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The Government of India Operationalizes Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 Historic Transition from MGNREGA to VB-G RAM G Framework Effective 1st July 2026

The Government of India has notified the commencement of the **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G)** across all rural areas of the country, effective **1st July, 2026**. With this, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 will stand repealed, marking a historic transition in India's rural development framework.

The VB-G RAM G Act enhances the statutory employment guarantee from 100 to 125 days per financial year for all rural households whose adult members willing to volunteer for unskilled manual work. This expanded guarantee is designed to strengthen livelihood security, improve income stability, support rural consumption, and provide greater resilience to vulnerable households, aligned with the national vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**.

Key Features of the Act:

- **Enhanced Employment Guarantee:** Statutory assurance of **125 days of wage employment per financial year** for all rural households whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work.
- **Worker Friendly Transition:** Existing e-KYC verified Job Cards remain valid until issuance of new Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards.
- **Unemployment Allowance:** In case employment is not provided within the prescribed timeframe, workers shall be entitled to allowances covering one-fourth of the wage rate for the first 30 days and one-half thereafter.
- **Timely Wage Payments:** Wages to be transferred directly into bank/post office accounts via DBT, with compensation for delays.
- **Expanded scope of works:** The new Act focus on four thematic areas water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure and climate resilience.
- **Worksite Facilities:** Under the new Act it guarantees for providing clean drinking water, shade, rest areas, first aid kits, childcare support, and accident related medical coverage for workers.
- **Technology enabled governance:** Use of biometric authentication, mobile-based monitoring, geo-tagging, real-time dashboards, and strengthened social audits.

The Centre has said the transition from MGNREGA to the new law will be "seamless and uninterrupted". MGNREGA will formally stand repealed from July 1, 2026, the same date on which the VB-G RAM G Act comes into effect. The government has said incomplete public assets and ongoing projects will be prioritized for completion.

The funding patterns for states under the scheme is 90:10 for Northeastern and Himalayan states, 60:40 for other states and Union Territories with legislatures, and 100 per cent central funding for Union Territories without legislatures.

The Act positions rural employment as a driver of sustainable village development and durable asset creation, aligning with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. By integrating livelihood security with productivity, convergence, and resilience, the framework empowers villages/Gram Panchayats to lead local planning through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans, ensuring bottom-up, decentralized development. The Act also prioritizes **climate resilience and disaster preparedness**, ensuring that rural Bharat is equipped to face future challenges while creating durable assets that strengthen local economies.