



Taj Festival

Why in News?

The [Taj Mahotsav](#) was organised at Shilp Gram, **Agra** from 18th February to 2nd March 2025 .

Key Points

- **About:**
 - The Taj Mahotsav saw a unique confluence of [Indian art, crafts, music, dance, and cuisine](#) . During the festival, various cultural programs, craft exhibitions, and food fairs were organized.
 - This was the **33rd edition** of the Taj Mahotsav organised by the **Taj Mahotsav Committee**.
 - The **theme** of the festival was ' **Dharohar** ', depicting the rich cultural heritage of India.
- **Major events:**
 - Flower show at Atal Garden
 - Garment Show
 - our heritage our identity
 - Bird watching at **Sur Sarovar Bird Sanctuary**

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- **About:**
 - It is **a vibrant 10-day festival** held annually at **the Shilpgram in Agra**. The festival is inspired by **the rich [Mughal](#) and Nawabi culture** that developed in Uttar Pradesh during the 18th and 19th centuries .
- **Objective:**
 - The Taj Mahotsav was started in **1992** to promote local artisans and traditions of Agra.

Agra District

- **About:**
 - It is situated on the banks of [Yamuna River](#) in the western region of Uttar Pradesh state .
 - The latitude of this district is 27.11' N and longitude is 78.0' to 78.2' E.
 - It **forms** the interstate border with Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
 - Modern Agra was founded by **Sikandar Lodi** in **1504 AD** .
 - In 1504 AD, he **shifted his capital from Delhi to Agra** .
- **Major places of interest:**
 - [The Taj Mahal](#)
 - Agra Fort
 - fatehpur sikri
 - Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah
 - Akbar's Tomb
 - lofty gate
 - Moti Masjid
 - [Keetham Lake \(Suri Sarovar Bird Sanctuary\)](#)

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