



## PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA: SCHEMES IN NEWS

Since the launch of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana in 2023, it has made significant strides in supporting traditional craftspeople and artisans across the country. – a substantial number of applications, with a large portion successfully completing the multi-step registration process.

### Vishwakarma Yojana: Empowering Artisans and Craftsmen

- The Vishwakarma Yojana is an innovative initiative aimed at uplifting skilled traditional craftsmen, particularly from the Other Backward Classes (OBC) community.
- This scheme is named after Vishwakarma, the divine architect and craftsman, and aims to perpetuate the guru-shishya parampara or teacher-pupil tradition within artisan families.

#### 18 Traditional trades to be covered in 1st Instance

1. Carpenter (Suthar)
2. Boat Maker
3. Armourer
4. Blacksmith (Lohar)
5. Hammer and Toolkit Maker
6. Locksmith
7. Goldsmith (Sonar)
8. Potter (Kumhaar)
9. Sculptor (Moortikar, stone carver),  
Stone breaker
10. Cobbler (Charmkar)/Shoemaker/Footwear  
artisan
11. Mason (Rajmistri)
12. Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver
13. Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional)
14. Barber (Naai)
15. Garland maker (Malakar)
16. Washerman (Dhobi)
17. Tailor (Darzi)
18. Fishing Net Maker

### Key Features:

### Recognition and Identity:

- Artisans and craftsmen enrolled in the scheme will be granted a PM Vishwakarma certificate and an official identity card.

### Financial Support:



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- Beneficiaries are eligible for collateral-free credit support of up to ₹1 lakh (first tranche) and ₹2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%.

## Budget Allocation:

- The Vishwakarma Yojana has been allocated a budget ranging from ₹13,000 crore to ₹15,000 crore for five financial years from 2023-2024 to 2027-2028.

## Skill Training and Tools:

- The scheme offers a stipend of ₹500 for skill training and ₹1,500 for the acquisition of modern tools.

## Diverse Traditional Trades:

- Encompassing both rural and urban areas, the scheme covers 18 traditional trades such as carpentry, boat-making, blacksmithing, pottery, sculpting, cobbling, tailoring, and more.

## Registration Process:

- Registration for the Vishwakarma Yojana can be completed at common services centers situated in villages.

## Collaborative Support:

- While the central government provides funding, collaboration with state governments is also sought for the successful implementation of the scheme.

## Market Integration:

- A significant goal of the scheme is to seamlessly integrate artisans into domestic and global value chains, opening doors to improved market access and opportunities.