



PM Vishwakarma completes three years with 30 lakh artisans registered under the scheme

Chief Minister of West Bengal Shri Suwendu Adhikari highlighted the State's Commitment to empower Traditional Artisans

30 Lakh Beneficiaries Registered Under PM Vishwakarma; Around 24.50 Lakh Have Received Basic Skill Training: Union Minister for MSME Jitan Ram Manjhi

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs Key to Building Stronger Families, Communities and a Prosperous Viksit Bharat: MoS Shobha Karandlaje

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) celebrated the occasion at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata, West Bengal

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The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, celebrated the 3rd Anniversary of the PM Vishwakarma at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, Kolkata, West Bengal. The occasion marked three years of the Scheme's implementation and highlighted the Government's continued efforts to strengthen the livelihoods, skills and entrepreneurial capabilities of traditional artisans and craftspeople.

West Bengal onboarded for implementation of PM Vishwakarma in May 2026, marking an important step towards extending comprehensive support to the State's traditional artisans and craftspeople. The celebrations in Kolkata underscored the scheme's significance in empowering Vishwakarmas through skill training, modern tools, institutional credit and market linkages.



On the occasion of the 3rd Anniversary of PM Vishwakarma, an exhibition showcasing the rich traditional arts and crafts of Vishwakarma artisans, was inaugurated by Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of MSME, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for MSME, Shri Dipak Barman, Minister of MSME & Textiles, Government of West Bengal and Shri Ashoke Dinda, Minister of State for MSME & Textiles, Government West Bengal. The exhibition provided Vishwakarmas of West Bengal, a platform to showcase their traditional craftsmanship and entrepreneurial skills.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Suvendu Adhikari, Chief Minister of West Bengal, highlighted the importance of extending skill training and credit support to traditional artisans and craftspeople in the State. He expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the transformative vision behind PM Vishwakarma and acknowledged its significant role in strengthening the livelihood of artisans and craftspeople across the country. Outlining the progress of PM Vishwakarma in West Bengal, he stated that more than 7 lakh applications have been received under the scheme. He stated that Government of West Bengal will expedite provisioning of facilitative support to enable Vishwakarmas avail the benefits under the scheme. The Chief Minister also assured coordinated efforts by the State for effective and timely implementation of PM Vishwakarma across West Bengal in association with Ministry of MSME, Government of India. He called upon the concerned State agencies to strengthen outreach and implementation so that the benefits of the scheme reach every eligible artisan and craftspeople.



He appreciated the implementation of various schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of MSME in West Bengal, noting their contribution to promoting entrepreneurship, generating employment, supporting enterprise development and strengthening the MSME ecosystem in the State. He emphasised that effective implementation of these initiatives would contribute towards realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat.



The Union Minister for MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, highlighted the achievements of the PM Vishwakarma, launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17th September 2023 to empower traditional artisans and craftspeople through skill training, provisioning of modern toolkit, credit and market support. He stated that 30 lakh beneficiaries have already been registered under PM Vishwakarma, out of which around 24.50 lakh have received Basic Skill Training. 18.15 lakh modern toolkits have been delivered through India Post, while 6.18 lakh Vishwakarmas have received loans up to ₹1 lakh at a concessional interest rate of 5% per annum, amounting to ₹5,297 crore.



Union Minister of State for MSME, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, congratulated the beneficiaries attending the 3rd Anniversary Celebration of PM Vishwakarma and extended her best wishes for their entrepreneurial journey. She encouraged them to make full use of the opportunities and support available under PM Vishwakarma and strive towards becoming successful entrepreneurs. She noted that the event holds special significance for West Bengal, which joined PM Vishwakarma recently, marking the first programme of Ministry of MSME under this scheme in the State. She emphasised that empowering women entrepreneurs will play a vital role in building stronger families, communities and a prosperous Viksit Bharat.



Shri Dipak Barman, Minister of MSME and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, stated that PM Vishwakarma has emerged as a transformative initiative for traditional artisans and craftspeople, enabling them towards sustainable livelihood and building stronger enterprises. He appreciated the efforts of Government of India to preserve India's rich artisanal heritage while creating new pathways for artisans to prosper and contribute to economic growth.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Bharat Khera, Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, highlighted the significant achievements of the Scheme over the past three years and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to empowering traditional artisans and craftspeople through skill training, provisioning of modern tools, affordable credit and market linkages. He outlined progress under Ministry of MSME schemes and recent reforms aimed at strengthening the sector to enhance competitiveness and

create greater opportunities for MSMEs. Highlighting West Bengal's strategic importance, he stated that the State is emerging as a gateway to the eastern and northeastern regions and a key driver of development, offering significant potential for MSME growth.



Dr. Rajneesh, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, made a presentation on the PM Vishwakarma highlighting its key features, achievements and comprehensive support extended to traditional artisans and craftspeople through skill training, modern toolkits, credit and market linkages. He highlighted that 30 lakhs beneficiaries have already received benefits under the scheme since its launch on 17th September, 2023 across India and now with onboarding of West Bengal, the Ministry of MSME is committed to full scale roll out of the scheme in the State.





During the 3rd Anniversary celebration event, PM Vishwakarma ID/Certificates, toolkits and cheque of Rs. 1.00 lakh each were distributed to Vishwakarmas of West Bengal.

The event was graced by Shri Ashoke Dinda, Minister of State for MSME and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, Shri Manoj Kumar Agarwal, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Shri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME, Government of West Bengal. Over 2000 Vishwakarmas and Panchayat functionaries from different districts of West Bengal participated in the event along with key officials from the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Banks, India Post and officers of Government of West Bengal.



The 3rd Anniversary celebration of PM Vishwakarma marks a significant milestone in efforts of Government of India to facilitate transition of artisans and craftspeople from being rural entrepreneurs to setting up their own enterprise. The event celebrated the motto of PM Vishwakarma i.e. “Samman, Samarthya and Samridhi”

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