



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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