PM Vishwakarma scheme

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Under PM Vishwakarma scheme, capacity-building support is provided to artisans and craftspeople through basic skill training and advanced training with stipend support.

- **Aim –** It is a ***central sector scheme*** to support traditional artisans and craftspeople (Vishwakarmas) of rural and urban India.
- **Launched in –** 2023.
- **Duration –** 5 years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28).
- **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
- **Target Group -** Covers ***18 trades*** including carpenters, potters, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, tailors, barbers, and sculptors.
- **Implementing Agency -** The scheme is conjointly implemented by the following Ministries/Departments:
  - Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).
  - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
  - Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance (MoF).
- **Benefits- Recognition -** PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card.
- **Skill Training-** 5-7 days of basic training and 15+ days of advanced training with a stipend of Rs.500/day.
- **Tool Kit Incentive -** A grant of Rs.15,000 for modern tools.
- **Credit Support -** Collateral-free loans up to Rs.1 Lakh (first tranche) and up to Rs.2 Lakh (second tranche) at a concessional 5% interest rate.
- **Marketing Support -** Assistance with branding and platform access.
- **Eligibility-** Must be a traditional ***artisan (18+ age) working*** in the unorganized sector, using hand tools, and not have availed similar loans in the last 5 years.
- **Exclusions -** A person in government service and their family members shall not be eligible.

- **Registration -** Free registration is available through Common Services Centres (CSCs) using Aadhaar-based biometrics.

Quick facts

18 trades of PM – Vishwakarma	
Wood Based	Carpenter (Suthar/Badhai)
	Boat Maker
Iron/Metal/Stone Based	Armourer
	Blacksmith (Lohar)
	Hammer and Tool Kit Maker
	Locksmith
	Sculptor (Moortikar/Stone Carver),
	Stone Breaker
Gold/Silver Based	Goldsmith (Sunar)
Clay Based	Potter (Kumhaar)
Leather Based	Cobbler (Charmkar)/Shoesmith/Footwear Artisan
Construction Based	Mason (Raajmistri)
Other Crafts	Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver
	Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional)
	Barber (Naai)
	Garland Maker (Malakaar)
	Washerman (Dhobi)
	Tailor (Darzi)
	Fishing Net Maker

Reference

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