

Live Demonstration by Master Crafts Persons enthuses visitors

India Mela 2025, Osaka, Japan; 11th - 20th October 2025



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EPCH participated in the 14th edition of the annual India Mela 2025, held at Meriden Park, Kobe City, Japan, from 11th to 20th October 2025. The event was organised by the Consulate General of India, Osaka, Japan.

EPCH showcased India's rich handicraft heritage through the participation of five Master crafts persons deputed by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Among them were one Padma Shri awardee, one Shilp Guru and three National Awardees, representing diverse crafts – Bandhani Tie & Dye from Gujarat, Sholapith craft from West Bengal, Muria Wood Craft from Chhattisgarh, Handmade Dari craft from Uttar Pradesh and Molela Craft Works from Rajasthan.

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The Consul General extended special appreciation to the national awardee Master crafts persons and invited the citizens of Osaka-Kobe to visit their stalls to experience live demonstrations of Indian handicrafts, which were also available for sale. The event served as a vibrant platform to promote India's traditional craftsmanship and cultural

exchange between the two nations. ■