



35th Surajkund International Mela

Why in News?

The 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 is being held from 19th March, 22 to 4th April, 2022 in **Faridabad, Haryana**.

- This fair is **held every year in the month of February**, however, the schedule was revised this year due to the Coronavirus. The annual fair in Faridabad was **last held in 2020**.

Key Points

- The Mela is **organized by** the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- The Mela was **initiated in 1987** to promote the pool of skilled artisans, who used indigenous technology, but were suffering due to the cheaper machine-made imitations.
 - The fair was **upgraded to an international level in 2013**.
- The Surajkund Mela showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India, & is the **largest crafts fair in the world**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** is the **'Theme State'** and **Uzbekistan** is the **"Partner Nation"** for the year 2022.

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