

De(coding) the poor: Towards a transparent and accountable NREGA information infrastructure

Sumitra Nair
Virginia Tech
sumitran@vt.edu

Nimmi Rangaswamy
Microsoft Research India
nimmir@microsoft.com



Source: Lateral Praxis

WITFOR 2012, 18 April 2012

1

MG National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (2005)



<http://truthdive.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Irony.jpg> R 20

NREGA National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

You have the
RIGHT TO WORK!



Under EGA, you have the right to
100 days employment
in a year, for each family
within 5 km of your residence
within 15 days from application
on local development project

You will find more information in the *[NREGA backgrounder]*
or at your Gram Panchayat

Reconstruction for Development – a Campaign A partnership between Architecture & Development, CED, ISEED, Praxis and TNDOT

h
t
t
p
/
c
e
n
t
r
e
r
i
g
h
t
.
i
n
/
2
0
1

Tracking workers, works, wages (WWW)



Source: Lateral Praxis



Case 1: NREGAsoft



<http://nrega.nic.in/netnrega/home.aspx>

NREGAsoft workflow

District



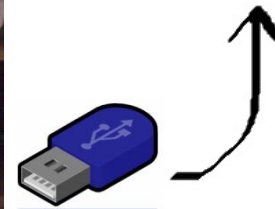
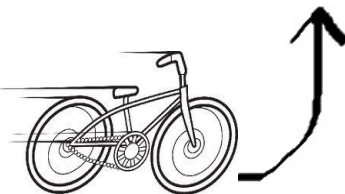
Block



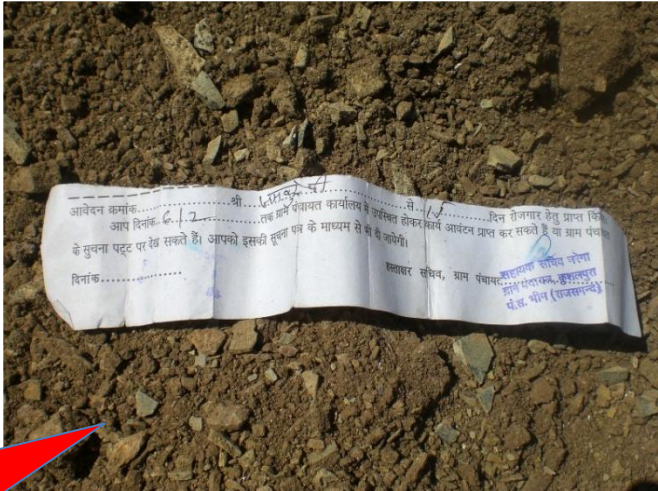
Village



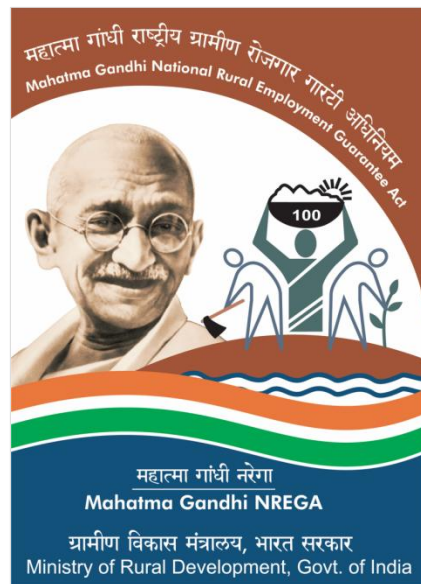
Source: Lateral Praxis



The Ubiquity Objective



Case 2: EMuster



Source: Lateral Praxis



NREGA as a network of local translations



Source: Lateral Praxis

WITFOR 2012, 18 April 2012

8



Thankyou

