



Patola Sarees from Gujarat

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Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has inaugurated a first Silk Processing Plant at Surendranagar in Gujarat.

The plant would help to **reduce the cost of production of silk yarn** and **increase the sale and availability** of raw material for Gujarati Patola Sarees locally.

Currently, the raw material silk yarn is purchased from **Karnataka or West Bengal**, where silk processing units are situated



Patola Sarees

- Patola is a **double ikat woven sari**, usually made from silk, made in **Patan, Gujarat, India**.
- Patola-weaving is a closely guarded family tradition.
- It takes six months to one year to make one sari due to the long process of dyeing each strand separately before weaving them together.
- Patola are usually woven in Surat, Ahmedabad and Patan. But velvet patola styles are majorly made in Surat.
- It has received a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** in 2013.

- Patola sarees are highly valued in Indonesia and became part of the local weaving tradition there.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

- KVIC is a **statutory body** established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956.
- The KVIC is charged with the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes for the development of Khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- It functions under the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**.

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