

Celebration of 12th National Handloom Day at Silpa-Sadana on August 07, 2026

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 cultural heritage and handwoven textile legacy, as well as an important contributor to environmentally sustainable production practices.



To mark the commemorative solidarity with the handloom weavers' community, the Department of Silpa-Sadana celebrated 12th National Handloom Day on August 7, 2026, in collaboration with the 'Design Tinkering Club', Silpa-Sadana, PSV, to create awareness about the importance of the handloom sector, support sustainable livelihoods for artisans, and encourage the use of eco-friendly, handcrafted textiles.

The students, research scholars, and faculty members of Silpa-Sadana wholeheartedly participated in the event to make it a grand success.



The head of the department addressed the gathering and shared his valuable insights on National Handloom Day and its significance. Some other faculty members also shared their

views and enlightened the audience regarding various aspects of National Handloom Day and the tradition of handloom practices in India. The department felicitated Sri Bhagyadhar Rana, the Master Weaver, from Goalpara, Purba Burdwan, West Bengal, in recognition of his exceptional skill, dedication, and invaluable contribution to the preservation and promotion of India's rich handloom heritage. The artistry and commitment of Sri. Rana continues to inspire future generations and strengthen the legacy of traditional weaving. The programme ended with a quiz competition among the participants, mainly on handloom and khadi. The participants left the house with the theme in their mind —— 'My Handloom My Pride'.