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Japan Cancels Arakurayama Sengen Park Cherry Blossom Festival Near Mount Fuji Due to Tourist Misconduct

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Cherry Blossom Festival Cancelled Near Mount Fuji

§Japan has cancelled the annual cherry blossom festival at Arakurayama Sengen Park for 2026.

§Officials said the decision came because of tourist misconduct and overtourism issues.

Where and What the Festival Was

§The festival was held for more than 10 years in Fujiyoshida, near Mount Fuji.

§It attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors every spring to see cherry blossoms and scenic views.

Why It Was Cancelled

§Local residents complained about disruptive tourist behaviour.

§Officials reported issues like:

§Littering and garbage left behind by visitors.

§Trespassing on private properties.

§Tourists entering private homes or walking in restricted areas.

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§The local government said these problems threatened residents' peace and daily life.

Impact of Overtourism

§Mount Fuji and the festival location became extremely popular, partly due to social media and easier travel.

§Large crowds caused traffic congestion and safety concerns, especially for local children and communities.

What Happens Now

§While the official festival will not take place, Arakurayama Sengen Park and cherry blossoms will still be visible to visitors during spring.

§Local authorities may implement crowd management measures like extra security, temporary toilets, and parking to manage visitors.

In Simple Terms

§A famous cherry blossom festival near Mount Fuji was cancelled because too many tourists were causing problems and disturbing local life.

§The park will remain open, but the official spring event won't be held in 2026.

Way Forward:

§Control crowds: Fix visitor limits and use advance booking during peak season.

§Strict enforcement: Impose heavy fines for littering, trespassing, and rule-breaking.

§Awareness drives: Educate tourists about local culture and responsible behaviour.

§Better facilities: Add more toilets, dustbins, parking, and security staff.

§Protect locals: Ensure tourism does not disturb residents' daily life.