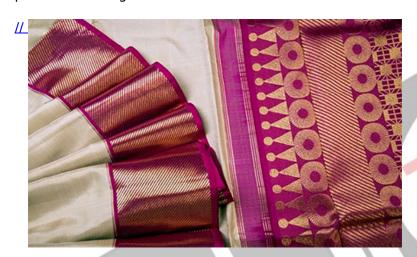


Kanjeevaram Silk Sari: Tamil Nadu

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National award winning artisan weaver, B Krishnamoorthy, has created a repository with samples of all the designs, patterns and motifs traditional to Kanjeevaram silk sari weaving, preserving fine pieces for next generation.





Key Points

- About Kanjeevaram Sarees:
 - Traditionally, the **Kanjeevaram is a sari** that is usually handwoven in **mulberry silk** and has **pure gold or silver zari** that renders it a festive quality.
 - Handloom silk saree is identified as the most luxurious and classy fabric in Indian traditional clothing.
 - Originating from the village **'Kanchipuram' in Tamil Nadu,** Kanjeevaram is considered the queen of silk sarees.
 - The temple architecture of south India and especially around Kanchipuram has historically served as a mood board for design inspiration for the traditional Kanjeevaram motifs.
 - One can spot motifs such as the **mythical creature called the Yali** (an elephant-lion fusion), the **Ganda Berunda** (a two-headed majestic mythical bird) and the **ubiquitous temple border called reku.**
 - Tracing its long and rich history from the **Chola Dynasty**, Kanchipuram sarees today are considered as one of the **oldest and rich legacies of the Indian textile industry**.
 - Kanchipuram silk has also received Geographical indication (GI Tag) in 2005-06.
- Other GI tagged Sarees:
 - Tamil Nadu: Kandangi Saree, Thirubuvanam silk sarees, Kovai Kora Cotton Sarees

- Uttar Pradesh: Banaras Brocade
- Karnataka: Ilkal Saree, Molakalmuru Saree
- Andhra Pradesh: Uppada Jamdani Sarees, Venkatagiri Sarees, Mangalagiri Saree
- Kerala: Balaramapuram Sarees, Kasaragod Sarees, Kuthampully Sarees
- Telangana: Gadwal Saree, Pochampally Ikat (logo)
- Madhya Pradesh: Chanderi Saree, Maheshwar Sarees
- Odisha: Orissa Ikat, Bomkai Saree, Habaspuri Saree
- **West Bengal:** Santipore Saree, Baluchari Saree, Dhaniakhali Saree
- Maharashtra: Paithani Sarees and Fabrics, Karvath Kati Sarees and Fabrics
- Chhattisgarh: Champa Silk Saree
- Gujarat: Surat Zari Craft, Patola Saree.
- Silk Production in India:
 - India is the **second largest producer of silk** in the world, producing around **18% of the world's total silk**.
 - There are five major types of silk of commercial importance, obtained from different species of silkworms. These are Mulberry, Oak Tasar & Tropical Tasar, Muga and Eri.
 - Except mulberry, other non-mulberry varieties of silks are wild silks, known as vanya silks.
 - India has the unique distinction of producing all these commercial varieties of silk.
 - **South India is the leading silk producing area** of the country and is also known for its famous silk weaving enclaves like Kancheepuram, Dharmavaram, Arni, etc.
 - The Government of India in 2017 launched a scheme called "Silk Samagra" for the development of sericulture in the country.

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