



# Shramashree Scheme for Migrant Workers

## Why in News?

**West Bengal Chief Minister** Mamata Banerjee announced the introduction of the **Shramashree scheme** to provide monthly cash incentives to migrant workers who return to the State after facing harassment in other States.

## Key Features of Shramashree Scheme

- **About:** The scheme is designed to support **around 22 lakh Bengali-speaking migrant workers** who are registered with **Bengal's migrant workers' portal**.
- **Financial Assistance:** Migrants returning to Bengal will receive a one-time grant of **₹5,000** to help cover their **travel expenses**.
  - A **₹5,000** monthly financial assistance will be provided for up to **one year** or until the migrant secures employment.
- **Additional Support:**
  - **Free Ration:** Beneficiaries will be granted **Khadya Sathi ration cards** for food security.
  - **Healthcare:** Migrants will be provided with **Swasthya Sathi health insurance** cards for free healthcare.
  - **Education:** Migrants' children will be enrolled in **state schools** to ensure their education continues without interruption.
  - **Accommodation:** For those without housing, **community kitchens and accommodation** will be provided.
  - **Skill Development:** Under the **Utkarsha Bangla scheme**, returning migrants will receive **skills training** to enhance employability.
    - They will also be given **job cards** under the **Karmashree scheme**.
- **Registration:** Migrants will be able to register through the **Shramashree portal**. Each registered worker will receive a **Shramashree card**, granting them access to the benefits.
  - The process will be monitored by **Bengal's Chief Secretary** and officials from the **Labour Department**.
- **Other Measures:** A **Migrant Workers' Welfare Board** has been set up for **migrant workers** to reach out for help and assistance.
  - The **Amader Para Amader Samadhan** camps will provide relevant information and guidance to returning workers.