32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela

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Surajkund, Faridabad
Haryana
From February 2-18, 2018, the much awaited Surajkund International Crafts Mela is being hosted by the Haryana Tourism Corporation in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles and External Affairs. Over the years, the Mela has come to occupy a place of pride and prominence on the national and international tourist calendar. About 1.5 million visitors from India and other nations are expected to visit the Mela this year.

Spread over an area of 42 acres, adjacent to the historic Surajkund, the Mela will host about 1,000 gifted craftpersons and weavers from all over the nation and more than 25 participating nations. The “Chaupal” will come alive every evening during the Mela with scintillating performances by famed artists from all over the world.

Uttar Pradesh, the 'Theme State' of this year's mela is erecting six gates namely Vanya Dwars, Ayodha Dwars, Braj Dwars, Awadh Dwars, Buddha Dwars and Bundelkhand Dwars, showcasing its unique cultural and archaeological heritage. In addition to this, the Allahabad Kumbh Dwars and replica of famous ghats of Varanasi will provide a unique opportunity to visitors to get a glimpse of the incomparable history and heritage of Varanasi and Prayag.

Kyrgyzstan, officially the Kyrgyz Republic, an amazing and enchanting nation of Central Asia is the Partner Nation of this year's Mela.
Vanya Dwar

Vanya Dwar eloquently represents the prominence of folk tradition and its inextricable relations with the Mother Nature. Uttar Pradesh, formidably placed at heart of India, is home to thriving flora and fauna – which make the forest and wild life as unit, an essential part of people’s existence.

Ayodhya Dwar

Ayodhya Dwar commemorates the legend of Bhagwan Rama and historical significance of Ayodhya: Bhagwan Rama, a central figure of the ancient Hindu epic Ramayana, has been revered since times immemorial as Maryada Purushottam – Inspiring the social-cultural life of Indian where virtues like propriety, duty-fullness are still held in high esteem; the return of Bhagwan Rama to Ayodhya was celebrated with his coronation and the subsequent phases witnessed an ideal formation of governance based on just and fair rule, commonly known as Rama Rajya.

Awadh Dwar

Inspired by the theme of Lucknow and cultural / historical legacy of the region, Awadh Dwar, brings to the fore, an essence of modern-day Lucknow’s much-celebrated Sham-e-Awadh and Tehzeeb; the region of Awadh has been known as the cultural soul of India.

Sokya Muni: Bhagwan Buddha is one of the greatest souls to have ever walked on this planet in human history. All forms of Buddhism celebrate various events in the life of the Lord Buddha, including his birth, enlightenment, and passage into nirvana – Buddha Dwār at Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2018 celebrates the life evidences of Bhagwan Buddha.

Bundelkhand Dwar

Bundelkhand Dwar showcases the indomitable valour and courage of Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi who protested against the annexation of her kingdom and fought valiantly till her last breath like a true patriot in the First War of Independence 1857 against the British.

Chaupal

Ayodhya, also known as Saketa, is an ancient city of India, believed to be the birthplace of Rama and setting of the epic Ramayana. Owing to the belief as the birthplace of Bhagwan Rama, Ayodhya (Awadh) has been regarded as one of the seven most important pilgrimage sites (Saptapuri) for Hindus – it is believed that the birth spot of Rama was marked by a temple, the Chaupal (Stage) principally showcases it.
Mini Chaupal

The anecdotes and narratives of Bhagwan Krishna a avatar of Lord Vishnu are titled as Krishna Leela. He is a central character in the Mahabharata, the Bhagavata Purana and the Bhagavad Gita. He is portrayed as a god-child, a prankster, a ideal lover, a divine hero, and as the universal supreme being — his iconography will be reflected in these legends at Mini Chaupal, and shows him in different stages of his life.

Kumbh Mela- Prayag

“An eternal life free of sins” is the promise that comes attached with the magnificent event of Kumbh Mela — it’s a promise to which millions want to be bound with, and it is this promise that has made Kumbh Mela what it is today and the New Chaupal showcases the same.
Kyrgyzstan, officially the Kyrgyz Republic, is an amazing mountainous country located in the heart of Central Asia. The main wealth of this enchanting nation is its pristine pure nature – alpine meadows, snow capped peaks, mountain lakes, 6500 glaciers which originate from more than 28 thousand fast flowing rivers and headwaters. This beautiful nation has one of Central Asia’s largest forest reserves which is home to rare wildlife such as the Snow Leopard and Argali. Located at an altitude of 1606 metres above sea level Issyk-Kul, the mountainous frost lake is a marvel of nature.

Inhabited by diverse ethnic groups like Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Russian, Dungan, Ukrainan, Vighur and others, Kyrgyzstan is landlocked by Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the west, Tajikistan to the southwest and China to the east.
World Nomad Games – 2018

Kyrgyzstan will be hosting The Third World Nomad Games (WNG) in September 2018, a concept aimed at revealing the culture of various nomadic peoples around the world. These Nomadic Games will be not only an international competition, but also a platform for cultural disclosure of all nomadic peoples of the world.

More than 2000 athletes, artists and scientists shall converge on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul, in the picturesque Karchyn Gorge and an international scientific conference will be held there to discuss the role of the nomadic civilization in the human history.