## Development in the Information Society- Exploring a Social Policy Framework

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act- Andhra Pradesh ICT Initiative

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### Presentation Outline

- NREGA –APREGS: Overview
- APREGS ICT: Design Features
- APREGS ICT : Achievement and Lessons Learned

### **NREGA**

- NREGA APREGS: Overview
  - Notified on 5 September 2005
  - 200 Districts covered initially across the Country
- Rights based
- Demand Driven
- Social Audit

### NREGA - APREGS

- APREGS Notified on the same day as NREGA
- No. of Districts: 13
- No.of Gram Panchayats: 13,251
- No. of Villages: 0.49 lakh
- No. of Registered Households: 48.97 lakh

#### NREGA - APREGS

- No. of Works Sanctioned & Shelf: 2.55lakh
- No. Demanded and Provided Employment: 17.13 lakh (Household)
- 100 days Employment : 0.35 lakh (HH)
- Wages Paid: Rs.357 cr

## Implementation - Concerns

Track every Re. spent on the scheme

Reliable, Timely, Accurately, Comparable Information

**Open Access to Information** 

System – driven Accountability

### APREGS – ICT Initiative

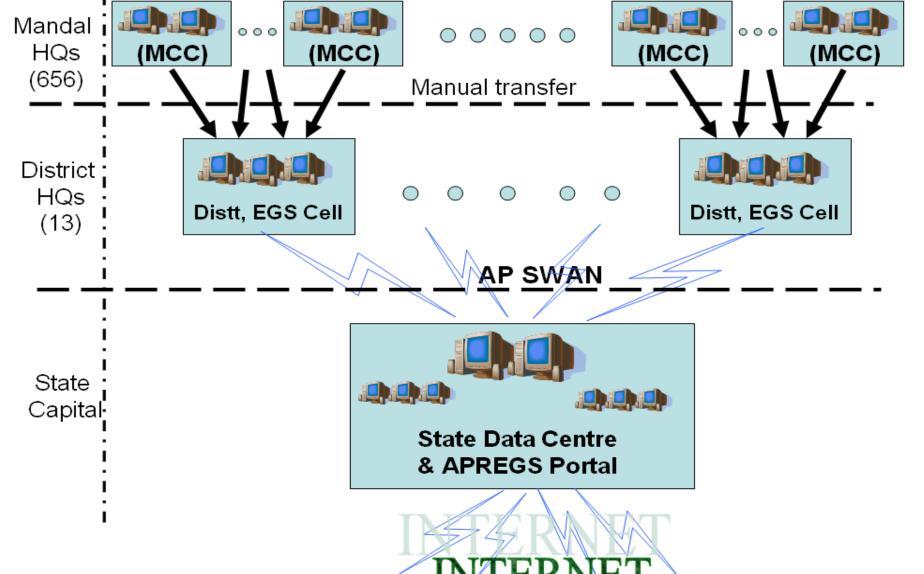
- Challenges Addressed
- Labour displacing machinery and contractor
- Transparency in all EGS transactions
  - Job card data through software
    - Shelf of Works
    - Works Execution
    - Payment of wages

### APREGS – ICT Initiative

- Challenges Addressed (contd)
- Monitoring of Rights and Entitlements
- Facilitating Social Audits and RTI
- Robust Accountability Mechanism
  - Individual
  - Institutional

# NREGA – APREGS : ICT Institutional Architecture





# NREGA – APREGS : Software – Salient Features





**Wage Seeker Registration** 



**Works Estimation** 



**Works Execution and Progress Monitoring** 



**Muster Rolls and Payment** 



**Funds and Accounts** 

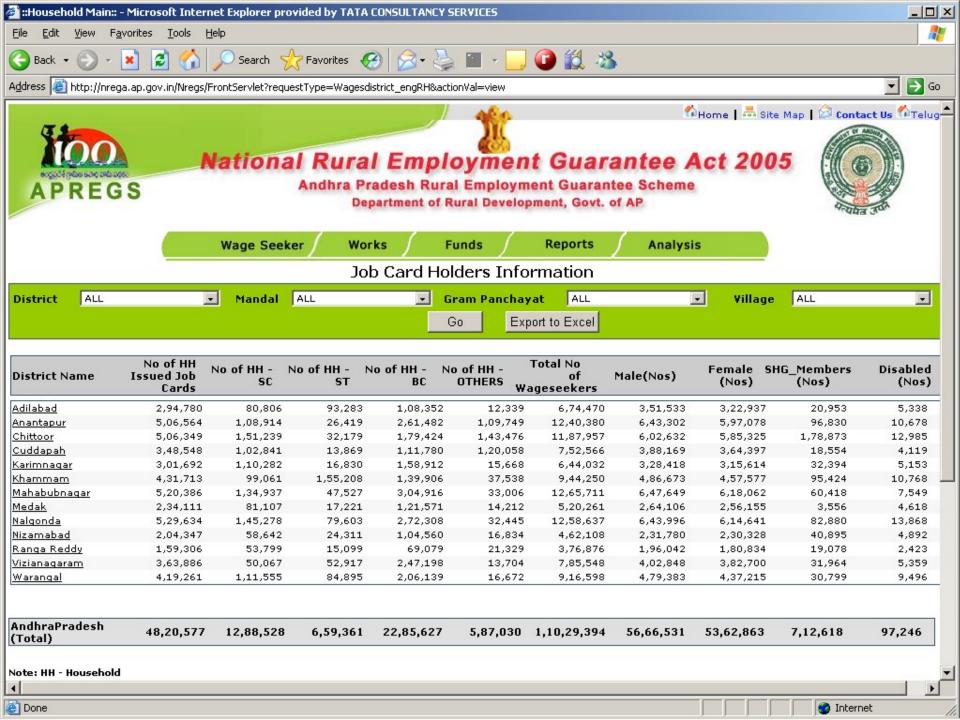


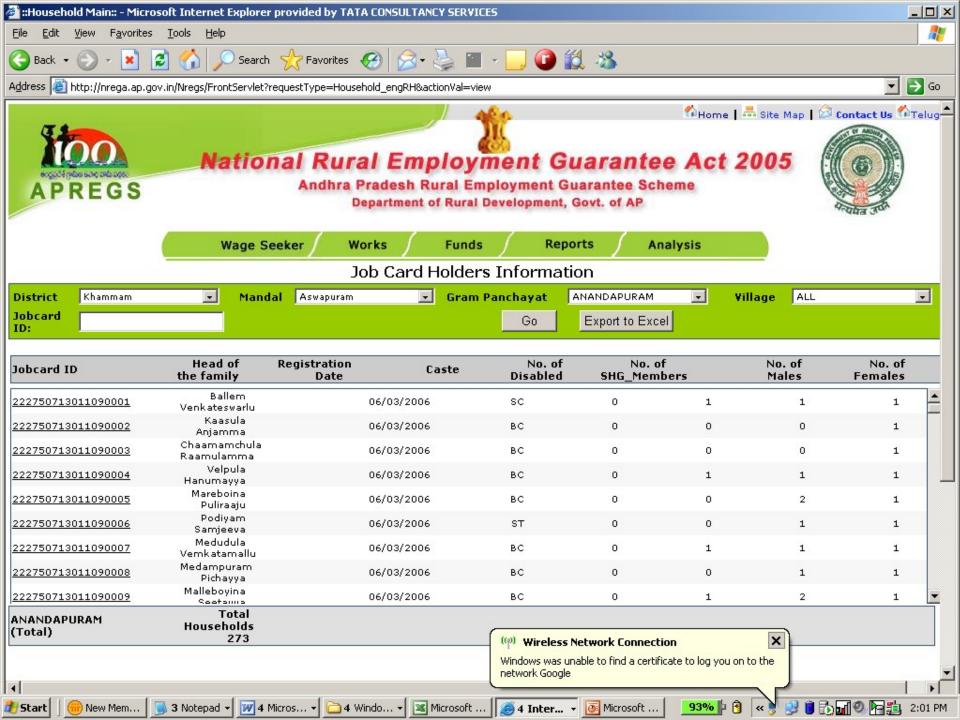
**Reports and Analysis** 



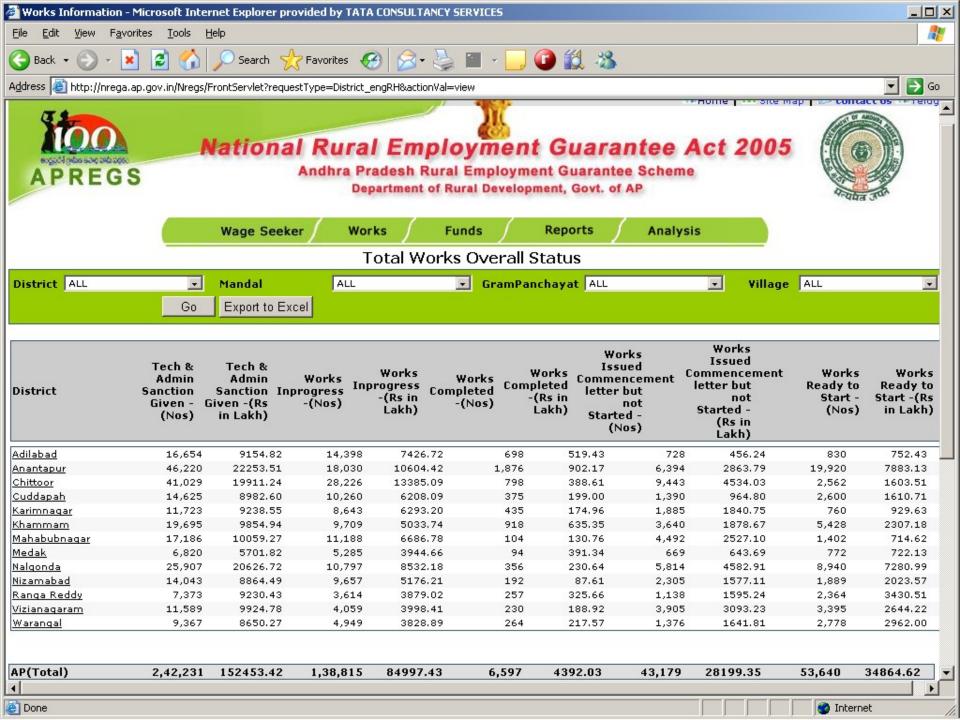
**Customization of the Software to Local Language** 













### **APREGS - Achievements**

- Institutional Aspects
  - Process and Systems at service of the Citizen
    - Systematic Performance Monitoring
      - Re-structure Power Relation
- Sevice Delivery
  - Speed approval and responsive mechanism
    - Timely and Transparent Wage Payments

### **APREGS - Achievements**

- Other Spin Offs
  - Potential for convergence with other departments / data / schemes
    - Revival of Postal Department
      - Financial Inclusion
  - Creation of Human Resource Capacity in Rural Areas
  - Diffusion of use and value of Technology

### **APREGS Success Factors**

- Holistic Vision
- Collaborative Approach
- Strong Private Public Partnership
- Strong Project Management Team
- Commitment of Resource

## Issues in Software Development

- Defining Project Scope and Contending with fuzzy logic
  - No past precedents
  - Lack of skills in defining Project Scope and Interfacing for Software Development
- Issues of Scale Up
  - Pilot Vs Full fledged
  - Resources for infrastructure
    - Scepticism

## Way Forward

- Technical Issues
  - Formal BCP and Project Management Plan for next 5 years
    - Risk Assessment 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Audit
    - Formal SLA with Private Sector Partners
      - Change Management
- Other Issues
  - Sustained Capacity Building
    - Sustained Leadership
    - Change Management
  - Address changing foci of corruption



#### **THANK YOU**

