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This project has not only enhanced my technical skills in Excel but also deepened my understanding of datadriven analysis and its real-world applications in governance and public welfare.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) represents one of India's most significant social security initiatives, designed to enhance livelihood security in rural areas. Enacted in 2005, this program guarantees 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work. Beyond employment generation, MGNREGA aims to create sustainable rural infrastructure, strengthen grassroots processes of democracy, and foster social equity.

Punjab, primarily known as an agriculturally prosperous state, presents an interesting case for MGNREGA implementation. Despite its agricultural advancement, the state faces challenges like seasonal unemployment, declining groundwater levels, and socioeconomic disparities. MGNREGA serves as a crucial safety net for rural households during agricultural off-seasons and for landless labourers throughout the year.

This report presents a comprehensive district-wise analysis of MGNREGA implementation across Punjab's 23 districts during the financial year 2024-2025. The study aims to evaluate the program's effectiveness through multiple dimensions:

- 1. Analysing the breakdown of expenditure across different categories
- 2. Assessing the status of work completion and ongoing projects
- 3. Evaluating the average employment days generated per household
- 4. Examining wage rate variations across districts
- 5. Understanding the distribution of workers across scheduled caste and scheduled tribe categories

Through this multidimensional analysis, the report seeks to identify implementation patterns, highlight best practices, recognize challenges, and suggest potential areas for improvement in MGNREGA's execution in Punjab.

2. Source of Dataset

The data utilized in this analysis is sourced from the MGNREGA Management Information System (MIS), the official digital platform that captures real-time implementation details of the program nationwide. The dataset covers the financial year 2024-2025, with particular emphasis on the month of March, providing a snapshot of program implementation across all 23 districts of Punjab.

The MGNREGA MIS is maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, and is recognized for its comprehensive documentation of program implementation details. Data is collected through a standardized procedure where implementation agencies at the gram panchayat, block, and district levels enter real-time information about works, employment generated, and expenditures incurred.

The dataset includes various parameters critical for analysis:

- District-wise active worker distribution (48,398K workers across 23 districts)
- Expenditure categorization (wages, material costs, administrative expenses)
- Work status (completed versus ongoing)
- Employment days generated per household
- Wage rates per person per day
- Social category distribution of workers (SC/ST)
- Labor budget approvals and utilization

3. Data Preprocessing Methods in Excel

Remove Duplicates

- Data → Removed Duplicates
- Ensured uniqueness and avoids repetition in data entries.

Handled Missing Values

Identify blanks or "NA" and either:

- Filled with mean/median (for numbers)
- delete the row if necessary

Trim Extra Spaces

- Formula: =TRIM(A2)
- Removed unwanted spaces that can break formulas or cause mismatch.

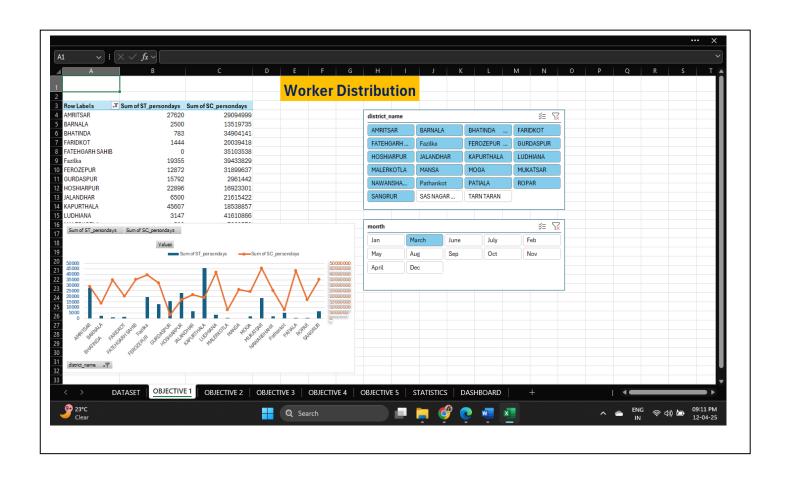
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- Use =UPPER(), =LOWER(), =PROPER()
- Keeps your data consistent (e.g., "male" vs "Male" vs "MALE").

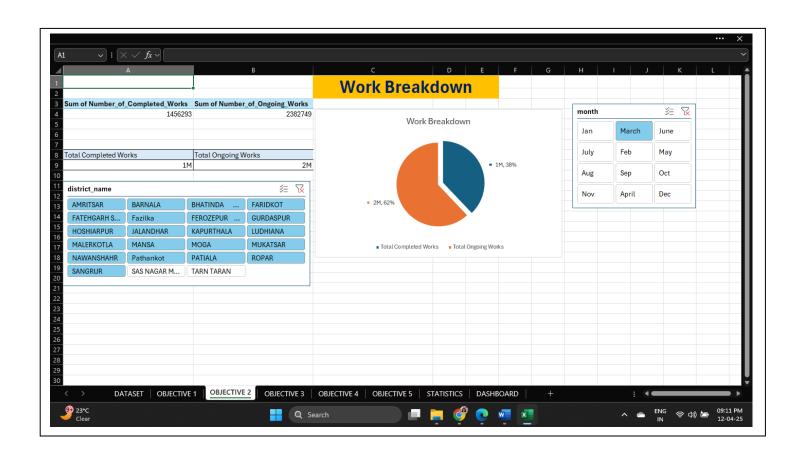
Fixed Inconsistent Categories

- Used IF() or VLOOKUP()
- Converted values like "M", "m", "Male" all into one standard label.

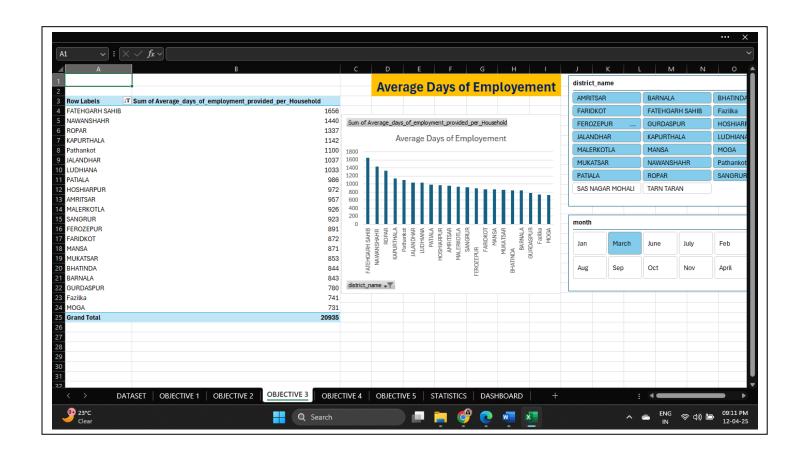
OBJECTIVE 1: Worker Distribution



OBJECTIVE 2: Work Breakdown



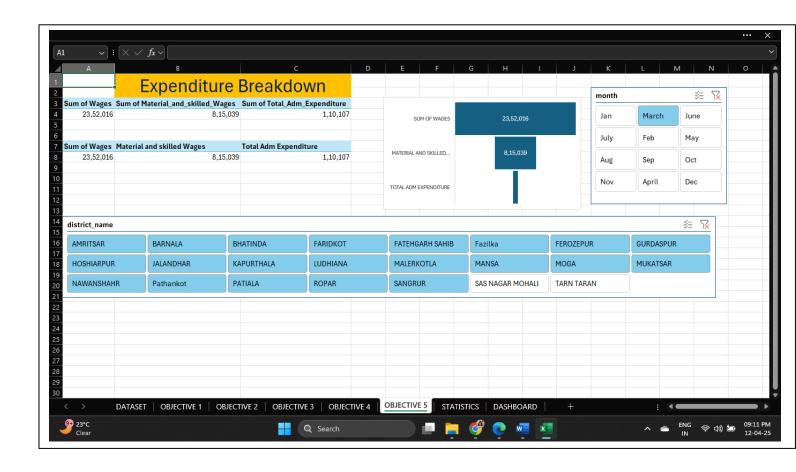
OBJECTIVE 3: Average Days of Employment



OBJECTIVE 4: Average Wage Per Day Per Person



OBJECTIVE 5: Expenditure breakdown



DASHBOARD:



CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates the power of Excel in handling real-world datasets and building dynamic dashboards for data analysis. The MGNREGA Dashboard for Punjab 2024–25 provides valuable insights into employment generation, fund utilization, and social equity outcomes. From macro-level summaries to district-wise deep dives, the dashboard is designed to support data-driven governance and transparent decision-making.

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SOURCE OF DATA: DATA.GOV.IN

GITHUB: MGNREGA REPOSITORY

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