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125 days of rural employment

VB-G RAM G Act from 1 July 2026.
MGNREGA to be repealed.

125

GUARANTEED DAYS

Rs 95,692
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2026-27 ALLOCATION

1 Jul

START DATE

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New Act notified.

11 May

National Technology Day.

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Editor's briefing and contents

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 9-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

VB-G RAM G Act notified: 125 days of rural employment guarantee from 1 July 2026, MGNREGA to be repealed

11 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said that on 11 May 2026 the Government notified the commencement of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025, to be rolled out nationwide from 1 July 2026. From the same date the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 stands repealed.

Every rural household whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work is entitled to a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment each financial year. The Centre's 2026-27 budget allocation is Rs 95,692.31 crore, the highest at Budget Estimate stage for a rural employment programme, and total outlay including States' share is estimated to exceed Rs 1.51 lakh crore. Wages are to be paid weekly or within 15 days, with delay compensation. Existing e-KYC verified MGNREGA job cards stay valid until new Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards are issued.

Key facts

Act: Viksit Bharat - G RAM G Act, 2025; rollout from 1 July 2026

Guarantee: 125 days of wage employment per household per year

Allocation 2026-27: Rs 95,692.31 crore (Centre)

MGNREGA, 2005 repealed from 1 July 2026

Exam takeaway: MGNREGA gave 100 days of employment; the new Act raises the statutory guarantee to 125 days, as stated by PIB.

One-minute recall: VB-G RAM G Act from 1 Jul 2026: 125 days, Rs 95,692.31 crore; MGNREGA repealed (PIB, 11 May).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

Dr Ashok Kumar Panda takes charge as Chairman and Managing Director of SAIL

11 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said on 11 May 2026 that Dr Ashok Kumar Panda assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) on 9 May 2026. He was earlier SAIL's Director (Finance), and held additional charge as Director (Commercial) for about nine months.

Dr Panda joined SAIL in 1992 as a Management Trainee (Technical) after completing a B.E. in Electrical Engineering.

Key facts

Post: Chairman and Managing Director, SAIL

Appointee: Dr Ashok Kumar Panda

Took charge: 9 May 2026

Earlier post: Director (Finance), SAIL

Exam takeaway: SAIL is a public sector steel producer under the Ministry of Steel.

One-minute recall: SAIL CMD: Dr A K Panda took charge on 9 May 2026 (PIB, 11 May).

Press Information Bureau

National Technology Day is observed on 11 May, marking Pokhran-II

11 May 2026 | Fortune India

Fortune India reported on 11 May 2026 that India observes National Technology Day every year on 11 May to commemorate the Pokhran-II nuclear tests of 1998 under Operation Shakti, which marked India's entry into the group of nuclear-capable nations.

The day was officially declared National Technology Day by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1999 to recognise the contribution of scientists, engineers and researchers.

Key facts

Date: 11 May every year

Marks: Pokhran-II nuclear tests, 1998 (Operation Shakti)

Declared: 1999, by the Vajpayee government

Purpose: recognise scientists, engineers and researchers

Exam takeaway: Operation Shakti was the codename of the 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests in Rajasthan.

One-minute recall: National Technology Day, 11 May: Pokhran-II (1998, Operation Shakti); declared in 1999 (Fortune India).

Fortune India

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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VB-G RAM G: Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin).

MGNREGA: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

DBT: Direct Benefit Transfer.

SAIL: Steel Authority of India Limited.

Operation Shakti: Codename of the 1998 Pokhran tests.

Rapid-revision prompts

What does the new rural employment Act guarantee?

Who is SAIL's new CMD?

What does 11 May mark?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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