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WHY IN NEWS

The **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** crossed a **cumulative Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of ₹18.4 lakh crore** (approximately USD 197 billion) since its launch in August 2016, with FY 2025–26 contributing **₹5 lakh crore+** — the highest single-year GMV in GeM’s history. The milestone was announced by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in April 2026, reflecting GeM’s transformation into the backbone of India’s public procurement system.

KEY MILESTONES

METRIC	FIGURE
Cumulative GMV (all time)	₹18.4 lakh crore
FY 2025–26 GMV	₹5 lakh crore+ (record)
MSE share of FY26 orders (volume)	68%
MSE share of FY26 orders (GMV)	47.1%
MSEs registered on GeM	11 lakh+
Women-led MSE orders (FY26)	₹28,000 crore+
Women-led MSE order growth	28% YoY
State procurement growth (FY26)	38.3% YoY

ABOUT GEM — GOVERNMENT E-MARKETPLACE

What is GeM?

GeM is India's **national public procurement portal** launched in **August 2016** under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, designed to replace fragmented, opaque government purchasing with a unified, transparent digital marketplace.

How It Works

- **Government buyers** (Central Ministries, PSUs, State departments) register on GeM and post procurement requirements
- **Sellers** (MSEs, manufacturers, service providers) list products and services
- **Reverse auctions and direct purchases** — buyers can compare prices, negotiate, and place orders directly
- **Mandatory** for Central Government ministries above a threshold (DGS&D circular)



GeM vs. Traditional Procurement

PARAMETER	TRADITIONAL (GEM PREDECESSOR)	GEM
Price discovery	Manual, opaque	Real-time, competitive
MSE access	Difficult (agents, middlemen)	Direct registration
Delivery tracking	Manual	Digital, end-to-end
Payment cycle	30–90+ days	10 days target
Transparency	Low	High (public dashboards)

MSE AND WOMEN'S INCLUSION — WHY IT MATTERS

MSE (Micro and Small Enterprises) on GeM

The **Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, 2012** mandates that **25% of total Central Government procurement** come from MSEs (minimum 4% from SC/ST-owned MSEs). GeM's digital architecture has made this compliance easier:

- 11 lakh+ MSEs registered (FY26)
- 68% of order volume in FY26 went to MSEs
- Reduces dependence on agents and government tender middlemen

Women Entrepreneurs

- Orders to **women-led MSEs**: ₹28,000 crore+ in FY26 (28% YoY growth)
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) cross-links with GeM
- Aligned with **PM Vishwakarma** and **Stand Up India** schemes

GEM'S ROLE IN DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

GeM is considered part of India's broader **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** stack alongside UPI, Aadhaar, and ONDC:



DPI LAYER	PLATFORM	FUNCTION
Identity	Aadhaar	Digital ID
Payments	UPI	Instant transfers
Commerce (private)	ONDC	Open network commerce
Procurement (public)	GeM	Government buying
Credit linkage	PSB Loans in 59 Minutes	MSME credit

UPSC RELEVANCE

GS Paper 2 — Governance

- **e-Governance** and digital transformation of public services
- **Transparency and accountability** in public procurement
- **MSE policy** — procurement mandates and implementation

GS Paper 3 — Economy

- Public procurement as **fiscal stimulus** and MSME support tool
- **Ease of Doing Business** improvement via digital portals
- India's export and **supply chain resilience** role of domestic procurement



FACTS CORNER

ITEM	FACT
GeM launch	August 2016
Ministry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Cumulative GMV	₹18.4 lakh crore (~USD 197 billion)
FY26 GMV (record)	₹5 lakh crore+
MSE procurement mandate	25% of Central Govt purchases
MSEs registered	11 lakh+
MSE order share FY26 (volume)	68%
Women-led MSE orders FY26	₹28,000 crore+
State procurement growth FY26	38.3% YoY
GeM's role in DPI	Alongside UPI, Aadhaar, ONDC

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