



The 'Footwear-Leather' Cluster

Why in News?

- On July 18, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, in a joint meeting of MSME officers and office bearers of Footwear Industry Association, said that with the objective of providing employment opportunities to more and more youth of the state, the state government in Rohtak is about to set up a 'Footwear-Leather' cluster on 500 acres.

Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the students of ITI institutes in the vicinity of Rohtak city will also be trained by connecting them to the footwear industry, so that the industrialists of the leather industry can get skilled youth at the local level and the youth can get their home-to-home jobs.
- The Deputy Chief Minister told the office bearers of the Footwear Industry Association that the state government is giving a lot of facilities to the industrialists in the state so that they do not face any problem in running their own industries, it will also provide opportunities to the local youth.
- Industrialists will be helped in every way in the 'Footwear-Leather' cluster to be built in Rohtak. As soon as about two dozen industries are started, a Common Service Center will be made there in a year, which will make it easier for the industrialists in their work.
- He said that a Center of Excellence related to leather would also be set up to help the industrialists of the leather industry in the state. On the demand of the office bearers of the association, Dushyant Chautala also assured to build a labour hostel near the 'Footwear-Leather' cluster so that the workers working there do not face any problem in living and commuting to the industry.
- He said that while the state has secured the third position in this field at the national level, Haryana has been ranked in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The commitment of the Government of Haryana to provide a conducive ecosystem to the industries has led to Haryana's ranking in Ease of Doing Business, Ease of Logistics and Export Readiness. In addition, the state has been ranked first in Export Readiness Index (Land Closed Category)-2021 and second in 'Logistics Across Different States Survey-2021'.