



# Handlooms & Handicrafts of India for SSC & Banking Exams - GK Notes in PDF!

Handicrafts are a part of the country's rich cultural heritage and play a significant role in national economy. It provides employment to a vast segment of craft persons in rural & semi urban areas. Know more about Handlooms & Handicrafts of India in detail in this article. Keep reading to know about the comparison between Handlooms & Handicrafts of India. Also, get the complete list of Handloom & Handicrafts of India.

#### **Handicrafts of India - Basic Characteristics**

- 1. Work should be done by hand.
- 2. The resultant products should have some artistic or aesthetic value.

Take a look at the comparison between Handicrafts & Handlooms of India.

Handlooms of India	Handicrafts of India
<ul> <li>Yarn - A fine cord of twisted fibers (of cotton, silk, wool or nylon etc.) used in sewing and weaving</li> <li>Loom - A machine for weaving yarn into a fabric.</li> <li>Handloom - It is a process of weaving fabric from yarn, using hand-operated machines.</li> <li>Power Loom - doing same but via motorized machines that use electricity.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Items are made by hand /with the use of simple tools.</li> <li>From stone, leather, wood, glass, bamboo, metal etc.</li> <li>Used (mostly) for decorative purposes, including gifts and</li> </ul>











souvenirs as well as for utility purposes.

Handloom Mark is a logo that can be stitched on every handloom product. It'll serve as a guarantee for the buyer that given product genuinely hand woven and not produced using machinery /power-loom. National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad created this logo.

Handloom Mark is in Two Forms

- **Domestic Products:** The word Handloom is written beneath the Logo.
- International Marketing: Same Logo with the word Hand Woven in India written beneath it.

#### **Handicrafts of India - Types & Importance**

- **Art metal ware** Metalwork of India like enameled, engraved and filigree cutwork on silver and brassware is a glory of India
- **Wooden art ware** Woodcraft of India is famous for centuries and thought to be one of the most primitive arts
- Hand printed textiles India Textiles known for its distinguished art, printed
  and dyed cotton cloth. For centuries its creative processes flourished as the fabric
  received royal patronage.
- **Embroidered goods** Embroidery fabric and other goods are decorated using needle and yarn. Indian embroidered goods have its distinct and rich style.
- **Marble and soft stone crafts** Indian unique stonework is appreciated all around the world. It can be seen in various historical buildings in India.









- **Papier-mêhéraft** Craft that evolved during the Mughal period and today being practiced by a large number of artisans in India.
- **Terracotta zari & zari goods** Terracotta is beautiful reddish colored glazed pottery with different designs. The art of molding terracotta objects was prevalent during the time of Indus Valley civilization.
- **Imitation and fashion jewelry** India is one of the major exporters of fashion jewelry. Indian jewelry considered to be highly artistic. The simple motifs are brought from local and developed into artistic patterns.
- Leathercraft –
   Leather is processed via various shaping techniques and coloring techniques to manufacture artistic leather
- **Handloom Weaving**: Lepchas women play a very important role in Handloom Weaving. The Handloom product range from plain to intricate patterns.
- **Carpet Weaving**: It is done by Bhutia women. It is used for covering sofas, beds, walls, chairs, etc.
- **Blanket Weaving**: It is done by Nepalese Women. It is normally woven with sheep wool.
- **Thanka Painting**: The Thankas are the religious scrolls found hung in monasteries and houses of Buddhists. These are basically life sketches. A Thanka serves as an ostensible symbol of deity and it provides focal points for meditation.
- Zari: Zari is an even thread traditionally made of fine gold or silver used in traditional Indian, Pakistani and Persian garments and other materials such as curtains, etc. It is used extensively in clothing and home decoration. Four types of zari are produced in India, namely, real zari, semi-real zari, imitation zari and plastic zari.
- Rugs and Durries: India is one the leading producers of rugs in the world.
   Various kinds of rugs produced in India are namda (felted rugs), gabba
   (embroidered rugs), wooden pile rugs, cotton rugs, etc. When compared to rugs











and carpets, durries are light, often reversible, and usually made with cotton. Durries have found daily use in rural villages of India. Different parts of India have localized durries tradition.

- **Textile**: Handloom industry represents the rich cultural and traditional heritage unique to India. India produces a variety of products using all kinds of fibers and yarns of varying counts to produce the widest range of products.
- Wood Carving: Woodcarving is an ancient craft practiced in India long before
  the age of ancient stone sculptural age. It is the artistic practice of shaping and
  decorating wooden objects into diverse utilitarian and decorative handicrafts
  items.
- **Stone Carving:** Stone carving is an ancient art, in which pieces of rough natural stone are shaped by the controlled removal of stone. India produces an exquisite range of artistic and decorative stone crafts
- .Cane and Bamboo: Cane and bamboo act as an alternative to wood which takes more time to grow and is costlier. Cane is largely used for furniture making, whereas bamboo is used for making jewelry and decorative utility items like lamp-stand, umbrella handles, partition, screen, flower pots, baskets, walking sticks, tool handles, fishing rods, tent poles, ladders, toys, fans, cups, mugs, mats etc.
- **Filigree and Silverware:** Filigree is an extremely ancient technique dating back to 4000 years ago. Silver filigree work is a style unique in itself. Filigree work is performed on silver and involves significant precision and technicality
- **Pottery and Clay Object:** Pottery has been called the lyric of handicrafts because of its irresistible and universal appeal. There is a wide range of pottery and clay crafts in India. Some of the most popular forms of pottery include blue pottery, black and red pottery, roulette ware, and dull red & grey ware.
- **Terracotta:** Terracotta is similar to pottery, in which craftsperson use local clay available in river beds to make items such as lamps, candle stands, figures of deities and animals, etc. Terracotta is the hard, moisture less, partially burnt clay









used for pottery. In this craft, the objects are not made on potter's wheel, as done in pottery.

• **Horn & Bone:** Horn and bone carving is the act of creating art forms by carving into animal bones and often includes the carving of antlers and horns.

#### List of Handlooms and Handicrafts of India

Item	State
Pochampalli Ikat	Andhra Pradesh
Uppada Jamdani Sarees	Andhra Pradesh
Muga Silk	Assam
Sujini Embroidery Work of Bihar	Bihar
Champa Silk Saree and Fabrics	Chhattisgarh
Kutch Embroidery	Gujarat
Tangaliya Shawl	Gujarat
Kullu Shawl	Himachal Pradesh
Chamba Rumal	Himachal Pradesh
Kinnauri Shawl	Himachal Pradesh
Kani Shawl	Jammu & Kashmir











Mysore Silk	Karnataka
Kasuti Embroidery	Karnataka
Ilkal Sarees	Karnataka
Navalgund Durries	Karnataka
Molakalmuru Sarees	Karnataka
Sandur Lambani Embroidery	Karnataka
Aranmula Kannadi	Kerala
Balaramapuram Sarees and Fine Cotton Fabrics	Kerala
Kasaragod Sarees	Kerala
Kuthampully Sarees	Kerala
Chanderi Fabric	Madhya Pradesh
Solapur Chaddar	Maharashtra
Solapur Terry Towel	Maharashtra
Paithani Sarees and Fabrics	Maharashtra
Kotpad Handloom fabric	Orissa
Orissa Ikat	Orissa
Kota Doria	Rajasthan















Salem Fabric	Tamil Nadu
Kancheepuram Silk	Tamil Nadu
Salem Silk known as Salem Venpattu	Tamil Nadu
Kovai Cora Cotton	Tamil Nadu
Arani Silk	Tamil Nadu
Banaras Brocades and Sarees	Uttar Pradesh
Handmade Carpet of Bhadohi	Uttar Pradesh
Santipore Saree	West Bengal
Art metal ware/ metal crafts	Moradabad, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh
Hand printed textiles, carpet	Jaipur
Wood Craft	Jodhpur, Saharanpur
Carpet, embroidery	Srinagar & Anantnag
Hand printed textiles	Jaipur & Barmer, Farukabad, Bagh
Carpet	Bhadohi, Mirzapur
Zari and zardozi	Agra, Varanasi, Bareilly and Surat
Lace and crochet goods	Narsapur







#### Social Security for Handloom & Handicrafts Sector

- Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana
- Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) for weavers
- Babasaheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)

### **Special Schemes for Handloom Sector**

- Technology Up gradation Fund (TUF)
- Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS)
- Mill Gate Price Scheme
- Marketing Promotion Programme

#### Strength of the Handloom & Handicrafts Sector

• Availability of abundant and cheap labour.











- Use of Local Resources
- Low capital investment
- Unique craftsmen ship
- As a low carbon footprint industry (using natural and organic material), it has environmental benefits too.

#### **Challenges Faced by Handicraft & Handloom Sector**

- The raw material is not available at a reasonable price.
- Government schemes work on paper only, due to infrastructural problems.
- Cannot compete with machine-made products because of they lack marketing, management and sales expertise.
- There is no synergy between Government agencies responsible for handlooms, handicrafts, khadi and the cottage industry sectors
- Women's role in the handloom industry is largely unacknowledged.

Handicraft/Handloom industry is distinguished in terms of infrastructure, policy scenario, government support, trade strategy and the way industry is defined. This can have both advantages and disadvantages for India. The advantage is in terms of employment creation, while disadvantages in terms of low-cost production. Although the government is taking several measures to make the thing well, there is a need to do more & provide the strategic direction and action plans to evolve systems, so that the industry can grow & survive this competitive era of globalization.

So, in this way, we can say that the success of the Indian Economy is highly dependent on the growth and decline of the handloom and handicraft industry.

Now that you are well aware of Handlooms & Handicrafts of India, check out:









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