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**Press Release**

### **28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mango Mela begins on a delicious note**

Saturday morning began at Pinjore Gardens with bee lines of students and visitors eager to be a part of the 28<sup>th</sup> Mango Mela. Despite of the sultry weather, zestful visitors came looking to enjoy and experience this much awaited annual event.

The competition of mango varieties organized by the Horticulture Department, Haryana saw enthusiastic participation from various corners of India. Over 4,000 varieties were judged at the competition. Farmers from Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Haryana, Punjab etc showcased a wide variety of mangoes ranging from Amarapali, Langda, Alphonso and many more.

School students participated in a flurry of colourful competitions including Drawing & Group dance. The group dance competitions had students perform folk dances and also danced on popular Bollywood numbers. These high-voltage dance performances added verve to the Mela. On the other hand, gyrating moves of cultural artistes performing Bhangra-Gidha and other traditional dance forms at different terraces of the majestic Pinjore Gardens along with Sarangi players, ek tara etc enthralled visitors to the hilt.

The ever famous Mango eating competition saw participation from all age groups. The excitement was evident as participants could not wait to bite in to the delicious mangoes and bag the coveted prize. Waris in the junior category bagged first position in the mango eating competition where as Mr. Rakesh Kumar bagged the first prize by eating 5 mangoes and also demonstrated the art of eating mangoes without leaving any pulp behind.

The Solo dance competition witnessed amazing talents by school children, from folk dances to Bollywood moves there was entertainment through out the competition. Rangoli making too impressed each and everyone with immense talent from school children which made decision making a challenge for the judges.

The mango display area was packed the whole day with thousands of visitors catching a glimpse of various varieties of mango and purchasing them. Sh Vikas Yadav, Managing Director, Haryana Tourism Corporation informed that this year the Mango Mela has been celebrated on a grand scale and entertainment for the visitors is unlimited with an array of cultural programmes and competitions. .

A number of mango growers from different states are offering exotic varieties of mangoes which are being lapped up in huge numbers.

The Crafts Bazaar and Food Court were a big hit with visitors. The craftspersons from different parts of the country registered a good business for their handlooms and handicrafts. The people enjoyed ice cream, *kulfis* and street food at the Food Court where adequate sitting arrangements had been made.

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