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Over 16 Crore Unorganised Workers register on e-SHRAM Portal

Uttar Pradesh tops with over Five Crore registrations

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"यही तो संकल्प से सिद्धि की यात्रा है। देश के करोड़ों श्रमिकों और कामगारों का सामर्थ्य आज नए भारत का आधारस्तंभ बन रहा है। उनकी सामाजिक सुरक्षा में ही देश का मजबूत भविष्य छिपा है।"

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi¹](#)

Context

A home-based worker, self-employed worker or a wage worker is defined as unorganised worker as per the [Code on Social Security, 2019](#). It also includes a worker in the organised sector who is not covered by the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 or Chapters III to VII of this Code.

As per the [Ministry of Labour and Employment's Annual Report 2020-21](#), workers who are mostly home-based and are engaged in occupations such as *beedi* rolling, *agarbatti* making, *papad* making, tailoring, embroidery works, street vendors, head loaders, brick kiln workers, cobblers, rag pickers, domestic workers, washermen, rickshaw pullers, landless labourers, own account workers, agricultural workers, construction workers, handloom workers, leather workers, audio-visual workers and similar other occupations have been enlisted as unorganised workers.

According to the Ministry's recent [Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual Report 2019-20](#), 38.2 per cent of the population is employed and the unorganised sector represents 81 per cent of the workforce in India. The report further states that in 2017-18, the total employment in both the organised and unorganised sectors was 47 crore, of which around 38 crore worked in the unorganised sector. The report also highlighted that the number of unorganised workers is expected to have increased due to the pandemic affected economic expenses.

e-SHRAM Portal

Looking at huge number of unorganised workers in the country's workforce and the fact they were unable to access benefits of the government's policies and programmes as they are not registered anywhere, the Government of India has launched the **e-Shram portal**, with the aim of registering unorganised workers, domestic workers, construction workers, migrant workers, gig and platform workers and ensuring that welfare schemes meant for them reach the last mile.

¹ https://twitter.com/narendramodi/status/1465989054369972224?t=SRdBfBaVWM7TZQyzg_nWMw&s=08

The Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Sh Bhupender Yadav, highlighted the rationale behind a digital portal to register the unorganised workforce and stated that “for the first time in the History of India, a system is being made to register 38 crore Unorganised Workers. It will not only register them but would also be helpful in delivering of various social security schemes being implemented by the Central and State Governments.”

Introduction

The Union Minister for Labour and Employment launched the e-Shram portal virtually on 26 August 2021 and handed it over to the States/Union Territories in the presence of the Rameswar Teli, Minister of State for Labour & Employment (M/o L&E) and Petroleum & Natural Gas.

The e-shram portal is a key milestone to realise the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards the welfare of the unorganized workers who are the nation builders of India as the government envisions: “छूटेगा नहीं कोई कामगार, योजनाएं पहुंचेंगी सबके द्वार.”

It is the first-ever **National Database of Unorganised Workers** including migrant workers, construction workers, gig and platform workers, etc.



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e-Shram Portal: Government of India launches National Database for Unorganised Workers for the overall welfare of crores of unorganized workers of the country [Source](#)

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e-SHRAM Portal

- ▶ A National Database of **Unorganized Workers**
- ▶ Database authenticated with Aadhaar (**97% coverage**)
- ▶ **38 Crore unorganized workers** will be registered on eSHRAM Portal
- ▶ **Construction Workers, Migrant Workers, Street Vendors, Domestic Workers, Milkmen, Truck Drivers, Fishermen, Agriculture Workers and similar other workers** to be covered
- ▶ Registration starting from **26th August, 2021**



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e-SHRAM Portal
National Database of Unorganized Workers

Category of Unorganized Workers covered

- Construction Worker
- Migrant Worker
- Gig & Platform Worker
- Street Vendor
- Domestic Worker
- Agriculture Worker
- Other Unorganized Workers

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Eligibility

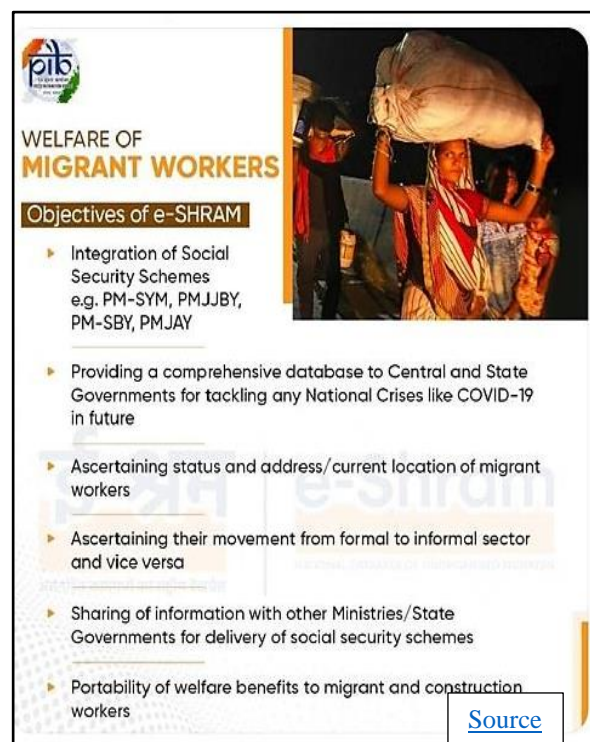
Any individual between 16-59 years, who is not a member of Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) / Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) or National Pension System (Govt. Funded), can register on the e-Shram Portal.

Any worker who is a home-based worker, self-employed worker or a wage worker in the unorganised sector including a worker in the organised sector who is not a member of ESIC or EPFO or not a government employee is called an Unorganised Worker.

Aadhar Number, Mobile number linked with Aadhaar, Savings Bank Account number with IFSC code is required to register on the portal.

Objectives of e-SHRAM Portal

- Creation of a centralized database of all unorganised workers (UWs) including construction workers, migrant workers, gig and platform workers, street vendors, domestic workers, agriculture workers, etc. to be seeded with Aadhaar.
- To improve the implementation efficiency of the social security services for the unorganized workers.
- Integration of Social Security Schemes such as [Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan](#) (PM-SYM), [Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana](#) (PMJJBY), [Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana](#) (PMSBY), [Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana \(PM-JAY\)](#), etc. meant for UWs being administered by M/o L&E and subsequently those run by other ministries as well.
- Sharing of information in respect of registered unorganised workers with various stakeholders such as Ministries/ Departments/ Boards/ Agencies/ Organisations of the Central & State Governments through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for delivery of various social security and welfare schemes being administered by them.
- Portability of the social security and welfare benefits to the migrant and construction workers.
- Providing a comprehensive database to Central and State Governments for tackling any national crises like COVID-19 in future.



WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Objectives of e-SHRAM

- ▶ Integration of Social Security Schemes e.g. PM-SYM, PMJJBY, PM-SBY, PMJAY
- ▶ Providing a comprehensive database to Central and State Governments for tackling any National Crises like COVID-19 in future
- ▶ Ascertaining status and address/current location of migrant workers
- ▶ Ascertaining their movement from formal to informal sector and vice versa
- ▶ Sharing of information with other Ministries/State Governments for delivery of social security schemes
- ▶ Portability of welfare benefits to migrant and construction workers

[Source](#)



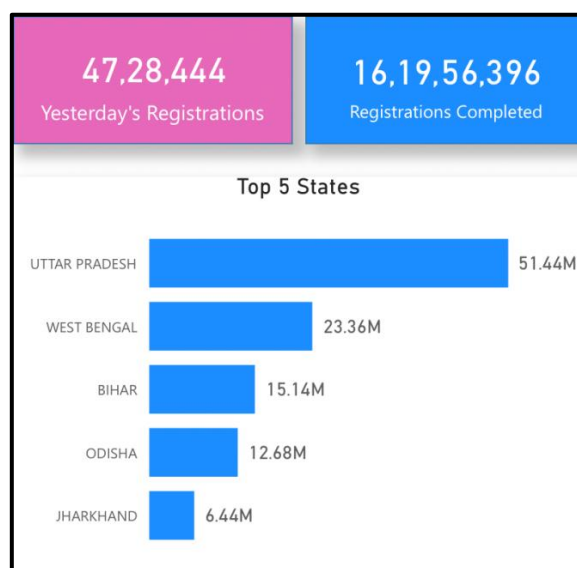
Benefits of e-SHRAM Portal

Although there are many benefits of the e-SHRAM portal which will directly go to the workers of the unorganized sector, the following are significant:

- e-SHRAM Card to be acceptable across the country. A 12-digit Universal Account Number is uniquely assigned to each unorganised worker after registration on e-SHRAM portal. UAN number will be a permanent number i.e., once assigned, it will remain unchanged for the worker's lifetime.
 - After registering, the individual will get Accidental Insurance Coverage through the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).
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- If a worker is registered on the e-SHRAM portal and meets with an accident, he/she will be eligible for accident insurance of Rs Two lakhs on death or permanent disability and Rs One lakh on partial disability as the government is always committed for the welfare of the workers.
 - Social Security Benefits will be delivered through the portal.

e-SHRAM Portal: Key Developments

- As on December 30, 2021, the registrations on the e-SHRAM portal have [crossed 16,19,56,396](#).



[Source](#)

Registration is totally free
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 Already Registered? **UPDATE**

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Register on maandhan.in

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 e-Shram Cards Issued

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[Source](#)

- Government of India has also [provided registration facilities at the doorstep](#) of the unorganised workers. Common Service Centres (CSCs) are working as enrollment agencies through over 4 lakh centers across the country.
- State Governments have also onboarded over 17,337 State Seva Kendras (SSKs) with e-SHRAM portal to extend the outreach of the registration facility.²
- Approximately, [81 per cent registration is being done by CSC & SSKs and remaining 19 per cent through self-registration](#).³
- As on December 30, 2021, nearly 45.65 per cent registered workers are male and remaining [54.35 per cent workers are female](#).⁴
- Transgender are also being registered on the e-SHRAM Portal.** [As on December 1, 2021, 2380 transgenders have been registered on e-SHRAM](#).⁵
- As on December 30, 2021, [around 62.63 per cent](#) of registered workers belongs to 18-40 years of age group, while nearly 19.93 per cent are in the age group of 40-50 years.⁶

² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1776993>

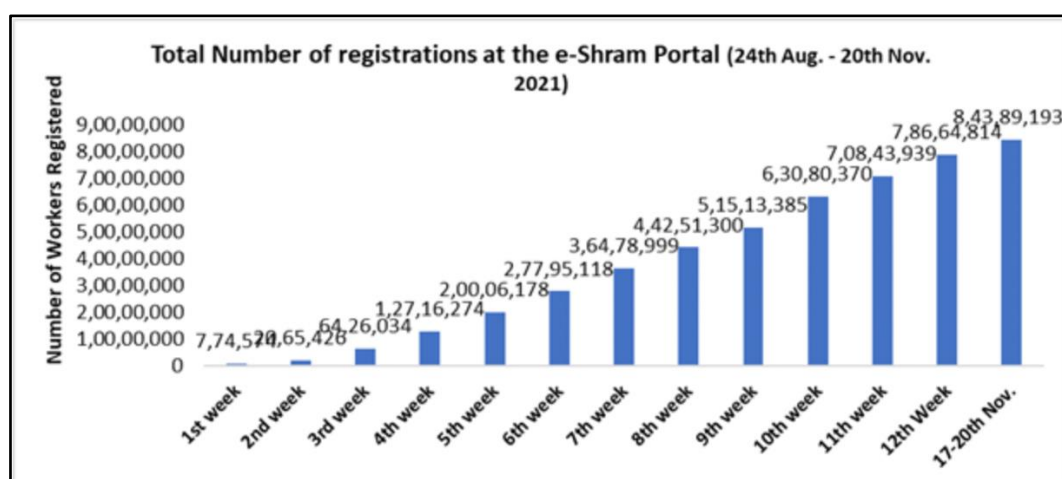
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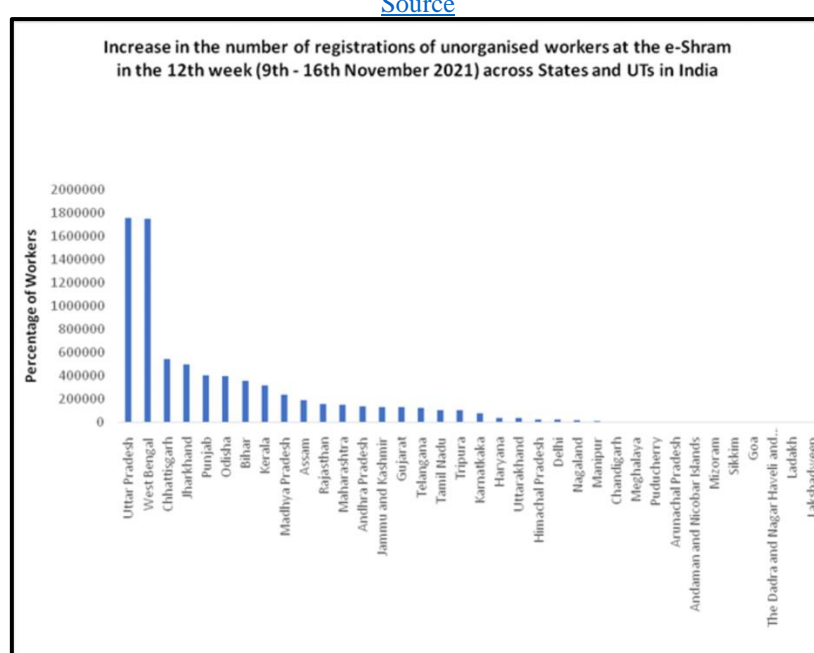
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⁶ Ibid

- Under e-SHRAM Portal, the occupation of the worker is being captured to provide identity to the workers with their occupations. It will facilitate Governments to devise social security welfare schemes to the all the segments of the unorganised workers.
- It is imperative to note that the number of registrations at the e-SHRAM portal have been [rising continually and steadily since its launch](#)⁷. Within [the fourth week of the launch of the portal](#), the registrations had [crossed over 1.71 crore](#)⁸ out of the estimated 38 crore workers engaged in the unorganized sector and employment ([Economic Survey, 2019-20](#)).



[Source](#)



[Source](#)

- On December 1, 2021, [Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also expressed happiness over 10 crore registrations](#)⁹ on e-SHRAM and acknowledged the accomplishment as a journey of [“Sankalp Se Siddhi”](#). He emphasized that the strength of crores of workers and labourers of the country is becoming the cornerstone of New India today.

⁷ [Press Release Posted By PIB On 21 November 2021](#)

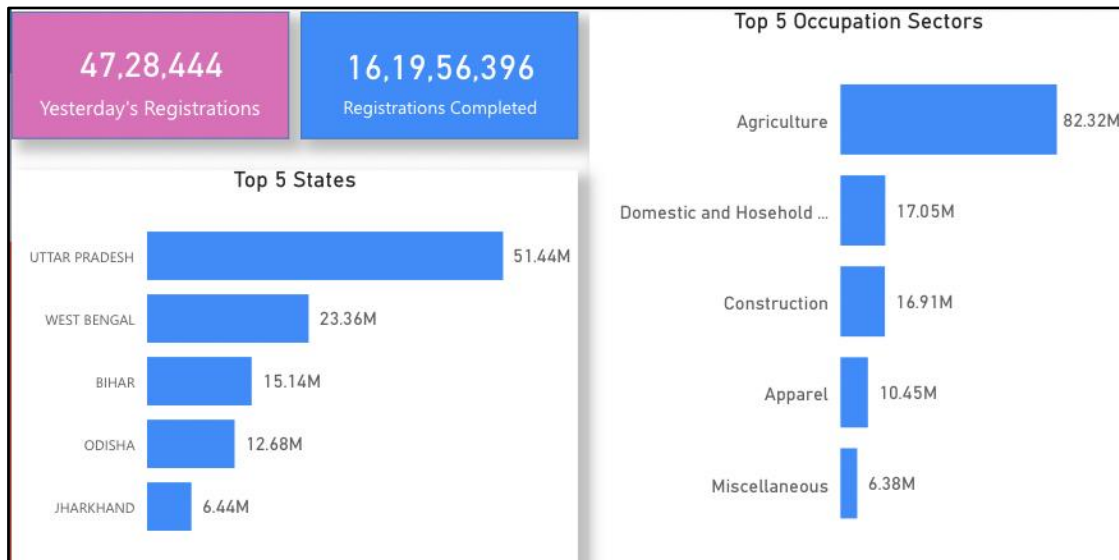
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- To see other data points, [click here](#).

As on December 30, 2021, the **top five states** in terms of number of registration on the [e-SHRAM portal](#) since its inception are **Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand** in the same order.

Uttar Pradesh holds top position in registration on e-SHRAM portal



[Source](#)

As on December 30, 2021, **Uttar Pradesh saw 5.14 Crore registrations**- far ahead of all the other states (as seen below)- reflecting the success of the platform amongst unorganised workers in the State.

State	Total Registrations
UTTAR PRADESH	51435056
WEST BENGAL	23360670
BIHAR	15137879
ODISHA	12680127
JHARKHAND	6442121

[Source](#)

Key Developments in Uttar Pradesh

- As on December 30, 2021, about **5,14,35,056 unorganized workers have registered** themselves on the e-SHRAM Portal in UP.
- Registered workers from five leading sectors in Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

Occupation Sector	Total Registrations
Agriculture	25423114
Domestic and Household Workers	8192456
Construction	3934296
Apparel	3119470
Miscellaneous	2002671

[Source](#)

- As on December 30, 2021, 52.84 per cent of those enrolled are females and 47.16 per cent are males.
- 12,08,30,739 workers registered themselves at the CSCs, 3,98,28,992 workers registered on the portal and 12,96,665 in the State Seva Kendras. (As on December 30, 2021)

Mode of Registration txt	total
CSC	120830739
Self	39828992
State Seva Kendra	1296665

[Source](#)

- 1,30,80,089 workers with income below Rs 10,000 have registered themselves. (As on December 30, 2021)

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10000 & Below	13080089
10001-15000	496478
15001- 18000	78046
21001 & Above	52545
18001-21000	37553

[Source](#)

- Around 6.78 per cent of these registered workers are in the age group of 16-18 years, 62.54 per cent in the age group of 18-40 years and 19.72 per cent in the age group of 40-50 years and 10.63 per cent above 50 years.

Age Categories	Workers
18-40 yrs	62.54%
40-50 yrs	19.89%
Above 50 yrs	10.79%
16-18 yrs	6.78%

[Source](#)

- 44.08 per cent of those enrolled include other backward castes (OBCs) and 25.96 per cent general castes while 22.33 per cent and 7.63 per cent are from scheduled castes and scheduled tribes respectively.

Social Category	Registrations
OBC	44.08%
GEN	25.96%
SC	22.33%
ST	7.63%

[Source](#)

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