

## PAHCHAN INITIATIVE

- Recently, the **Ministry of Textiles** has informed that a **total of 26.79 lakh artisans** have been registered so far under **Pahchan initiative**.
- It was launched in **2016** by the then Union **Minister of Textiles**.
- It is an initiative of Ministry of Textiles to **register and provide Identity (ID) cards** to handicraft artisans and link them to a national database.
- Pahchan cards scheme is a **new upgraded ID card for artisans** that will be linked with their Aadhaar numbers and bank accounts so that they can receive **direct cash transfer benefit**.
- It has the information of handicrafts artisans viz. **name & address, Aadhaar Card number, mobile number** and **craft practiced**.

## SEEKHO AUR KAMAO SCHEME

- It is a **scheme** implemented by the **Ministry of Minority Affairs**.
- Purpose It is a Skill development scheme for the youth of the **14 – 35 years age group**. It aims at **providing employment and employment opportunities**, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.
- Implementation : The scheme is implemented through **selected expert Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs)**.

## GATI SHAKTI

- Centre will soon launch the '**PM Gati Shakti Master Plan**'.
- Gati Shakti will be a **National Infrastructure Master Plan** for our country which will lay the foundation of **holistic Infrastructure**.
- This scheme of **more than 100 lakh crores rupees** will result in new employment opportunities for lakhs of youth.
- It also **raises possibilities** of new future economic zones.
- The plan will help **raise the global profile of local manufacturers** and **help them compete** with their counterparts worldwide.
- Note: A similar plan, called the **National Infrastructure Pipeline** was previously announced.