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## Afforestation bustle through MGNREGA: A pace towards the sustainable approach

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**ABSTRACT :** India is one of the most populous countries having only 19.5 per cent forest cover which needs to be improved up to 33 per cent for ensuring environmental stability. Rejuvenation, conservation and maintenance of the natural resources are the prior essentialities of coming India. To overcome such emerging issues, Ministry of Environment and Forests adapted a Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranty Scheme (MREGS) since, 2005. Gradually this programme enhances livelihood security of rural poor by creating durable assets. This article tries to over view plantation activities and its impact on rural livelihood. In accordance with the prior recommendations of NREGA (National Rural Employment Guarantee Act), afforestation and various tree plantation activities were amended into schedule-I. It would become helpful to generate awareness towards greening India campaign. Also, strengthens the long term challenges regarding eco-restoration and regeneration of natural resources.

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