MSME Sector Crosses 10 Crore Registrations on Udyam Portal and Udyam Assist Platform, Marking Major Milestone in Digital Formalisation

➢ Transforming MSME Registration; from paper work to a seamless digital ecosystem

- *India's MSME sector has crossed **10 crore registrations** on the Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) as of 30 October 2026, marking a major milestone in MSME formalisation.*
- *MSME registrations have increased from **1.02 crore in 2020 to over 10 crore in 2026**, reflecting the rapid adoption of digital registration platforms.*
- *The Ministry of MSME launched the Udyam Registration Portal on **1 July 2020**, providing a free, online, paperless and self-declaration-based registration system.*
- *India's MSME registration framework has evolved through four major phases:*
    - ***EM-II (2006–17 September 2015):** Physical registration process through District Industries Centres (DICs), with 21.96 lakh registrations.*
    - ***Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (18 September 2015–30 June 2020):** Introduction of simplified Aadhaar-based online registration, with around 1.02 crore registrations.*
    - ***Udyam Registration (from 1 July 2020):** Fully digital registration integrated with Aadhaar, PAN, GST and Income Tax databases, without renewal requirements.*
    - ***Udyam Assist Platform (from 11 January 2023):** Facilitates formalisation of eligible informal micro-enterprises through designated financial institutions and partner agencies.*
- *Udyam registration facilitates access to institutional finance and government support schemes, including **CGTMSE, Priority Sector Lending and PMEGP**, subject to applicable eligibility conditions.*
- *Formal registration also supports participation in the National SC-ST Hub, Public Procurement Policy for MSEs and other entrepreneurship development programmes.*
- ***Women-led MSMEs account for 3.76 crore registrations, representing 37.8%** of total registrations, highlighting the growing participation of women entrepreneurs.*
- *The initiative promotes the formalisation of rural enterprises, traditional artisans, women entrepreneurs and SC/ST-owned businesses.*
- *The achievement reflects India's transition towards a digitally empowered, inclusive and transparent MSME ecosystem, strengthening entrepreneurship, ease of doing business and the vision of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.*

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India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has achieved a milestone, crossing **10 crore registrations on the Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform on 30 October 2026**. This achievement marks a defining moment in India's journey towards building a more formalised, inclusive and digitally empowered MSME sector.



A Landmark Achievement in MSME Formalisation.

The combined strength of the Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform has taken India's MSME formalisation journey to a new level. The growth from **1.02 crore registrations in 2020 to over 10 crore in 2026** demonstrates the increasing adoption of digital platforms and the Government's sustained commitment to bringing enterprises into the formal economic framework.

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises launched the Udyam Registration Portal on 1 July 2020**,** providing enterprises with a simple, transparent, online and paperless platform for registration. This digital initiative has significantly streamlined registration procedures, enhanced ease of doing business and enabled enterprises to become part of India's formal economic ecosystem.

Evolution of MSME Registration in India: From EM-II to Udyam Registration

India's MSME registration framework has evolved significantly over the years, moving from a largely physical and document-intensive process to a technology-driven, entrepreneur-friendly digital ecosystem.

Key milestones in this journey:

1. Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM-II) – 2006 to 17 September 2015

MSME registration was primarily a physical process, requiring entrepreneurs to submit applications along with the requisite documents for verification by the District Industries Centre (DIC). During this nine-year period, **21.96 lakh MSMEs** were registered.

2. Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) – 18 September 2015 to 30 June 2020

A significant shift towards digital registration took place with the introduction of the Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM). Based on Aadhaar, the online system simplified the earlier registration procedure and reduced the compliance burden on entrepreneurs. Around 1.02 crore MSMEs registered during this five-year period.

3. Udyam Registration – From 1 July 2020

- A major digital transformation was ushered in with the launch of the Udyam Registration Portal. The registration process became fully online, paperless and based on self-declaration, eliminating the requirement for physical documents or proof uploads.
- Integration with Aadhaar and PAN-based details, along with GST and Income Tax databases, further streamlined the registration process. The system also eliminated the requirement for renewal and made registration completely free of cost, making formalisation simpler and more accessible for entrepreneurs across the country.

4. Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) – From 11 January 2023

- Recognising that a large number of micro-enterprises, particularly those operating in the informal sector, faced difficulties in accessing registration facilities, the Ministry introduced the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) on 11 January 2023.
- The platform facilitates the formalisation of eligible informal micro-enterprises through a simplified mechanism involving designated financial institutions and other partner agencies.

Udyam: Enabling Access, Recognition and Inclusive Growth

- Udyam registration supports the identification of enterprises by banks and financial institutions, facilitating the implementation of initiatives such as the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Priority Sector Lending and other credit and Finance related programmes.
- It strengthens the foundation for inclusive economic development by bringing women entrepreneurs, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs, rural enterprises, traditional artisans and other disadvantaged sections into the formal economic framework.

- Furthermore, formal recognition through Udyam supports the broader objectives of various Government initiatives, including the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), National SC-ST Hub, Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises and other entrepreneurship development programmes, subject to applicable eligibility requirements.

Driving Inclusive Growth: Participation of Women

The registration data of both Udyam and Udyam Assist reflects the following:

Women-led MSMEs: 3.76 crore registrations, accounting for **37.8%**.

These figures underline the role of digital registration in expanding formal recognition among diverse sections of society and strengthening the foundation of inclusive entrepreneurship.

The milestone of 10 crore registrations is not merely a number; it represents millions of enterprises taking steps towards formal recognition and becoming part of India's growth story. It reflects the growing confidence of entrepreneurs in India's digital ecosystem and the collective momentum towards a stronger, more inclusive and self-reliant economy.