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Mentally ill find gainful work in rural job scheme

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CHENNAI: Ritika Joseph, 35, couldn't dream of owning jewellery till recently. Today there is a glitter in her eyes as she keeps touching her gold earrings and nose stud every few minutes. "I bought it for Diwali," she says shyly.

Ritika's is one of the hundreds of happy tales of women with mental illness in Tamil Nadu who have been given work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The state is the first to employ such people under the national scheme, which offers employment for one member of every family in a village for 100 days a year at a minimum wage of 100 a day.

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Married at 20, Ritika slipped into depression when her husband began torturing her. "He would beat me up often, constantly ask me to get money from my father," she says. After three years, her father took her children in and, unable to care for her, admitted her to The Banyan, an NGO for destitute and mentally ill women. She used to suffer relapses of depression and psychosis despite being given anti-depressants.

All that changed when she was given 791 for six days of hard labour at a MGNREGA work site in Kovalam, 35km from Chennai on East Coast Road. "It was extremely tiring to dig pits, sweep roads, carry pots of water and plant saplings. The anti-depressants I was taking made me feel drowsy," she says. "However, the hard work is worth it, when you consider the salary."

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