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Shri Hardeep Singh Puri Inaugurates 'Urban Square', a reflection of Inclusive Urban Empowerment, at AtmaNirbhar Bharat Utsav

Furthering the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the immersive 'URBAN SQUARE' exhibition, curated by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, is being hosted at ITPO under the 'AtmaNirbhar Bharat Utsav'. This event commenced on January 3 and will continue until January 10, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan. The inauguration of 'URBAN SQUARE' by the Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, highlights the concerted efforts driven by PM SVANidhi and DAY-NULM initiatives of MoHUA, showcasing a vibrant hub that celebrates the spirit and skills of marginalised urban communities. Reflecting the essence of an inclusive city, 'URBAN SQUARE' is structured into five zones—"Savoury Street" for Food, "Artistic Odyssey" for Handloom, "Earthy Avenue" for Handicrafts, "Sustainably Yours" for sustainable and upcycled products, and "Symphony of Senses" for fragrances and beauty products. Featuring 145 exhibitors, including urban Self-Help Groups and street food vendors representing diverse regions, the exhibition displays a rich array of offerings.



Seminar on Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) for Street Vendors

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated a seminar on the Grievance Redressal Committee for Street Vendors at the India Habitat Centre, Delhi. Hon'ble Minister, in his keynote address, stressed the significance of establishing and maintaining robust Grievance Redressal Committees under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, to resolve disputes and conflicts of street vendors. During the event, the Hon'ble Minister launched the PAiSA Portal Dashboard and the PM SVANidhi Mission Monitoring Portal. The seminar aimed to sensitise all States and Union territories on the importance of robust GRCs and brought together key stakeholders, including GRC members, to enhance their understanding of the legal provisions within the Street Vendors Act 2014. The event saw active participation from Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, MoHUA, Shri Rahul Kapoor, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, DAY-NULM & PM SVANidhi and Smt. Shalini Pandey, Director, PM SVANidhi. Many senior officials from MoHUA, States, UTs, GRC members, experts, and partners from civil society organisations also attended the event.



Shri Piyush Goyal Explores 'Urban Square': Emphasising Self-Reliance at AtmaNirbhar Bharat Utsav

Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, visited the 'Urban Square' during the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Utsav on January 3, 2024. Guided by Shri Rahul Kapoor, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, DAY-NULM & PM SVANidhi, he was taken on an insightful tour of Urban Square. He emphasised the importance of such on-ground fests while interacting with various participants, furthering the eventual goal of empowering individuals across India towards self-reliance, or "AtmaNirbharta".

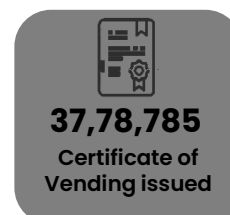
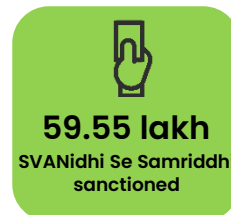


Shri Kaushal Kishore Visits 'Urban Square' and Interacts with Exhibitors

Shri Kaushal Kishore, Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, graced the MoHUA's initiative, 'Urban Square,' during the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Utsav on January 4, 2024. Expressing delight during interactions with the participants, he undertook a tour of "Savoury Street", gaining insights from street vendors about the significance of Urban Square as an opportunity in their professional lives. Their narratives highlighted the tangible difference this platform has made for them, showcasing its impactful role at the event.



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