

24th Divya Kala Mela

Why in News?

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is organizing the 24th Divya Kala Mela in collaboration with the National Divyangian Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC).

■ The event will take place at Gulshan Ground, Jammu, from 14th to 24th February 2025.



Key Points

- Promoting 'Vocal for Local':
 - The Divya Kala Mela reflects the Prime Minister's vision of **promoting local artisans and entrepreneurs.**
 - The event highlights handmade products, skills, and craftsmanship of **Divyang (PwD) entrepreneurs** from across India.
 - Visitors can explore a diverse range of products, including <u>handicrafts</u>, handlooms, embroidery, packaged food, eco-friendly goods, jewelry, and more.
- Aim:
 - The Mela aims to empower Divyang artisans by providing them with marketing opportunities and a platform to showcase their talent.
 - Previous editions have been successfully held in Delhi, Mumbai, Bhopal, Guwahati, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Chennai, Patna, Nagpur, Pune, and other cities.
 - The Jammu edition will feature around **100 Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs** from

20 states and Union Territories.

An Inclusive Experience for All:

- The event will include interactive experience zones tailored for different disabilities.
- Special attractions include **Divyangjan sports activities and exhibitions** of new assistive aids and appliances.
- The Mela is more than just a marketplace—it is a **celebration of ability, inclusion, and empowerment.**

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