



Viksit Bharat-Viksit Haryana | Haryana | 22 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Recently, a three-day multimedia exhibition titled '**Viksit Bharat-Viksit Haryana**' was organised in Majra Bhalkhi village of **Rewari district**, Haryana.

Key Points

- The exhibition, organised under the aegis of the **Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture Department of Haryana**, aimed to familiarize the general public with the developmental initiatives and schemes of both the Central and State Governments.
- The exhibition showcased two models each of the upcoming [22nd All India Institute of Medical Sciences \(AIIMS\)](#) to be built in **Majra-Bhalkhi village and the Gurugram Metro**.
 - Attendees were educated about various public welfare schemes implemented by institutions like AIIMS, Gurugram Metro, Indian Railways, as well as by the Government of India and Haryana Government.
- The event effectively raised awareness among youth, women, and school students. It served as an **accessible platform** for explaining the **public welfare schemes of both the Central and State Governments** in a comprehensible manner.

37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair | Haryana | 22 Feb 2024

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At the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair, the 182-meter-tall replica of the [Statue of Unity](#), situated on Sadhu Bet Island in Gujarat, remained the center of attraction for the tourists.

Key Points

- The Statue of Unity, crafted by sculptor **Ram V Sutar** and unveiled to the public in 2018, serves as a prominent tourist destination.
 - Through this grand sculpture, the pivotal role of [Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel](#) in political integration is vividly portrayed.
- Tourists were also drawn to the stalls of **Dhordo**, acclaimed as the **premier tourist village of Gujarat**.
 - During the fair, visitors eagerly captured moments with the renowned Garba dance showcased at the village's stall, highlighting Gujarat's vibrant culture.
- [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#)'s **recognition of Garba** as a vital **cultural symbol** underscores its importance in **Gujarat's heritage**. This esteemed honor further emphasizes Garba's role in fostering social inclusion and unity, particularly during the **nine-day Navratri festival**.

Gujarat's Dhordo - Best Tourism Village

- Dhordo has been conferred the prestigious title of **Best Tourism Village by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**. Dhordo received this title at the Best Tourism Village - 2023 award ceremony organized by the UNWTO at **Samarkand in Uzbekistan**.
- The village has become a popular tourist destination due to its rich cultural heritage, handicrafts, and the famous **Rann Utsav**.
- The UNWTO awards the title of "**Best Tourism Village**" to villages that meet certain criteria.
 - The criteria include promoting **sustainable tourism, preserving local culture and heritage, providing a safe and welcoming environment for tourists, and offering unique experiences to visitors**.
 - Additionally, the village must have a **well-developed tourism infrastructure** and must be able to demonstrate its commitment to responsible tourism practices.

The Statue of Unity

- It is the **tallest statue in the world**. At 182 meters, it is 23 meters taller than **China's Spring Temple Buddha statue** and almost double the height of the **Statue of Liberty** (93 meters tall) in the US.
- In January 2020, it was added to the '**Eight Wonders**' of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**.

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