



THREADS OF BHARAT

Celebrating Handloom Heritage

Event Overview

The 'Threads of Bharat' event, organized by the Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS), Sandip University, on 7 August 2023, celebrated India's rich handloom heritage through the lens of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). Facilitated by Ms. Chhavi Mittal and Ms. Somya Rawat, the event aimed to highlight the significance of indigenous weaving practices and their relevance to contemporary sustainability and cultural identity.

Handloom Heritage Workshop

The core of the event was a Handloom Heritage Workshop, which provided participants with both theoretical and practical knowledge of Indian handloom traditions.

The workshop commenced with a documentary showcasing the historical origins of handloom in India. The documentary emphasized its pivotal role in the independence movement and its deep-rooted philosophy of **Swaraj**, **sustainability**, and **cultural identity**.

Key Highlights:

- Documentary screening
 - Weaving techniques
 - Hands-on experience
 - IKS principles
 - Sustainable practices
- Following the documentary, participants engaged in hands-on learning of plain and tapestry weaving techniques. A key focus was on creating woven pieces from discarded materials, embodying the IKS principles of **resourcefulness** and **environmental consciousness**. This practical application reinforced the workshop's message of handloom as a **living tradition**, directly applicable to today's challenges.

Impact and Conclusion

The 'Threads of Bharat' event successfully underscored the importance of handloom not merely as a craft, but as a vibrant expression of Indian cultural identity and a model for sustainable practices. By connecting historical context with practical skills and IKS principles, the workshop empowered participants to appreciate and contribute to this invaluable heritage.

