



# State's First Handicrafts Policy and Rajasthan MSME Policy-2022

## Why In News?

- On September 17, 2022, Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat released the state's first handicraft policy and Rajasthan MSME Policy-2022. This will not only lead to industrial development in the state, but will also increase the employment opportunities of craftsmen, artisans and artisans.

## Key Points

- Minister Shakuntala Rawat was addressing the Udyog Ratna, and Export Award function organized on the occasion of Rajasthan MSME Day in Jaipur. The commerce minister also released a coffee table book 'Rajasthani Artifacts' prepared on the handicrafts of Rajasthan on the occasion.
- On this occasion, 29 exporters were honored with Export Promotion Awards and 13 entrepreneurs were also awarded Udyog Ratna Awards for their excellent performance in various categories.
- Apart from this, investment MoUs worth Rs 14,000 crore were also exchanged with 29 entrepreneurs for the Invest Rajasthan Summit.
- The industries minister said that with the implementation of the first handicraft policy of the state, artisans of textile, metal and wood, carpet, namda, ceramic and clay, painting, leather craft, jewelery etc. will be benefited and in the next 5 years in the field of handicrafts. More than 50 thousand new employment opportunities will be available.
- He said that the objective of Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy-2022 is to provide better marketing system for the upliftment of handicrafts, revive traditional arts and extinct arts and create new employment opportunities.

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