



# Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

## Why in News?

The Union [Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises \(MSME\) Minister](#) visited the [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#) in **Mumbai** to review its performance, achievements, challenges, and future roadmap for strengthening its initiatives.

- The Minister reviewed key flagship schemes- [Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme \(PMEGP\)](#), which is under KVIC.

## Key Points

- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC):**
  - It is a statutory body established under the **KVIC Act, 1956** and functions under the [Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises](#).
    - Its **head office is based in Mumbai**, with its **six zonal offices** in Delhi, Bhopal, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai and Guwahati.
  - **Objectives of KVIC:**
    - KVIC aims to **generate employment opportunities**, especially in rural areas, fulfilling a core social objective.
    - It focuses on the economic objective of producing marketable and saleable products through village industries.
    - It works toward the broader goal of fostering self-reliance among the poor and strengthening rural community spirit.

## Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

- **Launch:**
  - The Government of India approved the **introduction of a credit linked subsidy programme** called Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in **2008** for the generation of employment opportunities **through the establishment of micro enterprises in rural as well as urban areas**.
  - It allows entrepreneurs **to set up factories or units**.
- **Administration:**
  - It is a **central sector scheme** administered by the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME)**.
  - **Implementing Agency at the National Level:** [Khadi and Village Industries Commission \(KVIC\)](#).

