



VB-G RAM G Act comes into force across the country from today; “A historic day for rural India”: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

National launch of VB-G RAM G to be held in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 2 July; Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to participate

Revised wage rates under VB-G RAM G notified; No notified daily wage below ₹300, national average wage increased by over 10 per cent

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Marking a historic milestone in strengthening rural livelihoods and advancing the vision of a developed rural India, the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025 has come into force across the country from today. With the commencement of the Act, eligible rural households will now have a statutory entitlement to 125 days of guaranteed wage employment. The Act seeks to make rural employment more effective, transparent and outcome-oriented while accelerating the creation of durable rural assets, conservation of natural resources, enhancement of agricultural productivity, livelihood promotion and women-led development.



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With the Act becoming operational, the Government of India has also notified the revised wage rates under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 for all States, Union Territories and notified wage areas. As a result, no notified daily wage anywhere in the country will be below ₹300. The national average notified wage has increased from ₹298.8 per day to ₹327.4 per day, reflecting an average enhancement of more than 10 per cent. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh have witnessed wage increases ranging from 15 to 25 per cent. To ensure seamless and effective implementation of the Act from day one, the Government has already released an interim allocation of ₹95,692.31 crore to States and Union Territories to facilitate uninterrupted employment generation, timely wage payments and execution of development works.



Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that today marks a historic and unprecedented day for rural India. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the VB-G RAM G Act is not merely a new law but a transformative initiative that ushers in a new era of dignity, self-respect and livelihood security for millions of rural workers. He said that eligible rural families will now have a statutory right to 125 days of employment instead of 100 days. Shri Chouhan emphasized that the Government's highest priority is to ensure that no eligible rural worker is deprived of employment even for a single day. He added that the Centre and the States have completed all necessary administrative, financial and technical preparations for the smooth rollout of the Act. Expressing confidence in the initiative, he said it would create new livelihood opportunities in villages, accelerate the creation of durable assets, strengthen women's empowerment and give fresh momentum to the vision of an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Rural India. He also called upon all citizens to become partners in building prosperous, empowered and self-reliant villages.



To mark the national rollout of the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, a National Launch Programme will be held on 2 July 2026 at Mukkavaripalle Village, Obulavaripalle Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh. The programme will be attended by Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Konidela Pawan Kalyan, Minister of State Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State Shri Kamlesh Paswan, along with other dignitaries.



The National Launch Programme will feature the formal launch of VB-G RAM G, distribution of Rural Employment Guarantee Cards to beneficiaries, launch of the VB-G RAM G software platform, release of key publications, interaction with beneficiaries, and the inauguration of several initiatives aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of the Act.

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