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## MELA FACTS

*Did you know...*

- The festival's biggest attendance was in 2004 when an estimated 120,000 people visited Abbey Park in just one weekend.
- Volunteers are a key part of making the festival work and run smoothly. Over the last thirty years more than 1,500 people have volunteered their time to the festival.
- Festival audiences exceed 1 million people over the first 30 years.
- 'The Strong Man of Leicester'. Manjit Singh, broke 3 world records at the festival in 2002
- Over 5,500 school children and local community groups have taken part in Mela workshops.
- Over the 30 years around 6000 people have performed on stage at the Mela.
- The 2000 Millennium Mela is famous for setting the first Guinness World Record for the largest Rangoli pattern.

