



Mega Conclave on PM Vishwakarma in Bihar

Why in News?

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, organized the **PM Vishwakarma and National SC-ST Hub Mega Conclave** to commemorate the second anniversary of the **PM Vishwakarma Scheme**.

- The event aimed at empowering traditional artisans and craftsmen, fostering entrepreneurship, and showcasing the achievements of the scheme.
- The Ministry of MSME signed agreements with the **National Institute of Design (NID)**, Ahmedabad, and the **Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)** to strengthen the [PM Vishwakarma Scheme](#).

PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- **About:** 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**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- **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.
 - **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/ Shoemaker, 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 of 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.
- **Implementation:**
 - **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 the inclusion of further categories of trades.
 - **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.

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