

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20th June 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak

Abhiyaan focuses on durable rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages
: Prime Minister

Skill Mapping of the rural migrant labour being done to help them work closer home : PM

Rs 50,000 Crore worth project to be implemented in a mission mode campaign in 125 days in 116 Districts of 6 States

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched a massive employment -cum- rural public works Campaign named 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' to empower and provide livelihood opportunities in areas/ villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19. The Abhiyaan was flagged off from village Telihar, Block Beldaur, district Khagaria, Bihar on June 20 (Saturday) through Video-Conference attended by the CMs and Representatives of the 6 Participating States, Various Union Ministers and others.

Prime Minister interacted through remote video conferencing with the villagers of Telihar in the Khagaria District of Bihar from where the Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan was formally launched.

The Prime Minister inquired from some of the migrants their current state of employment and also whether the various welfare schemes launched during the Lockdown period were available to them.

Shri Modi expressed satisfaction after his interaction and pointed out how rural India stood its ground in the fight against COVID-19 and how it is providing an inspiration to the whole country and the world in this moment of crisis.

PM said that both the Center and the State Governments were concerned about the welfare of the poor and the migrants.

The Prime Minister said the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Campaign itself was launched with a 1.75 Lakh Crore package under PM Garib Kalyan Yojana.

He said the Central and State Government also ran special Shramik Express Trains for the migrant labour who wished to return homes.

PM termed this day as a historic day as a massive campaign kickstarted for the welfare of the poor, for their employment.

This campaign is dedicated for our labor brothers and sisters, for the youth, sisters and daughters living in our villages. It is our endeavor that through this campaign workers and workers are given work near home, he said

The Prime Minister announced that an amount of Rs 50,000 Crores would be spent for building durable rural infrastructure under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan.

He said 25 work areas have been identified for employment in villages, for development of various works. These 25 works or projects are related to meet the needs of the villages like rural housing for the poor, Plantations, provision of drinking water through Jal Jeevan mission, Panchayat Bhavans, community toilets, rural mandis, rural roads, other infrastructure like Cattle Sheds, Anganwadi Bhavans etc.

The Prime Minister said that Abhiyan shall also provide modern facilities in rural areas. He said it is of great necessity that high speed and cheap internet be provided in every rural household to help the youth and children. The Prime Minister said it is the first time that the rural areas are using more internet than the urban areas. Hence the laying of fibre cable and provision of internet are also made a part of the Abhiyan.

These works will be done while staying in his own village, while staying with his family.

The Prime Minister said that Self-Reliant (AatmaNirbhar) farmers are equally essential for a Self-Reliant India (AatmaNirbhar) Bharat. He said the Government took a major step by removing various shackles of unwanted rules and regulations so that the farmer can freely sell his produce anywhere in the country and connect directly with traders who offer a better price for his produce.

Shri Modi said the farmers are being directly linked to the market and that the Government has provided an investment of Rs 1,00,000 Crore for linkages like cold storage etc.

This Abhiyaan of 125 days, will work in mission mode, will involve focused implementation of 25 categories of works/ activities in 116 districts, each with a large concentration of returnee migrant workers in 6 states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha. Public works to be undertaken during this campaign will have a resource envelope of Rs. 50,000 crores.

The Abhiyaan will be a convergent effort between 12 different Ministries/Departments, namely; Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Road Transport &Highways, Mines, Drinking Water &Sanitation, Environment, Railways, Petroleum &Natural Gas, New &Renewable Energy, Border Roads, Telecom and Agriculture, to expedite implementation of 25 public infrastructure works and works relating to augmentation of livelihood opportunities. The major objectives of the initiative include:

- Provide livelihood opportunity to returning migrants and similarly affected rural citizens
- Saturate villages with public infrastructure and create livelihood opportunities viz. Roads, Housing, Anganwadis, Panchayat Bhavans, various livelihood assets and Community Complexes among others
- The basket of a wide variety of works will ensure that each migrant worker is able to get an opportunity of employment according to his skill, in the coming 125 days. The Program will also prepare for expansion and development of livelihoods over a longer term.

The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry for this campaign and the campaign will be implemented in close coordination with the State Governments. Central Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above will be appointed to oversee the effective and timely implementation of various schemes in the identified districts.

List of states, where the GKRA will be undertaken

S. No.	State Name	#Districts	Aspirational Districts
1	Bihar	32	12
2	Uttar Pradesh	31	5
3	Madhya Pradesh	24	4
4	Rajasthan	22	2
5	Odisha	4	1
6	Jharkhand	3	3
Total Districts		116	27

The list of 25 works & activities targeted to be taken up on priority are mentioned in the following table:

S.No.	Work/ Activity	S.No.	Work/ Activity
1	Construction of Community sanitation centre (CSC)	14	Construction of cattle sheds
2	Construction of Gram Panchayat Bhawan	15	Construction of poultry sheds
3	Works under 14th FC funds	16	Construction of Goat Shed
4	Construction of National Highway works	17	Construction of Vermi-compost structures
5	Water conservation & Harvesting works	18	Railway
6	Construction of Wells	19	RURBAN
7	Plantation works	20	PM Kusum
8	Horticulture	21	Bharat Net
9	Construction of Anganwadi Centers	22	CAMPA plantation
10	Construction of rural housing works	23	PM Urja Ganga Project
11	Rural connectivity works	24	KVK training for Livelihoods
12	Solid and liquid waste management works	25	District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) works
13	Construction of farm ponds		

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