

HANDICRAFTS OF TELANGANA

PRESENTED BY SAHITHI

BIDRI WARE

- ❖ Originated in Bidar, Karnataka in 14th century during the rule of Bahmani Sultans and reached Hyderabad later.
- ❖ Bidriware – Collection of metallic objects (made of Zinc ,silver and copper).
- ❖ The craft was native to Persia but it was brought to India by followers of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti.
- ❖ The style of craft is a fusion of Persian and Arabic styles of craft.
- ❖ Flower pots, jugs, hookahs, jewelry items, bowls and many objects are made through this craft.
- ❖ These metallic objects also has GI tag.



BIDRI WARE

NIRMAL TOYS AND PAINTINGS

- ❖ The town of Nirmal in Adilabad district of Telangana has a history of making toys and beautiful paintings.
- ❖ The making of toys and paintings is called as Nirmal art and this is done by craftsmen who belong to a community called "Naqqash".
- ❖ Toys and paintings are made of a special type of wood called as "soft wood" (poniki karra) and are colored by duco colors.
- ❖ The combined art of Indian and Mughal schools can be seen in these paintings and crafts.
- ❖ The paintings mostly belong to the epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana.



PEMBARTHI BRASS WARE

- ❖ The town of Pembarthi in Warangal district is famous for the sheet metal work.
- ❖ A special community called as "Vishwakarmas" are involved in the craftsmanship of making various items using brass in the form of sheets.
- ❖ This craft was patroned by Kakatiya rulers and many statues of god and chariots were made using this brass sheet.
- ❖ Flower vases, chandeliers and many other items are made.
- ❖ Places like Panagal, Kuranapalli, Siddipet are also famous for the sheet metal brassware.
- ❖ Received GI tag.

SILVER FILIGREE

- ❖ Filigree means metal work in jewelry. This metal work includes small beads or patterns of threads(of metal).
- ❖ Karimnagar district is famous for this craftsmanship.
- ❖ Many items like ashtrays, jewelry boxes and perfume containers are made using this craft.
- ❖ The attraction of these crafts lies in the twisting of strings of fine silver.
- ❖ Received GI tag.

DOKRA METAL CRAFT

- ❖ It is a bell metal craft practiced in Jainoor Mandal of Adilabad district by a community called Ojhas.
- ❖ A casting technique called "Cire Perdue"(lost wax technique) is used in the making of objects. In this, a duplicate metal sculpture is cast from the original one.
- ❖ Many figurines and motifs are made using this craft.
- ❖ Received GI tag.

CHERIYAL SCROLL PAINTINGS

- ❖ The scroll paintings represent paintings done on scrolls in vertical format. Paintings include characters related to epics of Ramayana, Mahabharata and many more through which stories are also narrated.
- ❖ Found only in Telangana.
- ❖ A community called "Nakashi"s excel in this art. Previously, this art was restricted only to Cheriyal village but now also found in Hyderabad.
- ❖ This art is a part of community named as "Kakipadagollu" and many other story telling communities.
- ❖ Depict the life of rural people and the culture of Telangana.
- ❖ Received GI tag.

BATIK PAINTINGS

- ❖ "Batik" means dots on fabrics. Originated in Indonesia.
- ❖ Represent "wax resist dye technique" used over textiles.
- ❖ Can also be seen in decorative items like wall hangings and on various clothes.

BANJARA CRAFT

- ❖ Banjara craft or Banjara embroidery is famously called as mirror work.
- ❖ Many shapes of mirrors, materials like beads and shells and various colorful threads are used in the embroidery.
- ❖ Can be seen on bags, textiles etc.

HYDERABAD PEARLS

- ❖ Hyderabad is regarded as "The city of Pearls" for its uniqueness in various types of pearls available here.
- ❖ Many jewelry items like necklaces, pendants and bracelets etc are made using one of these fine qualified pearls.
- ❖ Chandanpet village is particularly famous for pearl drilling.

WARANGAL DHURRIES

- ❖ Dhurries or carpets made of jute and cotton which contain zigzag figurines and repetitive patterns are found in Warangal dhurries.
- ❖ Received GI tag.

HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

- ❖ Pochampalli, Gadwal and Narayanpet are the most prominent places for handlooms in Telangana.
- ❖ Pochampalli village in Nalgonda district is famous for Ikat designs on sarees and dresses. It is also called as Tie and dye weaving. Pochampalli handlooms received GI tag and the village is listed under UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- ❖ Gadwal town in Mahabubnagar district is famous for Gadwal silk and cotton sarees.
- ❖ Narayanpet (Mahabubnagar) is famous for the cotton and silk sarees and the designs contain Maharashtrian and Telangana styles.