

About Silpa-Sadana

Silpa-Sadana is a Department under Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (Institute of Rural Reconstruction), located at Sriniketan Campus of Visva-Bharati, a Central University. Silpa-Sadana was established as an integral part of Tagore's Sriniketan experiment on rural reconstruction. It is a pioneering institute in India in developing and revitalizing cottage industries and craft, since its inception in 1922. Rathindranath Tagore was the pioneer in shaping this department to fulfil the vision and mission of his father. Silpa-Sadana has always been ready to adopt need based academic curriculum as its prime activity. It never ignored the production activity or the extension activity as a supplementary to teaching and research. The present Silpa-Sadana is devoted to providing various technical training and production activities in various craft-based trades for the benefit of the rural sector, especially, apart from offering various academic programs e.g., Bachelor of Design (B. Des.), Masters of Design (M. Des.), and Ph.D. under UGC structure.



CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY ON 7th AUGUST, 2026

Introduction

India's handloom sector continues to be one of the country's largest sources of sustainable rural employment, supporting the livelihoods of more than 35 lakh persons, with women constituting over 70 per cent of the workforce. Besides its economic significance, the sector remains a custodian of India's rich textile traditions and an important contributor to environmentally sustainable production practices.

National Handloom Day is observed every year on 7 August to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 August 1905, which gave renewed impetus to indigenous industries and India's handloom sector. The observance recognises the enduring contribution of handloom weavers to the country's cultural heritage and socio-economic development.

Since its inception in 2015, National Handloom Day has served as an occasion to celebrate the artistry, skill and dedication of India's handloom weavers while reaffirming the Government's commitment to the preservation, promotion and sustainable development of the handloom sector. The Ministry of Textiles will celebrate the 12th National Handloom Day on 7 August 2026 with a national function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC), New Delhi, to celebrate India's rich handloom heritage and recognise the contribution of the handloom weaving community to the nation's cultural and economic development.

To mark the commemorative solidarity with the handloom weavers' community, the Department of Silpa-Sadana is going to celebrate National Handloom Day on August 7, 2026 in collaboration with the 'Design Tinkering Club', Silpa-Sadana, PSV. All are cordially invited to witness the said event.



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Sriniketan

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Venue:
Silpa-Sadana