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EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO SURAJKUND INTERNATIONAL CRAFT MELA, FARIDABAD, HARYANA

Army Institute of Education, Greater Noida organised an Educational Tour for B. Ed Batch 2018-20 student teachers to Surajkund International Craft Mela, Faridabad, Haryana on 5th February 2019. Surajkund Mela is not just the best platform for the skilled craftsmen and artisans of India and other SAARC nations to show their talent, but also a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn about their vibrant culture and get to respect the age-old craft that is better than any machine produce. Organized by Surajkund Mela Authority in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture, External Affairs, Department of Tourism, Government of Haryana and Haryana Tourism Corporation.

The day started with loads of excitement and fun as we were about to head towards the 33rd Surajkund Mela 2019 with 4 faculty and 90 students at 9:30 in two buses respectively arranged by the college premises. We reached to the destination at 11:00 am and the faculty arranged the tickets and we all gathered for a group photograph.

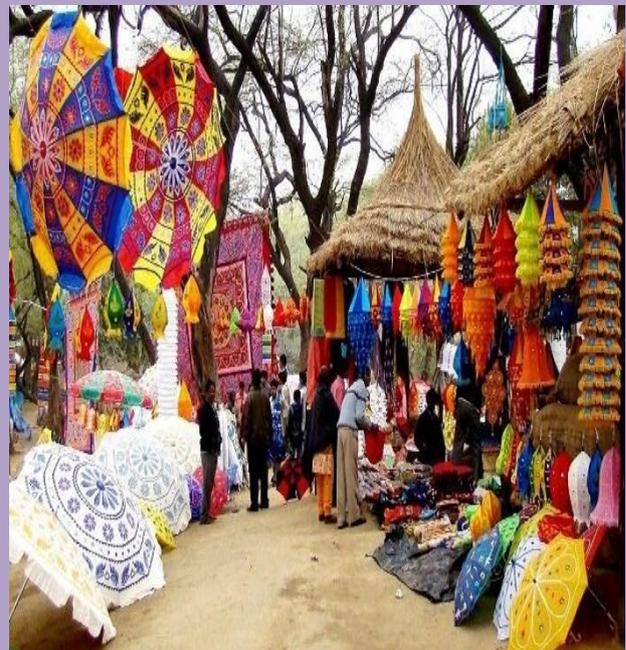
A splash of colours, rhythm of drum beats and joy de-vivre merge at Surajkund in Faridabad, Haryana during the first fortnight of each February. The curtains go up on the acclaimed annual Surajkund International Crafts Mela from 2nd February onwards, a celebration of Indian folk traditions and cultural heritage. 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 Courts provides ethnic cuisines from all over the world, which are immensely popular with visitors. The scintillating folk performances at the two 'Chaupals' and mesmerizing evening recitals at 'Natyashala' rev up the entertainment quotient. There are designated places for amusement, adventure sports and joy rides to make it a must visit event for the young.



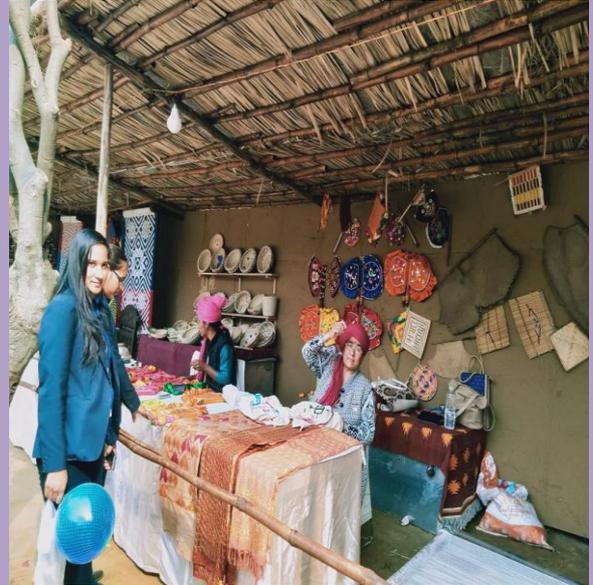
Students at Thailand craft



Students at Haryana Mela



Students at Shivaji Memoire



Student with the weavers

