

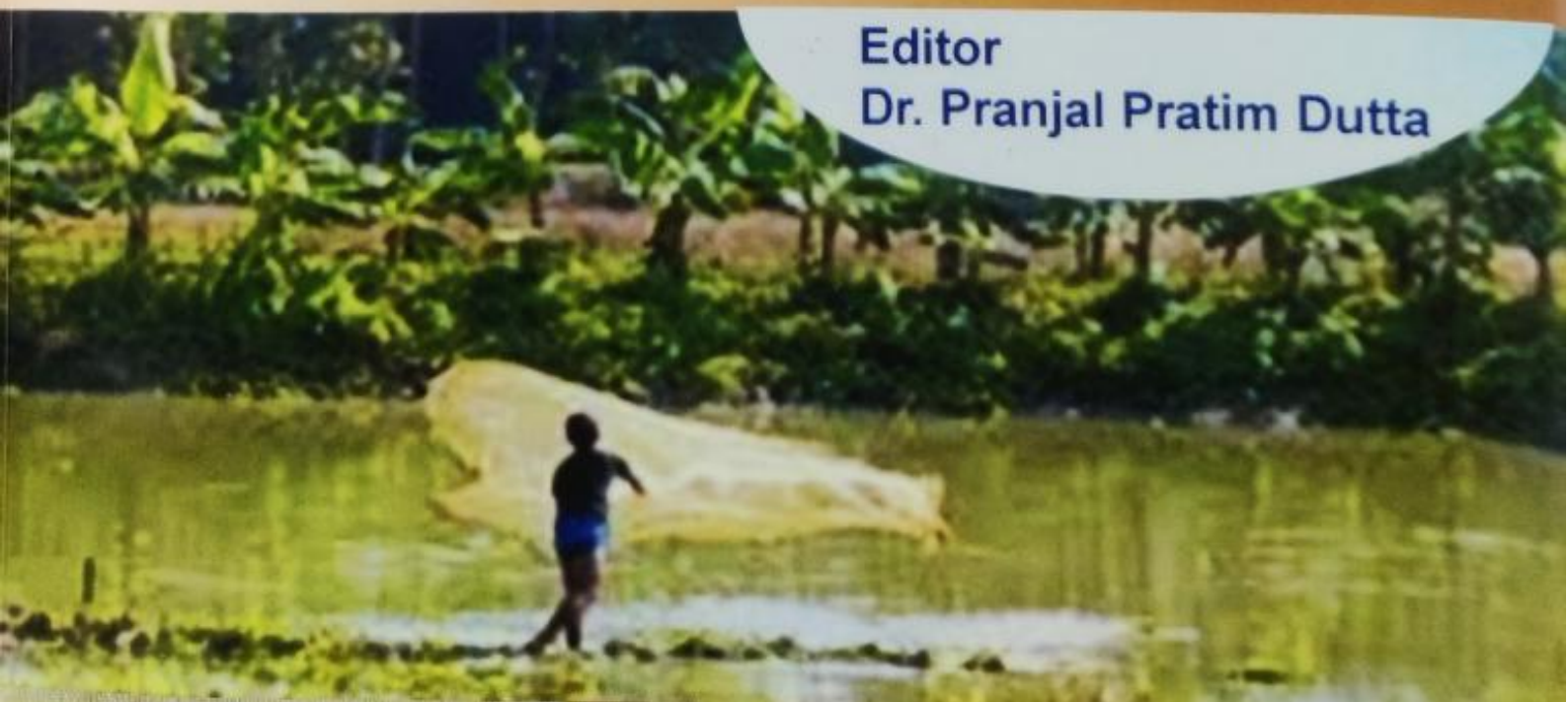
Rural Financing in North Eastern Region of India

Issues and Challenges



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The Impact of MGNREGA for changing the lives of the Rural Poor - A study in Golaghat District of Assam

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The National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREGA) act was passed by the government of India in September 2005 and on 2nd October 2009 the act is renamed as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The prime goal of the scheme is providing 100 days of wage employment to those claim employment in the appropriate authority, in the absence of providing employment the act instructs the authority to provide unemployment allowances. This research addresses the significance of social security for poverty reduction in the Golaghat District of Assam. The data for the research will be collected both from primary and secondary sources.

Key words: MGNREGA, poverty, development, Government.

Introduction:

The National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREGA) act was passed by the government of India in September 2005 and on 2nd October 2009 the act is renamed as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) which is a revolutionary step for India's poor. MGNREGA is the world's largest guarantee scheme of India to fight poverty and generate employment. It is the first ever law internationally, that guarantees wage employment at unprecedented scale. The significance of MGNREGA lies in the fact that it creates a right-based framework for wage employment programmes and makes the Government legally accountable for providing employment to those who ask for it. In this way, the legislation goes beyond providing a social safety net towards guaranteeing the right to employment. The Act came into force on February 2006 in 200 districts of backward areas of India and extended to another 100 districts in 2007 and it has further extended to all the districts of India in 2008. The prime goal of the scheme is providing 100 days of wage employment to those claim employment in the appropriate authority, in the absence of providing employment the act instructs the authority to provide unemployment allowances.