



40th Hunar Haat

Why in News

Recently, the 40th edition of the '[Hunar Haat](#)' was inaugurated in **Mumbai**. In this edition, more than a thousand craftsmen and artisans coming from **31 states and Union Territories** participated.

What are Key Points Associated with Hunar Haat?

▪ About:

- Hunar Haat has been conceptualized **to protect and promote the country's ancestral legacy of arts and crafts** in the current global competition and to support the traditional artisans and craftsmen.
- The artisans selected in the Hunar Haat exhibition are those whose **forefathers were involved in such traditional handmade work** and are still continuing the profession.

▪ Theme:

- [Vocal for Local](#) and **"Best from Waste"**.

▪ Aim:

- To provide market **exposure and employment opportunities** to artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts.
- **Boosting the skills** of craftsmen, weavers and artisans who are already engaged in the traditional ancestral work.

▪ Organizer:

- These are organized 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.

▪ Significance:

- [Aatmanirbhar Bharat](#) is being strengthened by initiatives like Hunar Haat.
- Skill training is provided so that you do not become job-seekers, instead become job-givers.

For Example:

- ['Tejas'a skilling programme](#) which has been launched by the Government of India.
- Under this initiative, India will send skilled manpower to the UAE. Within a year, 30,000 skilled job-seekers will be sent to the UAE.
- Through Hunar Haats one will get to witness ['Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'](#) and experience the essence of ['Unity in Diversity'](#).

Way Forward

- The **Ministry of Minority Affairs** should examine the feasibility of conducting short term Skill

training courses concurrently in the **future edition of Hunar Haats planned across the country.**

- Also, the Ministry of Minority Affairs can tie up with the **universities, colleges and schools so that students** can be brought to the Expo and given demonstrations about how '**Best from Waste**' can be created.

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