



# Hunar Haats

## Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** has organised the **34<sup>th</sup> Edition of Hunar Haat** in Gujarat where Artisans from 30 states and union territories have participated.

## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- First **launched in 2016**, it is an exhibition of handicrafts and traditional products made by artisans from the **minority communities**.
- 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](#).

### ▪ 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:

- 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.

### ▪ 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.
- It is **also providing employment opportunities to lakhs of artisans** and craftsmen from across the country.
  - Presently around 7 lakh people across the country are directly and indirectly associated with Hunar Haat, **About 40 % of them are women artisans**, and in the next couple of years, around 17 lakh families are expected to join Hunar Haat.

## Other Schemes Related to Minorities

### ▪ Pradhanmantri Jan Vikas Karyakram:

- The programme **aims to develop socio-economic and basic amenities** assets like school, college, polytechnic, girls hostel, ITI, skill development centre etc for the minority communities.

### ▪ **Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls Scholarships:**

- It provides **scholarships for economically backward girls** belonging to the six notified Minority communities.

### ▪ **Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme:**

- Was launched so that **short term job oriented skill development courses** may be provided to minorities' youth in order to enable them for skill based employment.

### ▪ **Seekho aur Kamao:**

- This is a **placement linked skill development scheme** for minorities aiming to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment.

### ▪ Nai Manzil:

- It is a scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts **launched in 2015.**

### ▪ **Ustad (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development):**

- The scheme aims **to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts** of minorities..

### ▪ **Nai Roshni:**

- Launched for **leadership development of women** belonging to minority communities.

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