

PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME

The Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, launched the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, here today. Following is the text of the address of the Prime Minister on the occasion:

Our government has also been implementing several programmes aimed at promoting rural development and offering guaranteed employment to the needy. I am happy to note that the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been widely welcomed by the rural public and I congratulate Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singhji with zeal and earnestness with which his Ministry is implementing this scheme. The strength of this programme is that it provides an effective safety net to the poorest of the poor. The NREGA opens up the opportunity to improve agricultural productivity of dry land areas as well.

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