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NEW BATCH OF DASTKAR PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY AT URBAN HAAT

Jaipur, 07 April: A new exhibition of the  Dastkar Bazaar with new craftsmen exhibiting their products is on display at Urban Haat, (Opposite Jal Mahal). The exhibition is open daily from 11 am to 8 pm (except on Mondays).

The major attractions this time include ajrakh prints, applique and embroideries from Rajasthan, Durries & Glass decorations from Uttar Pradesh. In addition to these crafts, the other available crafts include Bandhani and Shibori dying, black clay pottery, terracotta, Kota Textiles, paper craft, basketry from UP, Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar, marble inlay, among others.

The Live Craft Demonstrations which are organized on a daily basis include - Wood carving and basket making. Also, the weekends will be made lively with enthralling cultural performances. The workshops will make the bazaar a learning experience for the visitors. Dastkar Bazaars and Exhibitions provide craftspeople a platform for direct interaction with the customers, enabling them to gauge market trends and customer demands for themselves.

It is to be recalled that the Daskar Bazaar is supported by the Commissioner Industries, Government of Rajasthan. It has been sponsored by Shree Cement Ltd., Wonder Cement and Vedanta Hindustan Zinc.

Dastkar, a registered NGO, working with crafts and craftspeople since 1981, strongly believes in crafts as a catalytic tool for social and economic empowerment and earning. Today it has an ever-growing strong national outreach of more than 600 craft groups and small producers, directly and indirectly affecting the lives of more than one lakh artisans every year from across 25 states of India. Dastkar is committed to breaking the barriers that separate craftspeople from mainstream urban markets, reviving and revitalizing both the craft and the community.