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## **Labour department gets award for public welfare schemes at Self-Reliant India Conference | Chhattisgarh | 14 May 2022**

### **Why In News**

- On May 13, 2022, a citation was presented to Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Raj Bhavan and Secretary, Labour Department, for running several welfare schemes for the workers on behalf of the Self-Reliant India Conference Organizing Committee by the Elates Group.

### **Key Point**

- It may be mentioned that on April 19-20, 2022, a self-reliant India conference was organized in New Delhi, in which the award was given to the Labour Department of Chhattisgarh for running several welfare schemes for the workers.
- Secretary Khalkho informed that the Integrated Labour Registration System for workers has been introduced by the Chhattisgarh government, in which workers from both organized and unorganized sectors can register themselves on the portal with the required minimum documents.
- The process of registration of migrant workers has been simplified by the department. Earlier it was offline, which has now been done online as well. Labour registration has been done using the PDS database.
- Labour Resource Centres have been opened in 148 blocks. Awareness is being brought among workers about maternity benefits and benefits of social schemes.
- Women migrant workers are being helped to make them aware of their rights. Shram Mitra Scheme and Educational Scholarship Scheme have been introduced to provide proper formal education to children.
- The workers are being assisted through helplines to provide information about their legal rights and safety.

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## **Agriculture Minister launches C-Mart at Bemetara | Chhattisgarh | 14 May 2022**

### **Why In News**

- On May 13, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey launched the C-Mart at Bemetara district headquarters.

### **Key Point**

- It may be recalled that c-mart stores are being started across the state with the objective of providing an organized market to women self-help groups for their handmade products and to make women's groups financially viable in the gothans set up in rural areas.

- In the first phase, C-Marts are being opened at district headquarters for marketing of women's groups' products so that high quality products of the groups are available to the people at reasonable prices.
- A variety of herbal soaps, pickles, spices, murra, dona-patal, various types of sherbet, devbhog's dairy products, korean herbal tea, lemon grass tea, mushroom powder, honey, oil-jaggery, desi chana, Red rice poha and other local food items are also available for the people.
- Apart from this, herbal products like tamarind, harra, bahera, amla, honey are being sold.
- Gamchas and other attractive cotton fabrics made on handlooms can also be purchased from C-Mart. Apart from this, handicrafts made from banana stem fibre and handloom products produced in village Rakhi of Bemetara district will also be sold.

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