



## India Conferred with Prestigious ISSA Award 2025 for 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security', recognising Modi Government's Efforts in Advancing Social Protection

Union Labour Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Receives Award at ISSA World Social Security Forum in Malaysia

Guided by PM Modi's vision of Antyodaya, India is advancing towards inclusive and universal social protection, says Dr. Mandaviya

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- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

India chosen as the 2025 recipient for expanding social security coverage from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, reaching over 940 million citizens, a milestone also recognised by ILO

ISSA lauds the Government's transformative e-Shram portal, with over 300 million unorganised sector workers registered in just four years

India Secures Highest Vote Share in ISSA General Assembly with 30 Seats

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Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, highlighted India's historic expansion in social security coverage from **19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025**, covering over **940 million** citizens, as recognised by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya was addressing the World Social Security Forum (WSSF) 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia today, where **India has been conferred with the prestigious International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 for 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security'**.



Further, after increase in social protection coverage, India's share in the General Assembly of ISSA has reached thirty (30) which is highest vote share for any country.

Proud to share that India has been conferred with the prestigious ISSA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Security 2025.

This recognition is a testament to the efforts of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji in ensuring social welfare for every citizen.

Over the last decade, India... [pic.twitter.com/unYUMg46ou](https://pic.twitter.com/unYUMg46ou)

— Dr Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) October 3, 2025

Receiving the award on behalf of the Government of India, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said, “This award is a testament to the vision of our Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**, and to our guiding principle of **Antyodaya**, empowering the last person in the line, that has shaped our journey towards **inclusive and universal social protection**.”



This **triennial award** recognizes India's exceptional progress in social protection systems globally. The award ceremony was a highlight of the WSSF, a premier global gathering of over 1,200 social security policymakers and professionals from 163 countries. Being the **fifth recipient of this award since its inception**, India joins the leading countries across the globe in the field of Social Protection coverage.



In his address, the Union Minister elaborated on the establishment of extensive digital public infrastructure in India for efficient last mile delivery of social security benefits, with special reference to the e-Shram portal. "The **e-Shram portal** is a National Digital Database that serves as a "One-Stop Solution" connecting **over 310 million unorganised workers** with **social welfare schemes** through a multilingual, seamless interface," he stated.



Dr. Mandaviya also drew attention to the **National Career Service (NCS) portal**, which is equipped with robust digital tools to bring job seekers and employers on a common platform. "Today, NCS has an authenticated database of skilled workforce, which is easily accessible for employers worldwide, and is

integrated with e-Shram. This will ensure our skilled youth can access global opportunities without losing their social security benefits,” he added.



Earlier in the day, during the plenary session of World Social Security Summit, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya also underlined the role of India’s two leading social security organisations, **Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** and **Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)**, in providing a wide range of healthcare, insurance, pension schemes to the nation’s workforce.



Speaking on the evolving role of social security in tandem with technological and labour market changes, the Minister said, “We are strengthening our social security through comprehensive policy, process, and digital reforms. India is leveraging technology to create new income opportunities and social security net through a holistic approach that combines financial access, skilling, self-employment, and digital innovation.” “India stands at the forefront - ready to shape the future and inspire the world’s youth,” he further emphasised.

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