



## Kendriya Bhandar

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### Why In News

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**Kendriya Bhandar prepared 2200 essential kits for distribution to needy families in Delhi in the wake of COVID-19.**

- Each such Kit consisting of 9 items is meant to assist one needy family for some time.
- 9 items in the kit are Rice, Wheat Flour, Dal, Cooking Oil, Chiwda/Poha, Salt, Bathing Soap bar, Detergent Soap bar, and Biscuits.

### Key Points

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- Kendriya Bhandar is the **Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd, established in 1963**.
- The society endeavors to serve the Central Government Employees and general public at large by
  - providing quality goods of daily needs at reasonable prices and
  - playing an effective role in the Public Distribution System through its retail outlets.
- It functions under the **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions**.
- It is the **largest Consumer Cooperative Society in the country**. It is a **Multi State Consumer Cooperative Society**, i.e. functioning in more than one state.
- In general, a **cooperative society** is a voluntary association of individuals having common needs who join hands for the achievement of common economic interest. Its aim is to serve the interest of the poorer sections of society through the principle of self-help and mutual help. The main objective is to provide support to the members.

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