



Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana

Why in News

Recently, electric pottery wheels to 100 potter families in Maharashtra were distributed under the **Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana (KSY)** of [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#).

Key Points

- **Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana (KSY)** was launched in 2018.
- **Aim:** To strengthen and improve the living of potters in the country by making them self reliant ([Atma Nirbhar](#)).
- **Features:** Providing potters with modern equipment and training to reconnect them with the society and revive their art.
- **Implementation:** KVIC has created proper marketing channels including tie-up with the Indian Railway for selling the products of potters.
- **Benefits:** Proper training and distribution of advanced equipment under the scheme has **eliminated drudgery** from the process of pottery making and also **resulted in increasing the production by 3-4 times**.
 - This has led to an **increase in income of potters** manifold.
- **Other Initiatives for Potters:** The [Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises \(MSME\)](#) has announced expansion of and doubling of support to potters. This include:
 - Encouraging successful traditional potters to set up units under the [Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme \(PMEGP\)](#) scheme.
 - PMEGP is a credit-linked subsidy scheme which promotes self-employment through setting up of micro-enterprises.
 - Setting up of **clusters** in [Terracotta](#), **Red clay pottery**, with new innovative value added products to build pottery to crockery/tile making capabilities under the [SFURTI scheme](#).
 - The **Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries** (SFURTI) aims to make traditional industries more productive and competitive by organizing the traditional industries and artisans into clusters.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

- KVIC is a **statutory body** established under the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956**.
- The KVIC is charged with the **planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes** for the development of Khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- It functions under the [Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises](#).

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