Hunar Haats

Why in News

The **Union Ministry of Minority Affairs** has set a target to provide employment opportunities to **7 lakh 50 thousand artisans**, craftsmen through **75 "Hunar Haat".**

- To be organised across the country, the 75 Haats will be a part of the **'Amrit Mahotsav'** and will **mark** 75 years of India's Independence.
- **Also, 75 "Amrit Mahotsav Parks"** will be constructed on the **vacant Waqf lands** across the country under **"Waqf Taraqqiati Scheme"** and **"Pradhanmantri Jan Vikas Karykram" (PMJVK)**.

Key Points

- **About:**
  - **Hunar Haat** is an **exhibition of handicrafts and traditional products** made by artisans from the minority communities.
- **Theme:**
  - **Vocal for Local**.
- **Organizer:**
  - These are organised by the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** under **USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) scheme.**
    - The USTTAD scheme **aims to promote and preserve** the **rich heritage of the traditional arts & crafts** of the minority communities.
- **Aim:**
  - These **Haat aims to provide market exposure and employment opportunities** to artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts.
  - It envisages **boosting the skills of craftsmen, weavers and artisans** who are already engaged in the traditional ancestral work.
- **Significance:**
  - **'Hunar Haat'** has proved to be an **"Empowerment Exchange"** for master artisans and craftsmen.
  - It has **proved to be immensely beneficial and encouraging** for artisans and craftsmen as lakhs of people visit the "Hunar Haat" and purchase indigenous handmade products of artisans on a large scale.
    - More than **5 lakh artisans, craftsmen and people associated** with them have been **provided employment and employment opportunities** in the last about **5 years through "Hunar Haat".**

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