



## e-Shram Portal

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### Why in News

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Recently, the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** launched the **e-Shram portal**.

### Key Points

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- **About e-Shram Portal:**
  - **Aim:** To **register 38 crore unorganised workers** such as construction labourers, migrant workforce, street vendors, and domestic workers, among others.
    - The workers will be issued an **e-Shram card** containing a **12 digit unique number**.
    - If a worker is registered on the eSHRAM portal and meets with an accident, he will be **eligible for Rs 2.0 Lakh on death or permanent disability and Rs 1.0 lakh on partial disability**.
  - **Background:** The formation of e-Shram portal came after the Supreme Court **directed the Government to complete the registration process of unorganized workers** so that they can avail the welfare benefits given under various government schemes.
  - **Implementation:** **Government in States/UTs** will conduct registration of unorganised workers across the country.

- **Status of Unorganised Sector in India:**

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has **categorized the unorganized labour force under four groups:**

- **Occupation:**

Small and marginal farmers, landless agricultural labourers, sharecroppers, fishermen, those engaged in animal husbandry, beedi making, etc.

- **Nature of Employment:**

Attached agricultural labourers, bonded labourers, migrant workers, contract and casual labourers come under this category.

- **Specially Distressed Category:**

Toddy tappers, scavengers, carriers of head loads, drivers of animal driven vehicles, loaders and unloaders.

- **Service Category:**

Midwives, Domestic workers, Fishermen and women, Barbers, Vegetable and fruit vendors, News paper vendors etc.

- According to the **Periodic Labour Force Survey** (PLFS 2018-19), 90% of workers were in the informal sector, which is 419 million of the 465 million workers.
- Informal workers in rural and urban areas **have been hit the most due to the pandemic**, because of the seasonality of their employment and lack of formal employee-employer relationship.

- **Initiatives Already Taken to Support Unorganised Sector:**

- **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)**
- **Labour Code**
- **Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY)**
- **PM SVANidhi: Micro Credit Scheme for Street Vendors**
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**
- **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihoods Mission**
- **PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)**
- **One Nation One Ration Card**
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana**
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**
- **World Bank Support to India's Informal Working Class**

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