



India's First Household Income Survey in 2026

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The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** will conduct India's **first comprehensive Household Income Survey** in 2026, through the **National Sample Survey (NSS)**.

- The **NSS is conducted by the Field Operations Division** of the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**, earlier known as the **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)**.

All India Household Income Survey

- **About:** **Household Income Survey** is a **large-scale statistical exercise** aimed at collecting reliable data on **income earned by households** from various sources such as **wages, salaries, business, agriculture, property, and remittances**.
 - It aims to address the historic **income-consumption mismatch** by **adopting global best practices** from the **USA's Current Population Survey, Canadian Income Survey, and Australia's Survey of Income and Housing**.
 - For the **first time in India**, it will assess the **impact of technology on wages**, with a special focus on **informal sector earnings** and **technology-driven income generation**.
- **Objective:** The **Survey** aims to capture **accurate data on income levels, distribution patterns, and structural disparities** to aid **economic policymaking and welfare planning**.
- **Background:** Since 1950, India has not conducted a nationwide income survey due to **operational challenges** and **data inconsistencies**, particularly the mismatch between **reported income** and **consumption-savings data**.

National Statistical Office (NSO)

- NSO is the central statistical agency under **MoSPI**, formed in **2019** by merging the **Central Statistics Office (CSO)** and **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)**.
- NSO conducts key **socio-economic surveys** like the **PLFS** and **Consumer Expenditure Survey**, and prepares **National Accounts Statistics**.

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