



National Handloom Day



Event Overview

This document details the celebration of National Handloom Day organized by Sandip University's Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS). The event, held on August 7, 2024, honored India's rich textile heritage and promoted the values of self-reliance, sustainability, and cultural continuity, all deeply rooted in the Indian Knowledge System (IKS).

Report: Reviving Threads of Tradition

Celebrating Indian Handloom through the Lens of Indian Knowledge Systems

Organized by: Sandip University's Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS)

Date: August 7, 2024

Coordinator: Ms. Nidhi Bharati (Faculty, CIKS)

To honor the traditional artistry of India's rich textile heritage, the Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) at Sandip University celebrated National Handloom Day on August 7, 2024. This event was a tribute to the timeless contributions of India's handloom sector, which embodies the essence of self-reliance, sustainability, and cultural continuity—values deeply rooted in the Indian Knowledge System.

The event opened with a meaningful address that emphasized the importance of handlooms in promoting sustainable fashion and preserving indigenous crafts. This perspective aligned with the foundational principles of IKS, which advocate for harmony with nature, respect for craftsmanship, and holistic living.

Central to the celebration were thoughtfully designed activities led by Ms. Nidhi Bharati. A hands-on workshop engaged students in creating artistic frames from reclaimed wood, merging creativity with the practice of eco-consciousness. These activities highlighted the principle of "waste to wealth," promoting environmental

stewardship—a core concept within IKS. Through experiential learning and cultural reflection, the celebration instilled a deeper appreciation for traditional textile crafts and their relevance in contemporary sustainable practices.

The event successfully ignited awareness and encouraged the younger generation to uphold and support India's handloom legacy. The observance of National Handloom Day by CIKS was not just a celebration but a reaffirmation of India's enduring wisdom and artistic heritage, seamlessly weaving the past into the fabric of the present.

Key Takeaways

The National Handloom Day celebration at Sandip University successfully:

- Highlighted the importance of handlooms in promoting sustainable fashion.
- Preserved indigenous crafts through hands-on workshops.
- Aligned the event with the core principles of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS).
- Instilled a deeper appreciation for traditional textile crafts among the younger generation.
- Reaffirmed India's enduring wisdom and artistic heritage.

