



Indian Gifts to G-20 Leaders Full of Rich Crafts

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The [G20 Summit](#) 2023 held in Delhi recently served as a platform for world leaders to experience India's rich traditions and cultural diversity through a curated selection of handcrafted gifts.

- These gifts included a **variety of handcrafted items** sourced from different regions of India, showcasing Bharat's cultural and artisanal heritage.

What are the Gifts Presented to the Leaders?

- **Sandook:** [//](#)



- All the Gift items were meticulously packaged in a **Sandook (chest)** adorned with **intricate brass detailing**.
- This chest was handcrafted using **Sheesham (Indian rosewood)**, known for its durability and distinctive grain pattern.

- **Aromatic and Culinary Delights:**

- The gift hamper included a pack of [Saffron from Jammu and Kashmir](#), renowned as the world's **most expensive spice**, celebrated for its culinary and medicinal properties.

- **The Champagne Of Teas:**



- Pekoe Darjeeling and Nilgiri Tea are two illustrious gems from **India's tea tapestry**, epitomizing the delicate art of tea cultivation and infusion.
 - **Darjeeling Tea** is the most valued tea in the world, located on the misty hills of West Bengal at altitudes of 3,000-5,000 feet. The soil's unique character gets reflected in a **highly aromatic and invigorating cup of tea**.
 - **Nilgiri Tea** comes from the most spectacular mountain range in south India. Cultivated amidst the mountains' lush terrain at an elevation of 1,000-3,000 ft, the tea is relatively mild.

▪ **Araku Coffee:**

- Araku Coffee is the **world's first terroir-mapped coffee**, grown on organic and sustainable plantations in the **Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh**.
- Farmers work by hand in small farms and **grow the coffee naturally**, without the use of machines or chemicals.

▪ **Traditional Honey from the Sundarbans:**



- From the **Sundarbans**, the largest mangrove forest globally, located in the Bay of Bengal, **came a special honey harvested** by traditional honey collectors.
- Besides being 100% natural and pure, Sundarban honey is also **high in flavonoids** (various compounds found naturally in many fruits and vegetables) and provides valuable health benefits.

▪ **Perfume from Kannauj:**



- The Zighrana Ittar from Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh showcased India's **centuries-old tradition of crafting exquisite perfumes**, adding a sensory dimension to the gifts.

▪ **Exquisite Shawls from Kashmir:**



- The gift package also featured a **Kashmiri Pashmina shawl** sourced from **the Changthangi goat**, found only at elevations of 14,000 feet above sea level.
- The wool is collected by combing (and not shearing) the undercoat of this goat.

▪ **Khadi Scarves:**

- The Khadi scarf, personally presented to each leader during their visit to the Rajghat, held immense symbolic value.
- Khadi, with its origins in India's independence movement and its evolution into a symbol of

sustainable **fashion, epitomizes high-quality and eco-conscious clothing.**

▪ **Commemorative Coins and Stamps:**

- In July 2023, the Prime Minister of India released **special coins and stamps to commemorate India's G20 Presidency** during the inauguration of Bharat Mandapam.
- These designs drew inspiration from India's G20 logo and the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.'
- One of the postage stamps, rendered in gold color, took inspiration from the lotus, **India's national flower**, as represented in the G20 Presidency logo.

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