

# Hunar Haat and Amrit Mahotsav parks

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**In news-** 75 “Hunar Haat” to be organized under “Amrit Mahotsav” of 75 years of India’s Independence.

## **About Hunar Haat-**

- ‘Hunar Haat’, the flagship initiative by the **Minority Affairs Ministry** to generate employment for master craftspeople under USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) scheme.
- It provides a market and opportunity to master artisans and craftspeople from remote areas of the country.
- Hunar Haat is an exhibition of handicrafts and traditional products made by artisans from the minority communities.
- According to the Minister for Minority Affairs, a target has been set to provide employment and employment opportunities to 7 lakh 50 thousand artisans, craftsmen through 75 “Hunar Haat”.
- These Hunar Haats will be organized with the resolve of **“Vocal for Local”** in all parts of the country, where artisans, craftsmen from every region of the country will exhibit and sell their handmade indigenous products.
- There will also be **a section “Bawarchi Khana” of traditional culinary experts in the “Hunar Haat”** where the people will enjoy traditional cuisines and dishes from different regions of the country.
- Various cultural programmes will also be performed by renowned artists of the country every evening in the “Hunar Haat”.

## **Amrit Mahotsav Parks-**

- The minister also announced that 75 “Amrit Mahotsav Parks” will also be **constructed on the vacant Waqf lands across the country under “Waqf Taraqqiati Scheme” and “Pradhanmantri Jan Vikas Karykram” (PMJVK)** of the Union Minority Affairs Ministry.
- These “Amrit Mahotsav Parks” will also **depict, in an artistic manner, the history of role played by that particular region in the freedom struggle.**
- These parks will also have **facilities for yoga, exercise, walk, play area for children**, green area and also common service centre.

## **Qaumi Waqf Taraqqiati Scheme(QWBTS)-**

- Also called as Computerization of the Records of State/UT Waqf Boards(earlier name), it was launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs ,Govt. of India in December 2009.
- It was launched on the recommendation of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf.
- It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- The scheme has now been further extended upto 2020-21.
- The Central Waqf Council, New Delhi is the Nodal Agency for implementation of the Scheme.

## **Pradhanmantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) –**

- PMJVK is a Scheme designed to address the development deficits of the identified Minority Concentration Areas.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the PMJVK, in the identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) of the country.
- It seeks to provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities particularly in the field of education, health & skill development which would further lead to lessening of the gap between the

national average and the minority communities with regard to backwardness parameters.

- The erstwhile Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) has been restructured and renamed as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram for effective implementation since 2018.
- Under PMJVK, 80% of the resources would be utilized for projects related to education, health and skill development of which at least 33-40% will be earmarked for creation of assets/facilities for women/girls.
- It is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.