

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan

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The lock down imposed has not only caused large scale migration but also economic hardships due to lack of social security and livelihood. COVID-19 has thus not only manifested as a **health hazard, but also economic hazard**, especially for the immigrants. The above scheme is the government's latest initiative to address the looming economic/ migration crisis.

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- It is a **rural public works scheme** to empower and provide livelihood opportunities to the returnee migrant workers and rural citizens.
- This **campaign of 125 days**, which will work in mission mode, will involve intensified and focused implementation of **25 different types of works** to **provide employment** to the migrant workers on one hand and **create infrastructure** in the rural regions of the country on the other hand, with a resource envelope of Rs. 50,000 crore.
- A total of **116 districts** with more than 25,000 returnee migrant workers across six States, namely **Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha** have been chosen for the campaign which includes **27 aspirational districts**. These districts are estimated to cover about 2/3 of such migrant workers.
- The Abhiyaan will be a **coordinated 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.

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