



# e-Shram Portal

## Why in News

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

## Key Points

### ▪ 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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