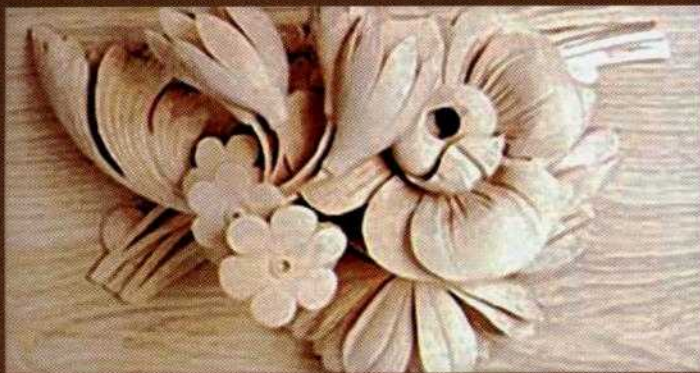


Woodcarving

Historical significance

In the good old days of kings and Nawabs, woodcarving was essentially seen as an adjunct to architecture. Any palace or haveli worth its name had to have incredibly carved doors, windows and jalis (lattice work). The Mysore Palace and the havelis of Old Delhi, Kashmir and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan are a good example of such work. In recent times architectural commissions have dwindled to nothing. Consequently, artisans have turned their hand to more commercially viable options like artifacts, wooden plaques and furniture for urban homes.





decorative pieces



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Woodcarving is one of the most important activities in the area. Craftsmen from Birbhum use a variety of wood like shisham, teak, sal and chakolda for making household items. This can be broadly grouped into three sub-groups-painted woodcarvings, plain wood carvings and wood turned items. In this craft one can find painted wooden toys, masks, idols and chariot decorations. Usually light varieties of wood are preferred. The art is mostly practiced by the carpenter caste. They use the simple carpentry tools like hammer, chisel etc. The motifs include various stylized animals and birds like horse, bull, elephant, lion, tiger, peacock, Radha and Krishna the deities of various God and Goddess and many more.

Product Range

Items made of wood, affect each and every stage of human life. The range of utilitarian products and decorative pieces made from wood is immense.

Woodcraft includes items such as finely carved figurines, furniture and accessories, windows, doors, boxes, decorative pieces, utensils, panels, beads etc.



Price range (in Rs.):

Decorative figures like doll, wall hanging, utensils, decorative idols etc — 150-1500

Decorative Furniture like windows, doors, Beds etc — 2000-10000

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Village: Atkula
3. Bandhu Swanirvar Dal,
Block: Nalhathi-II, G.P.: Nawapara
Village: Ashuria