

Press Release

Djibouti Cultural troupe/artisan at 39th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela

A 19 member Djibouti cultural troupe/artisan departed on January 29, 2026 for the participation in the 39th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela (SICM) - 2026 being held at Surajkund, Faridabad (Haryana) from January 31 to February 15, 2026. This fair is recognized as the world's largest annual crafts fair, where melange of the finest traditions of handicrafts, hand-looms, and culture from across India and the globe is displayed to more than a million visitors.

This 19 member Djibouti cultural troupe was see off by the honorable Minister of Youth and Culture, H.E. Dr Hibo Moumin Assoweh and Ambassador of India in Djibouti, Mr M Keivom at Djibouti International Airport on January 29, 2026.

These troupe/artisan will represent Djibouti's traditional art, culture, and music at one of the world's largest handicraft fairs. This participation highlights the level of cultural exchange and further strengthening of relations between India and Djibouti. The group will perform and showcase Djiboutian culture to global audience at the SICM fair.

In a significant highlight for the 39th SICM Edition, Uttar Pradesh has been named the Theme State. The state will showcase its cultural diversity, rich heritage, and "One District One Product" (ODOP) based handicrafts, with over 40 special stalls bringing the artistic creativity of its artisans to a global audience. The venue will feature eco-friendly décor inspired by traditional crafts, including Khurja and black pottery, as well as Munj weaving.

Earlier in 2025, a 20 member Djibouti cultural troupe participated in the 38th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2025 held at the same venue from 07 to 23 February 2025. In this world-renowned fair, 635 foreign artists participated from 44 countries to showcase the finest tradition of handicraft, hand-loom, culture and cuisine. This fair attracted foot-falls of more than 1.3 million visitors. Government of India provides free boarding, lodging and transportation between Delhi airport and the Mela grounds to confirmed participants during the entire duration of their stay.



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