

SPREE 2025

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The <u>Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)</u> has launched two major initiatives-SPREE-2025 and the <u>AMNESTY Scheme</u>, aimed at strengthening the <u>social security framework</u> and simplifying compliance for industries.

SPREE-2025

- About: The SPREE-2025 (Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees) approved by the ESIC, aims to expand social security coverage under the ESI Act,1948.
 - Active from 1st July to 31st December 2025, it offers a one-time opportunity for unregistered employers and employees, including temporary and contractual workers, to enroll without facing inspections or past dues.
- Key Features:
 - Employers can digitally register through the ESIC, Shram Suvidha, and MCA portals, with registration valid from the employer's declared date.
 - No contributions or benefits will apply for periods before registration, and no inspections or past record demands will be made for that period.
 - It **removes the fear of retrospective penalties** and simplifies the process, encouraging voluntary compliance.

AMNESTY Scheme

- This **is a one-time dispute resolution initiative designed** to settle issues related to damages, interest, and coverage under the ESI Act.
- It will be in effect from 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026.
- The scheme seeks to provide employers with an opportunity to resolve pending disputes and strengthen compliance, thereby reducing the number of lawsuits and ensuring the smooth delivery of social security benefits to employees.

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