



# Surajkund Fair 2025

## Why in News?

The [Surajkund International Craft Fair](#) is scheduled **between 7th to 23rd February 2025 in Faridabad**. The authorities are likely to spend around Rs. 1.50 crore on repair work.

## Key Points

### ▪ About the Fair:

- It is an effective **platform to connect our craftsmen with art lovers**. This fair is both an **art exhibition and a business centre**.
- The fair showcases the richness and diversity of the [handicrafts, handlooms and the cultural heritage of India](#).
- The department is focusing on **expanding the fair area in 2025**, with an emphasis on **increasing huts for artisans and participants**.
  - The number of additional huts is yet to be finalized and depends on the availability of open space.
  - Additional huts, designed to be weather-proof, are expected to meet the growing demand due to the fair's increasing popularity and participation.
    - In 2024, authorities provided around 1,150 huts, accommodating over 1,500 indigenous and 250 foreign craftspeople.
- Authorities have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the [Delhi Metro Rail Corporation \(DMRC\)](#) for ticketing and parking facilities.
- **Partner Nations and Theme:**
  - [BIMSTEC countries](#) (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) remain **partner nations** for the event.
  - The **theme state for the upcoming fair is yet to be announced**, though Northeastern states like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, and Mizoram will be given special focus for showcasing art and craft.

## BIMSTEC

- BIMSTEC is a **regional organisation** comprising **7 member states - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**.
- It was formed in **1997** with the aim of promoting multifaceted technical and economic cooperation among the countries of the [Bay of Bengal region](#).
- The region covered by BIMSTEC is home to around **1.5 billion people**, with a combined GDP of over **USD 3.8 trillion**.