



## PM Vishwakarma Scheme

### Key Points

- **Launch Year:** 2023
- **Type of Scheme:** Central Sector Scheme
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)
- **Eligibility:** Traditional artisans and craftsmen (**above 18 years of age**) engaged in **18 identified trades**.
- **Benefits:**
  - **Registration:**
    - Recognition as Vishwakarma: PM Vishwakarma Certificate & ID Card
  - **Credit Support:**
    - **Collateral free Enterprise Development Loans:**
      - Upto Rs 1 lakh
      - Upto Rs 2 lakh
    - **Concessional Rate of Interest @ 5%:**
      - Subject to interest subvention cap upto 8% by Gol
      - Credit Guarantee fees to be borne by Gol
    - **Skill Upgradation:**
      - Skill Identification followed by 5 days Basic Training
      - 15 days or more Advanced Training
      - Training Stipend: **Rs 500 per day**
    - **Toolkit Incentive:**
      - Rs 15,000 initially through DBT and progressively through e-RUPI/evouchers and Rs 500 daily stipend, Market linkages, Digital integration
- **Target:** Uplift and integrate artisans and craftsmen into the formal economy.
- **Total Outlay:** **Rs 13,000 crore** for 5 years 2023-24 to 2027-28.

### About PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- **PM Vishwakarma** is a **Central Sector Scheme** launched on **17th September, 2023** to provide **comprehensive support to traditional artisans and craftspeople** engaged in **manual and tool-based work**.
- **Eligibility:**
  - The applicant must be an **artisan or craftsperson working with hands and tools** in one of the **18 family-based traditional trades** in the **unorganized sector** on a **self-employment basis**.
  - **He/she must be above 18 years** at the time of registration and must be **actively working** in the trade at registration.
  - **He/she** should not have availed loans under **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), MUDRA, PM SVANidhi** in the past **5 years**, except those who have fully repaid.
  - Only **one member per family** (husband, wife, and unmarried children) can benefit.
- **Exception:**
  - **Government employees** and **their family** members **are not eligible**.

- **Eligible Trades:**
  - **18 eligible trades** include **Carpenter, Boat Maker, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith, Potter, Sculptor, Stone breaker, Cobbler/ Shoesmith/Footwear artisan, Mason, Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Doll & Toy Maker, Barber, Garland maker, Washerman, Tailor and Fishing Net Maker.**
    - The list can be **updated and modified** by the National Steering Committee with the approval of the **Ministry for MSME.**
- **Key Features:**
  - **Recognition:** Beneficiaries receive **PM Vishwakarma Certificate & ID Card**, enabling access to all scheme benefits.
  - **Skill Upgradation:**
    - **Basic Training (40 hours over 5-7 days, Rs 500/day stipend):** Covers skill enhancement, modern tool usage, digital transactions, and marketing.
    - **Advanced Training (15 days, Rs 500/day stipend):** Focuses on entrepreneurship, modern technology, and business expansion.
  - **Toolkit Incentive:** Up to **Rs 15,000** provided via **e-RUPI/e-vouchers** for modern tool procurement, improving productivity and product quality.
  - **Credit Support:** **Collateral-free loans** are provided **Rs 1 lakh (1st tranche)** and **Rs 2 lakh (2nd tranche)** in the form of '**Enterprise Development Loans**' with **interest subvention** to promote business growth.

Tranche	Amount of Loan (In Rs.)	Term of Repayment (In months)
1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche	Upto 1 lakh	18 months
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tranche	Upto 2 lakh	30 months

- **Digital Empowerment:** Beneficiaries will receive **Rs. 1 per digital transaction**, up to **100 transactions per month**, credited directly to their accounts for each digital payout or receipt.
- **Market Support:** Corpus of Rs 250 crore for **quality certification, branding, advertising, and publicity** and other **marketing activities**

## What is the Implementation Framework of the Scheme?

- **Implementation and Monitoring:**
  - **National Steering Committee (NSC):** The NSC shall be the Apex Committee constituted by the **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.**
  - The NSC will be empowered to take **all major policy and strategy decisions** with respect to the implementation of the Scheme and approve any **modifications** required in the Scheme, like inclusion of further categories of trades.
    - The committee meeting will be convened **at least twice a year** for a Scheme-level review, course corrections or to discuss any other agenda as deemed important in the opinion of the committee, as per the requirement.
  - **State Monitoring Committee (SMC):**
    - The SMC shall be responsible for the **operational implementation and monitoring** of the Scheme at the **state level**; it will also act as a **bridge between the NSC and the field level setup.**
  - **District Implementation Committee (DIC):**
    - The DIC shall be responsible for the **actual roll-out and implementation of the Scheme at the field level** and will **coordinate with the State Government** and other committees.
  - **Credit Oversight Committee:**
    - The **Credit Oversight Committee** will be chaired by the **Secretary (Department of Financial Services)** with members including the **Secretary (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises)**, a representative from the **Secretary (Expenditure), RBI, SIDBI, and CGTMSE.**
    - The Committee will oversee the **assured flow of credit to beneficiaries and ensure its proper disbursement.** Additionally, it will have the **authority to review and revise the interest subvention cap** under the Scheme based on

prevailing interest rates.

- **Executing Agencies:** Ministry of MSME, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Department of Financial Services (DFS).
- **Monitoring Mechanism:**
  - **Programme Management Units (PMUs)** at national and state levels for tracking implementation.
  - **Online Monitoring System (OMS)** with dashboards to track fund utilization and beneficiary outcomes.
  - **Regular Reviews** by NSC and SMC to ensure effective execution.

## What is the Impact of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme?

- **Economic Empowerment:** Enhances artisans' productivity, quality, and business scalability through financial support, formal recognition, and improved credit access.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Supports traditional crafts while integrating modern skills, digital literacy, and financial incentives to sustain heritage-based trades.
- **Social Inclusion & Gender Equity:** Empowers women artisans, particularly in rural areas, and promotes inclusivity by supporting marginalized communities like SCs and STs.

### Latest Update

- As of January 2025, **26.87 lakh** beneficiaries have been successfully registered under the scheme.

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