

'Hunar Haat in Portugal soon to give boost to Atmanirbhar Bharat'

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LUCKNOW: With a view to giving a push to Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) initiative, the first Hunar Haat outside the country will be organised in Portugal in the next few months, said union minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi here on Friday.

Hunar Haat is the minority affairs ministry's initiative to generate employment for master artisans and craftsmen. Naqvi also said the initiative generated employment opportunities for over five lakh artisans and craftsmen in the country in the last five years.

Referring ahead to the 24th Hunar Haat at a press conference, the minister said, "UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate the event displaying indigenous products of artisans and craftsmen at Awadh Shilpgram in the state capital on Saturday (January 23). Artisans and craftsmen from 31 states and Union territories will participate in the event," Naqvi said at a press conference.

About 500 artisans, craftsmen and culinary experts from 31 states and Union territories, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir,



Union minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi at Awadh Shilpgram in Lucknow on Saturday.

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INDIGENOUS PRODUCTS TO ATTRACT VISITORS

Indigenous products such as aarakhi, applique, art metal work, bagh print, batik, Banarasi saree, Bandhej, Bandar art and herbal products, block print, brass metal bangles, cane and bamboo products, canvas painting, chikankari, copper belt, Kota silk, Pachwara shawl, leather and unbleached products, will be available at the Hunar Haat.

will participate in the event that will conclude on February 4, he added.

"The prime focus of the event will be 'vocal for local' mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for an Atmanirbhar Bharat," the minister said.

"Lucknow's Hunar Haat will also be available at <http://hunarhaat.org> for other residents of the country and even for remote India to directly view and buy indigenous items displayed by artisans and craftsmen," he said.