



Celebrated at: Surajkund, District Faridabad

Celebrated during: 1st Feb to 17th February

Main attractions: Rich showcase of regional and international crafts and traditions

A splash of colours, rhythm of drum beats and joy de-vivre merge at Surajkund in Faridabad, Haryana during the first fortnight of each February. The curtains go up on the acclaimed annual Surajkund International Crafts Mela from 2nd February onwards, a celebration of Indian folk traditions and cultural heritage.

Occupying a place of pride on the international tourist calendar, **more than a million visitors** throng the Mela during the fortnight including thousands of foreign tourists. The Surajkund Mela is unique as it showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India, & **is the largest crafts fair in the world.**

The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs. For the 33rd Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2019, the state of **Maharashtra** has been chosen to be the Theme State. At least 20 countries & all the states of India will be participating in the Mela.

A large number of renowned national and international folk artistes and cultural groups present day performances at both the Chaupals, the open-air theatres, located in the Mela premises. Also enthralling cultural evening programmes are held at the main Chaupal during each of the Mela evening. The Mela is indeed a custodian of the heritage crafts involving use of traditional skills that are fading away due to cheap machine made imitations, and a special section is earmarked for showcasing of these heritage crafts.

The multi-cuisine Food Court provides ethnic cuisines from all over the world, which are immensely popular with visitors. There are designated places for amusement, adventure sports and joy rides to make it a must visit event for the young.

Please visit <http://www.haryanatourism.gov.in/Events/surajkund-international-crafts-mela-faridabad> for more details.