

# Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Pension Scheme

### Why in News

According to the Ministry of Labour & Employment, nearly 46 lakh Unorganised Workers (UW) have been registered under the **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme.** 

## **Unorganised Workers**

- UWs are mostly engaged as rickshaw pullers, street vendors, mid-day meal workers, head loaders, brick kiln workers, cobblers, rag pickers, domestic workers, washer men, home-based workers, own account workers, agricultural workers, construction workers, beedi workers, handloom workers, leather workers, audio- visual workers or in similar other occupations.
- There are estimated 45 crore such unorganised workers in the country. The Vision

# **Key Points**

- About:
  - PM-SYM is a <u>Central Sector Scheme</u> administered by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and implemented through Life Insurance Corporation of India and Community Service Centers (CSCs).
    - **LIC (Life Insurance Corporation)** is the Pension Fund Manager and responsible for Pension pay out.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Should be an Unorganised Worker (UW).
- Monthly Income Rs 15000 or below.
- Entry age between 18 and 40 years.
- Should possess a mobile phone, savings bank account and Aadhaar number.
- Should not be covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme or Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- Should not be an income tax payer.
- Salient Features:
  - Minimum Assured Pension:
    - Each subscriber shall receive a minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/- per month after attaining the age of 60 years.
  - Family Pension:
    - During the receipt of pension, if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension received by the

- beneficiary as family pension. Family pension is applicable only to spouses.
- If a beneficiary has given regular contribution and died due to any cause (before age of 60 years), his/her spouse will be entitled to join and continue the scheme subsequently by payment of regular contribution or exit the scheme as per provisions of exit and withdrawal.
- Contribution:
  - The subscriber's **contributions shall be made through 'auto-debit' facility** from his/ her savings bank account/ Jan- Dhan account.
  - PM-SYM functions on a **50:50 basis** where prescribed age-specific contribution shall be made by the beneficiary and the matching contribution by the Central Government.
- Other Government Schemes for Unorganised Sector:
  - Labour Reforms
  - 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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