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Govt schemes

Based on the current affairs for August 22, 2025, here are some key government schemes and initiatives:

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY): This is a significant new employment-linked incentive scheme launched by the government. It has a budgetary outlay of nearly ₹99,446 crore and aims to create over 3.5 crore jobs in two years (from August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027). The scheme is two-pronged:

Part A: Provides direct monetary support of up to ₹15,000 to first-time employees who are newly registered with the EPFO. This is paid in two installments after completing six months and one year of service.

Part B: Incentivizes employers for creating new jobs. Employers can receive up to ₹3,000 per month for two years for each new employee, with a special focus on the manufacturing sector where the incentive is extended to four years.

e-Shram Portal Integration: Fourteen key welfare schemes from different Central Ministries and Departments have been integrated with the e-Shram portal. This integration aims to provide a "one-stop solution" for unorganized workers to access social security schemes and view their availed benefits. The government also announced measures for the welfare of gig workers, including their registration on the e-Shram portal, issuance of identity cards, and extension of healthcare benefits under Ayushman Bharat.

ESIC Initiatives: The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has launched the Scheme for Promotion of the Registration of the Employers and Employees (SPREE) 2025 and an Amnesty Scheme 2025. The SPREE 2025 runs from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, to encourage the registration of uncovered employers and employees. The Amnesty Scheme 2025 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026) aims to reduce litigation and promote compliance with the ESI Act. Additionally, ESIC can now use Aadhaar authentication to verify beneficiaries' identities to improve service delivery, although it is an optional process.

Welfare for Tribal Communities: The government has highlighted significant progress under various tribal welfare schemes. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs' budget has tripled, and total tribal spending across 42 ministries has grown five-fold. The Aadi Karmayogi: Responsive Governance Programme is a new initiative aimed at training tribal workers and government officials to improve the implementation of welfare schemes in tribal areas.

Fortified Rice Scheme: The government's Fortified Rice Scheme has been extended until 2028 with a backing of ₹17,082 crore to combat malnutrition and food insecurity.

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MCQS

1.What is the primary objective of Part A of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)?

- a) To incentivize employers for creating new jobs.
- b) To provide direct monetary support to first-time employees.
- c) To extend incentives to the manufacturing sector for four years.

d) To integrate with the e-Shram portal.

Answer: b) To provide direct monetary support to first-time employees.
The prompt states that "Part A: Provides direct monetary support of up to ₹15,000 to first-time employees who are newly registered with the EPFO."

2.The integration of fourteen key welfare schemes with the e-Shram portal is intended to provide what for unorganized workers?

- a) A platform for job applications.
- b) A one-stop solution for accessing social security schemes.
- c) A method for obtaining a Permanent Account Number (PAN).
- d) A way to apply for government loans.

Answer: b) A one-stop solution for accessing social security schemes.
The text explains that the integration "aims to provide a 'one-stop solution' for unorganized workers to access social security schemes and view their availed benefits."

3.Which of the following is a new initiative aimed at training tribal workers and government officials to improve the implementation of welfare schemes?

- a) The Fortified Rice Scheme.
- b) The Scheme for Promotion of the Registration of the Employers and Employees (SPREE).
- c) The Aadi Karmayogi: Responsive Governance Programme.
- d) The Ayushman Bharat healthcare program.

Answer: c) The Aadi Karmayogi: Responsive Governance Programme.
The prompt identifies the "Aadi Karmayogi: Responsive Governance Programme" as a "new initiative aimed at training tribal workers and government officials to improve the implementation of welfare schemes."



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4.The government's Fortified Rice Scheme has been extended to combat which issues?

- a) Unemployment and poverty.
- b) Malnutrition and food insecurity.
- c) Climate change and air pollution.
- d) Illiteracy and lack of education.

Answer: b) Malnutrition and food insecurity.

The text states that the Fortified Rice Scheme was extended "to combat malnutrition and food insecurity."

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