

**Haryana Tourism**  
**Press Release**  
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**Experience myriad hues of Himachal Pradesh at Surajkund Mela**

Himachal Pradesh is the ‘**Theme State**’ of this year’s Surajkund International Crafts Mela, which is showcasing its unique culture and rich heritage in an impressive manner. The unique handcrafted tribal jewellery, Shawls, woollens and artefacts from the state are evoking great interest among visitors.

**Metal art**

Ankit Verma from Chamba is attracting a lot of attention from visitors with his highly unique metal art work. He has brought numerous treasures made from Bronze, Copper and Brass to the mela. His creations depict folklore of the Chamba valley as well as Himachal. The tribal culture dots all his creations and his products like brass plates depict tribal and divine figures in the most exquisite manner. These handcrafted metal works are surely drawing attention and is a must buy for those who appreciate real art.

Ghimbar Soni from District Mandi in Himachal Pradesh too has brought exclusive and rare metal works from his native town. He boasts of making special brass and copper musical instruments like nagada, flute, dhol etc apart from the religious figurines and tribal art decorations.

**Woollen warmth**

A number of artisans from the state of Himachal Pradesh have brought exclusive woollen shawls and jackets that are being loved by one and all. Made from pure sheep and yak wool, these traditional woollen fabrics are adding a new style statement to the modern fashion. Mr. Jagat Ram from Mandi has brought woollen handloom products ranging from shawls coats, gloves and caps. Ranging from modest 1800 and on the coats and shawls are a must buy for the season.

**Tribal Traditions**

Masto Devi is another artist that is catching everyone’s fancy. She has brought the age old craft called Chamba Rumaal. She has been bestowed the national award for her exquisite handwork. These fine rumaals or handkerchiefs are embroidered with the most detailed depiction of folklore, royal court scenes and mythology. These make for the most beautiful wall hangings and frames that you can enhance your home decor with.

Dorje from Spitti is displaying his craft of Thapa painting live for the visitors. Using water colours on canvas he is dishing out masterpieces depicting Buddhist themes in the most colourful traditional form. A must buy for those who love and collect authentic art.

Apart from these there are exclusive leather footwear, pottery, shawls carpets from the state of Himachal Pradesh. For those looking for exclusive traditional Himachali products Surajkund mela is the place to be.

#### **Results for today's Competitions:**

##### **Mehndi Competition –**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize – Yogita made by Prachi – Modern B.P. Public School Sector 23, Faridabad**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Chhavi made by Sanchita -Modern B.P. Public School Sector 23, Faridabad**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Aprajita made by Palak –St. Mary's Convent Sr. Secondary School, Sector 82, Faridabad.**

##### **Consolation –**

- 1. Vandana made by Farbeen, Modern B.P. Public School Sector 23, Faridabad**
- 2. Kanish made by Bharti, St. Mary's Convent Sr. Secondary School, Sector 82, Faridabad.**
- 3. Muskan made by Nazreen, Govt. Girls, Sr. Secondary School, Pali, Faridabad.**