

## SPREE Scheme

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### Why in news?

*Recently, Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced the relaunch of SPREE Scheme in the 196<sup>th</sup> ESIC meeting in Shimla.*

- **SPREE** – Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/Employees
- **Launched in** – Originally launched in 2016 by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).
- **Aim** – It aims to bring unregistered employers and left-out workers under the ESI Act.
- **Relaunch** – Part of a broader ESIC drive to improve compliance, expand coverage, and reduce litigation.
- **Relaunch period** – July 1 to December 31, 2025.
- **Beneficiaries** – Unregistered employers and informal sector workers, including,
  - Temporary staff
  - Contractual employees
- Those enrolling during the window are considered covered from their stated or actual registration date.

### Other Major ESIC Decisions

- **Amnesty scheme 2025** – It is a limited-time opportunity that offers employers an opportunity to settle long-standing disputes and avoid litigation.
- It is active from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.
- It includes cases involving interest and damages.
- Regional Directors empowered to withdraw cases where dues are cleared.
- **Job loss claims relaxation** – ESIC Director General can grant relaxations for late claims under the Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana.

*The Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY) is an*

*unemployment allowance scheme launched by the ESIC in 2005.*

- **Revised AYUSH Policy** - Integration of Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy into ESI hospitals.
- **Healthcare in underserved areas** - Pilot project to partner with charitable hospitals in remote districts.

## Reference

[The Times of India| ESIC on Friday relaunched the SPREE scheme](#)

