## 2.8mn apply under PM Vishwakarma Yojana

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Lucknow: With over 2.8 million applications, UP has second largest number of aspirants for Union govt's PM Vishwakarma Yojana, an official spokesperson said on Saturday. UP stands next only to Madhya Pradesh, where 2.9 million applications were received.

State govt will scrutinise the applications received in Under the scheme, beneficiaries will receive a certificate and ID card, along with benefits such as skill upgradation

a three-tier verification and training process before disbursing loans to them. Of the total, 1,410,723 have already cleared the first level, while 85,689 have earned the second level clearance. Also, as many as 43,026 have received approval at the third level.

There are 18 different categories, specified by Govt of India under the MSME sector, in the scheme, including carpenters, boat mamakers. weapon blacksmiths, hammer and toolkit makers, locksmiths, stone breakers, jewellers, potters, cobblers, masons,

basket, mat, and broom weavers, doll and toy makers, barbers, garland makers, washermen, tailors, and fishnet makers.

Under the scheme, beneficiaries will receive a PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, along with benefits such as skill upgradation, toolkit incentives, credit support, incentives for digital transactions and marketing support.