



Ministry of Women and Child Development Government of India

INDIGENOUS TOYS



Toys- A Means to Further the Spirit of “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat”



Toys can be excellent ways to further the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.' We must look at ways India's civilisational greatness can be showcased through the toys that are made in our country. A vibrant toys sector will further our dream of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

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Toys are essential part for child's formative years. India has a rich legacy of indigenous toys made from local resources. As a part of the ongoing [#PoshanMaah2022](#), inaugurated a National Seminar on Indigenous Toys for Nurturing Early Childhood Development.



Indigenous Toys from States/UTs of India



Indigenous Toys- Andaman and Nicobar Islands



Indigenous Toys made out of Coir, Coconut shell, Areca nut , Shells, Pebbles, Bamboo, Pedanus leaves etc.



Teaching Learning materials prepared with shells and pebbles from sea shore. Toys and play materials made in Nicobar group of Islands (Tribal Project), materials used (pendanus leaves, coconut shells and bamboo)

Indigenous Toys- Andhra Pradesh

Made in the Etikoppaka region of Andhra Pradesh, these toys are made with lacquer color and are traditionally known as Etikoppaka toys or Etikoppaka Bommalu.



Kondapalli Toys are toys made of wood in Kondapalli of Krishna district, a nearby Vijayawada in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.



Indigenous Toys- Assam



AWW using hand-made stick puppet during storytelling session

Display of cloth toys in Toy Hubs



Traditional Handlooms

Husking Pedal



AWW developing clay toys during Creation Workshop

Toys resembling Traditional Bihu in Assam



Picture and Number Cards

Face Masks (Mukha)

Indigenous Toys- Bihar



- Kanyaputri Dolls (Champan): This art form comes from Champan.
- Sikki Work is a craft whereby the craftsmen turn unnecessary riverside grass into beautiful decorative objects
- Bamboo and cane work.

Indigenous Toys- Chattisgarh

These Indigenous Toys are very popular in Kondagaon, Bastar and Dantewada , District of Chhattisgarh



Material Used: Wood, Nail , Rope, Metal, Clay etc.

Indigenous Toys

Daman and Diu

Daman and Diu being coastal area is famous for shell toys. Apart from craft items, people make various traditional toys for children using these shells.



Delhi



Indigenous Toys- Gujarat

- In Gujarat Dhigla's and Dhingli's made from small pieces of waste fabric, wood pieces.
- Wooden toys of Sankheda, Sabarkhantha Gujarat
- Stunning animals toys made of Ambrodered Fabrics.
- Clay and Tera Cotta Toys
- The quintessential clay pots to a variety of clay figures and toys like horses, cows, bulls, buffaloes are the items which are very essentially a part of Indian pottery



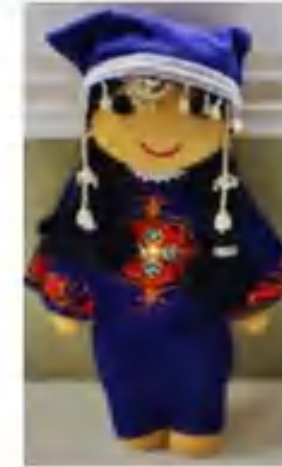
Indigenous Toys- Haryana

An innovative range of toys and dolls such as Babushka Dolls, Lacquer Dolls, String Puppets, Clay Indian Toys, Leather stuffed toys, traditional dolls, cloth Indian dolls, Matryoshkas dolls, wooden dolls, collectible Indian dolls, nested dolls, wooden puppets, cotton dolls, paper mache dolls, wooden toys, handmade toys and stuffed toys are found in Haryana



Indigenous Toys- Jammu & Kashmir

Paper Machie is one of the unique crafts in the entire world. Also, Walnut Wood Carving is absolutely unique in Kashmir, Srinagar district, Rajouri, Kupwara , Jammu and Kathua district.



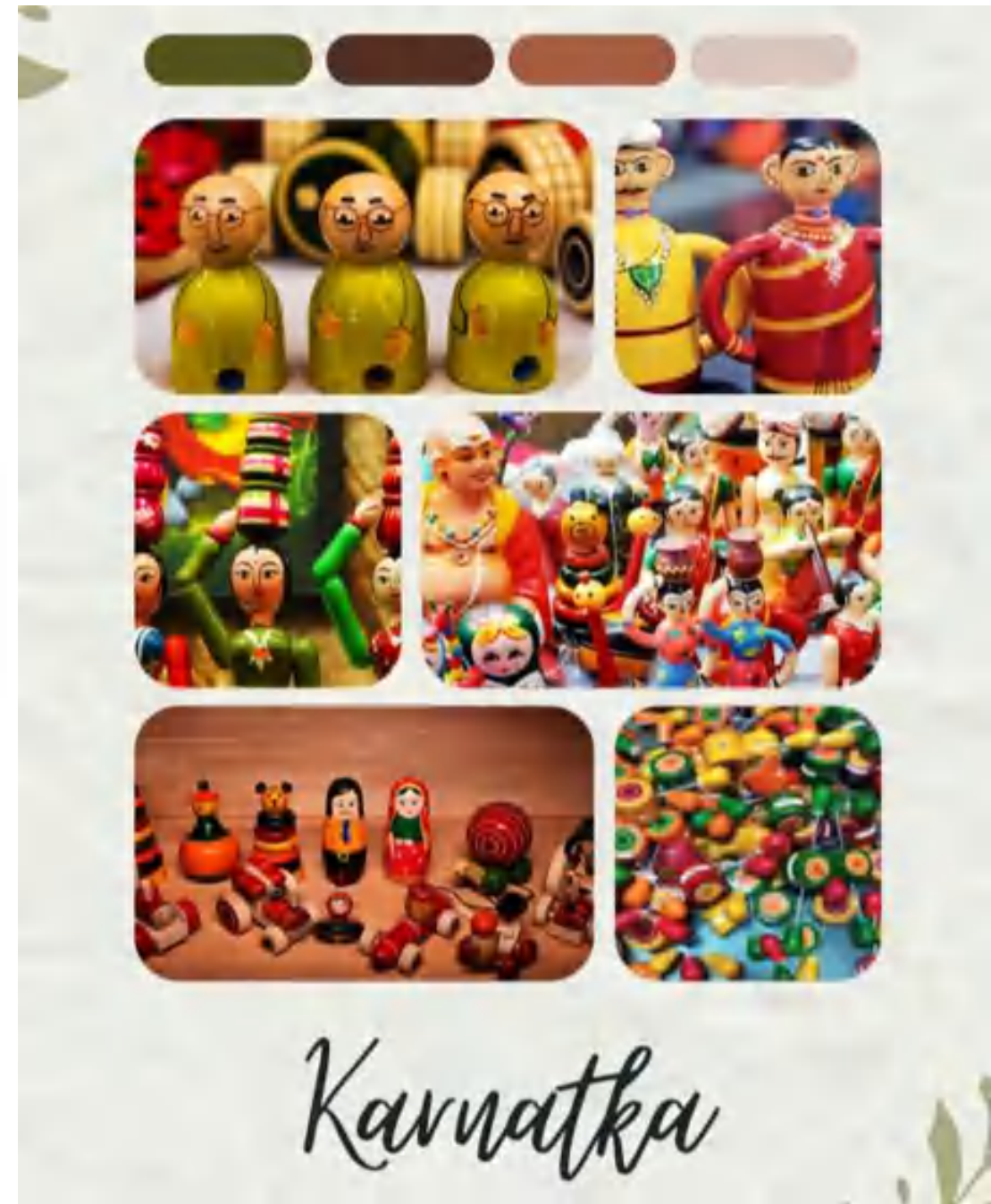
Indigenous Toys- Jharkhand

The Chota Nagpur and Ranchi areas are also known for their wooden toys.



Indigenous Toys- Karnataka

Channapatna toys are made from Wood and Natural Vegetable Dyes



Indigenous Toys- Kerala

- Traditionally, coconut palm leaves are used in making a wide range of toys
- Coir is used in making eco-friendly toys
- Coconut shell products are used to make animal shaped toys
- Woodcraft is another famous craft item of Kerala
- Lacquer Ware, the craft combining metal and wood, is a favorite among the tourists.



Indigenous Toys- Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Adivasi Gudia Hastashilpa (Dolls)
From Jhabua
- ❖ Betel Nut's Toys from Rewa
- ❖ Tin-Toys



Indigenous Toys- Maharashtra

Wooden Toys of Sawantwadi in Ratnagiri is famous and has followed traditional craft of Wooden toy



Metal kitchen items (Bahatuktli) is the miniature version of all household items put together



Indigenous Toys- Odisha

In Odisha, wood has been used for carving statues, idols and toys for time immemorial.

- Raghurajpur Artisan Village is famous for Papermache Toys, Clay toys, wooden toys.

- Bargarh in Sambalpur district is famous for its artistic wooden toys. The animal figures are richly carved and, at times, even carry riders

- Subarnapur is known for making wooden toys. Generally wood from shamli, shavan and ghamandi are used in the making of these toys.



Indigenous Toys- Puducherry

1. Terracotta Toys made from mud, green clay, sand and husk
2. Clay Toys
3. Paper Mache Toy
4. Wooden Toys



Indigenous Toys- Punjab



Indigenous Toys- Rajasthan

- Udaipur is a big centre for wooden toys.
- Bassi in Chittorgarh district is another noted centre for wooden toys where the entire village is engaged in wood-carving and in making wooden products.
- Jaipur too is very well known for cloth dolls and toys which are generally dyed and stuffed with waste material.



Indigenous Toys- Tamil Nadu

Sea Shells and Birds



Palm Toys



Thanjavur Dolls



Dolls of Vilachery



Aachi/ Chettiyan Pair



**Choppu Jamaan:
Kitchen Play set**



Indigenous Toys- Uttar Pradesh

Indigenous toys serve as educational tools, promoting storytelling, creativity and imaginative play among children.

Types of Indigenous Toys in Uttar Pradesh

1. Varanasi is known for lacquered toys and miniature utensils.
2. Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh are famous for their wooden lacquer ware and wooden toys. Design are created with the natural veins of the wood
3. Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh has a distinct place in the country in wood craft.



Indigenous Toys- West Bengal

Natungram Dolls

Chiselled out of seasoned wood and intricately painted with bright colours, the dolls of Natungram village in Burdwan, Kolkata are very popular.



Indigenous Toys from the North-East

Arunachal Pradesh



Indigenous *Toys* from the North-East



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**Different types of Play
Carts/Vehicles found in Northeast**



Toy Cars made out of Banana Tree



Different types of wooden toy cars



Types and uses of various toys found in Northeast for aid in child development

Indigenous *Toys* from the North-East



Toy vehicle made of waste plastic bottles, wood and hard paper and waste rubber



Different toy cars/vehicle with detail mechanisms



Toy Aeroplanes made of wood, banana stems

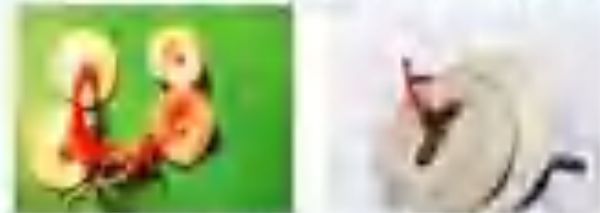


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Different types of toy drums



Toy Clash Cymbals



1. Indigenous rattle

Maternal bottle gourd needs to be dried after removing the pulp and seeds through a small opening. When the inner layer of the gourd is completely dried it is smoothed and painted. Some dry seeds, pebbles, etc. are inserted inside the gourd. The opening of the gourd needs to be closed down by using cloth, paper, etc. When it is shaken it makes sound from which children derive fun.

Indigenous rattle made with bottle gourd

Traditional Doll Houses of NE Region



Traditional toy houses of Assam with a thatched roof



Traditional toy houses of Mizoram



Doll houses made up of hard paper and bamboo

Types and uses of various toys found in Northeast for aid in child development

Bamboo Taping Instrument

**Musical Instrument of Assam called Toka
usually played while dancing Bihu dance made
out of Bamboo**



**Drums and Clash Cymbals made out of wood,
bamboo, leather, tin, paper, threads, etc.**



Bamboo Baskets in Meghalaya Mizoram & Nagaland



Toys are children's words and play is their language

