

# Technical Consultation on e-Shram Portal



The COVID-19 pandemic brought the most glaring plight of the informal sector workers, especially migrant workers, to the limelight. The mass exodus of migrant workers made the country realise the stark reality of the ‘invisible workers’ and the importance of having their database to reach out to them effectively in times of crisis. With the pressure exerted by civil society and non-government organisations (NGOs), and the Supreme Court of India stepping in, the Government of India has launched the e-Shram Portal for the registration of all unorganised sector and informal workers in the country.

In this context, the Migrant Assistance and Information Network (MAIN), Caritas India, Labour Office of the Catholic Bishop Conference of India (CBCI), SVD and Don Bosco 4 Migrants jointly convened a “Technical Consultation on the e-Shram Portal”, 24 September 2021, to comprehensively understand the nuances of the portal and suggest measures to address the challenges therein effectively.

Dr. Sonia George, General Secretary, SEWA, New Delhi, Mr. Chandan Kumar, National Co-ordinator of Working People’s Charter (WPC), and labour activist, Mr Dharmendra Kumar, Secretary, Janpahal, New Delhi, were the panellists in the Technical Consultation. Dr. Siji Chacko, SJ, Director, MAIN, and the Conference Development Office (CDO), New Delhi, welcomed the panellists and participants. Fr. Eugene Pereira, SJ, Secretary, CBCI Office for Labour, and Director, Workers’ India Federation (WIF) moderated the discussions. More than 35 participants representing various organisations working with unorganized sector workers from across attended the Technical Consultation.

**Here is the link of the video Technical Consultation on e-Shram Portal - [YouTube](#)**