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Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani on Tuesday inaugurated the Textiles Gallery at the National Crafts Museum here.

"With this unique collection, the National Crafts Museum takes another leap to exhibit the fine Indian craftsmanship to public," a statement from Textiles Ministry said.

The other galleries of the museum -- folk and tribal art, cultic and courtly craft galleries have been a favourite amongst the visitors, especially the foreign tourists.

"The rich collection on display will be another step towards conserving India's rich heritage of handlooms for the next generations. The gallery will serve to be a resource centre for the students of fashion technology, apparel sciences and textiles designing," the ministry said.

The collection has a vision to help people explore, enjoy, and rediscover the world of Indian textiles through design and technology. The gallery consists of more than 230 different types of textiles collections divided into categories of over 30 traditions.

There are five zones in the gallery and each zone has been named as weaving, embroidery, dying (Ikatpatola), pattern (Bandhej, Kalamkari, and Leheria) and TanaBana based on the intricacies of the textiles, it said.

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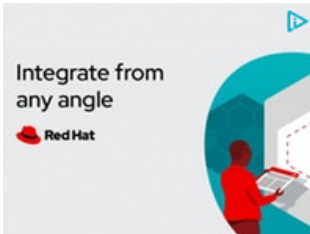
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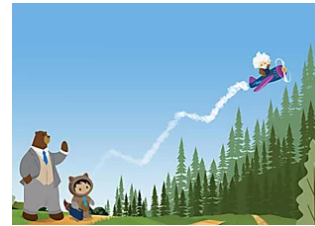
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