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# Khadi and Village Industries Commission

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**Why is in news?** Khadi and Village Industries Commission organizes a beach Clean-up at Juhu Beach, Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane joins as Chief Guest

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a **statutory body** established by an Act of Parliament (No. 61 of 1956, as amended in 2006. In April 1957, it took over the work of former All India Khadi and Village Industries Board.

It is an apex organisation under the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**.

## Objectives:

The social objective of providing employment.

The economic objective of producing saleable articles.

The wider objective of creating self-reliance amongst the poor and building up of a strong rural community spirit.

## Functions:

The KVIC is charged with the **planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programs** for the development of Khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.

The KVIC may also undertake directly or through other agencies studies concerning the problems of Khadi and/or village industries besides research or establishing pilot projects for the development of Khadi and village industries.

The KVIC is authorized to establish and maintain separate organisations for the purpose of carrying out any or all of the above matters besides carrying out any other matters incidental to its activities.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission holds the exclusive rights to **use the trademark "Khadi" and "Khadi India"**.

The National Internet Exchange of India Domain Dispute Policy (INDRP) Arbitration Tribunal in New Delhi rejected the contention of a private entity that "Khadi" is a generic word.

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