



- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** visited artisans in Larnai village, **West Jaintia Hills**, known for its traditional **Khiew-Ranei (Black Clay Pottery)**.
- The craft has received **Geographical Indication (GI)** status, recognizing its unique cultural and artisanal heritage.
- The pottery is made by collecting black clay and mixing it with crushed **serpentine stone**, which enhances strength and gives the pottery its distinctive appearance.
- The craft involves hand-moulding and shaping techniques passed down through generations and remains an important source of livelihood for local artisans.

APSC Relevance: GI tags, traditional crafts, cultural heritage, and rural livelihoods.