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Customers purchasing handicraft items at Saras Mela, in Patna on Sunday.

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## PATNAITES THROUGH SARAS MELA IN HORDES

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**PATNA:** The ongoing Bihar Shatabdi Gramotsav-cum-Saras Mela in the state capital was visited by a large number of people on Sunday.

Some could be seen selecting handicrafts of their choice while many seemed to be in a mood to enjoy the holiday with food and fun games.

Speaking on the occasion the rural development minister, Nitish Mishra said the Mela provided people in the city an opportunity to get a feel of rural life.

"They can also get here a variety of handicrafts created in rural areas," he said. The Mela which has been put up as a village Haat, is participated by a number of artisans from other states also, he added.

The fair also offered visitors an opportunity to enjoy folk songs and plays by some local artistes. They also relished delicious food items here. Among present on the occasion were Arvind Choudhary, Khursheed Alam, Varun Kumar, Preeti Sinha and Dr Vidyabhushan.

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