the largest ever public programme conceived.

However, there are Some reasons why MGNREGA workers such as:

a) Work unavailability: Due to shortage of funds officials deny availability of work.

b) Payment Delays: According to the central government's calculations of delayed payments, 51% of the wages were not paid on time in 2016-17 (rates of delayed payment were even higher in the preceding two years).

c) Non-payment: many times wages not being paid at all. Common reasons for rejection include errors in the recording of bank account details in the programme's Management Information System (MIS) and lack of funds in the state's nodal bank for MGNREGA.

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d) Harassment: According to a study by LibTech India, 2020, many of workers under MGNREGS are forced to make multiple trips to the bank, adding travel costs and income losses, and face repeated rejections of

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payment, biometric errors and wrong information, just to get their hands on their wages.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation is exacerbated as transport becomes harder and costlier. Center should release funds timely, so that payments can be made. The payment process should be streamlined, (linking Aadhar properly with bank A/c, timely SMS etc.) so that delays can be reduced. In case of errors in bank account details, time limits should be set for resolving such clerical errors.

2. Discuss the role of NGOs in our society along with the Issues involved in their functioning. (250 words)

MODEL ANSWER:

NGOs are voluntary organizations, that work toward a social cause and social justice. They have assumed a significant space in civil society. NGOs with the support given by the government has been accelerating its development activities.

Role of NGOs in Development:

1. Education: The education of girls, and other deprived people, particularly the SCs and STs, has been their target objective.

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- 2. Women empowerment: role in development by creating awareness among people and interventions regarding women.**
- 3. Rehabilitation: The NGOs have a major role to play towards the cause of people's resettlement in the areas of dam construction and other economic activities.**
- 4. Human rights protection: The contribution of NGOs to human rights and public awareness is significant in India.**

Issue and challenges that remained in spite of these legislations that impact efficiencies of NGOs:

- 1. Difficulties to get funds.**
- 2. Over-regulations: Over-regulation of NGOs hinder their work and efficiency.**
- 3. Cultural hurdles: Ban of Jallikattu after a Public interest litigation filed by PETA is one such example.**
- 4. Lack of proper networking: Poor networks lead to loss of opportunity to work with community and their participation and impact NGOs effectiveness.**

Non-governmental organisations face multiple challenges. One of the most important steps to overcome these obstacles is identifying what are various challenges that an organisation is facing, and the areas where there is a room to improve. After identifying these key areas organisations can design a plan to improve and overcome the obstacles they are facing.