





# A Legacy Rooted in Nature and Devotion

India is a country where natural resources are treated as God. We celebrate our resources during festivals, cultural ceremonies, and traditions. As we learned that wood is goated natural resource, it has been ingrained with our culture and tradition for centuries.

We used wood for various sacred purposes. We built temples, carved idols out of wood, our rituals include uses of wood as burning sacred fire. and offerings, everything connected with woods.



#### "Where Art Meets Survival"

Iln the heart of Saharanpur lives Rafiq, a wood craft artist whose hands tell stories through every carving. His family has been shaping intricate designs from wood for generations, creating furniture and décor that once graced royal homes and temples.

But the world around him has changed. Machine-made products have flooded the market, and fair wages are rare. Despite long hours and aching hands, Rafiq often earns less than what his work deserves. Still, he continues, driven by love for his craft and the hope that tradition will find its place again.

For Rafiq, woodcraft is more than just work — it's identity, legacy, and faith. With every stroke of his chisel, he preserves the essence of India's handmade heritage, proving that true art may struggle, but it never fades.







#### Diverse Country, Diverse Crafts Techniques



**Tools and Utility items:**: To make tools like comb or spoon, fine cutting of wood is required. Rajouri Chikri Wood Craft of Jammu is one of the specialists in making these kinds of utility items.

**Game and Sports:** Kashmir Willow Bat is worldwide popular for its durability and exquisite craftsmanship.

**Metal Fusion:** Surat Sadeli Craft is a handicraft where metal work is done on wooden surfaces.

**Wood Crafted Toys:** Etikoppaka toys and Channapatna Toys & Dolls are renowned examples in Toy wood craft.













Wood tools were used for the first time during the Stone Age.

Do you know?

Artisans use tools such as chisels, mallets, and various gouges. Wood craft in India dates back to ancient times, emerging from the necessity of using forest resources for shelter and tools.

Woodcraft practices were found across ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China.





## GI Cherieshed Wood Crafts

Many wood crafts are recognised by GI Tag for their rich history and origin.

- Channapatna Toys & Dolls Channapatna artisans create toys and dolls that blend traditional Indian craftsmanship with contemporary designs.
- Chitrakoot Wooden Craft & Toys India's artisanal heritage through eco-friendly, handcrafted creations.
- Saharanpur Wood Craft s— Durable and functional pieces, perfect to enhance any interior while embodying the spirit of India.
- Kashmir Walnut Wood Carving Artisans in Kashmir emphasize their rich craft heritage by creating detailed walnut wood carvings.



### This festival, Don't Just Celebrate



Choose the hands over machines



Choose wood crafts over any crafts



Choose local over imports



Choose emotion over money



कला का संसार, लकड़ी का रूप, हाथों की मेहनत, सपनों का स्वरूप। हर कटाव में बसती है प्रार्थना सी बात, लकड़ी की कला, देश की सौगात।







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