

Modi Government's transformative achievements in social protection over the past decade recognised by the International Social Security Association, says Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

India's enhanced vote share in ISSA reflects the nation's growing influence and leadership in shaping global social security dialogue- Dr. Mandaviya

India's Social Security Cover more than triples over past decade, from 19% in 2015 to over 64% in 2025

e-Shram portal, one of the world's largest databases of unorganised workers, appreciated by ISSA

India Honoured with Prestigious ISSA Award 2025 in Kuala Lumpur for Outstanding Achievement in Social Security

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India has been conferred with the **Outstanding Achievement in Social Security Award 2025** by the **International Social Security Association (ISSA)**, recognising the country's exemplary efforts in expanding social protection and ensuring inclusive welfare for its citizens. This was highlighted by the Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, in a media interaction today. The ISSA award, presented in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last week, was received by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on behalf of the Government of India.

This award, said the Union Minister, is a testament to the transformative reforms carried out by the Modi Government over the past decade in the domain of social security. He also stressed upon **the rise in India's vote share in the ISSA General Assembly to 30, which is the maximum permissible limit for any member country**. "This milestone reflects India's growing influence and leadership in shaping global social security dialogue and cooperation," Dr. Mandaviya said.

The **ISSA Award** is a prestigious global recognition, presented once every three years at the **World Social Security Forum**. Previous recipients of this honour include Brazil (2013), China (2016), Rwanda (2019) and Iceland (2022). Established in 1927, the International Social Security Association (ISSA) comprises more than 330 member organisations from 158 countries.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has achieved a remarkable expansion in social protection coverage — from **19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, as highlighted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO)** — thereby bringing more than **94 crore (940 million)** citizens under the ambit of social security. A key reform driving this achievement is the **e-Shram Portal**, launched four years ago, which has connected over **31 crore (310 million)** unorganised workers to social security and other welfare services.

The ISSA Award 2025 underscores India’s commitment to building an inclusive, equitable, and technology-driven social protection ecosystem, ensuring that every worker — organised or unorganised — is safeguarded under the umbrella of social security.

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