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## India



## Kala Bhoomi,

The Odisha Crafts Museum - Kala

Bhoomi is a one-of-a-kind crafts hub, created to **display all the handicrafts and handlooms of the state of Odisha in one place**. Inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Odisha on 22 March 2018, the museum celebrates the craftsmanship of artisans. Divided into 2 blocks, the museum has a display area and a live section. The display area focuses on galleries about handicrafts and handlooms from around the state, while the live section is equipped with **an open air theatre as well as separate workshop zones**. Spanning across 12.68 acres at Pokhariput, Kala Bhoomi features 10 galleries, 8 of which are open. The galleries cover **terracotta, traditional paintings, stone and wood carving, metal crafts, natural crafts, tribal crafts, pre-weaving techniques and sericulture and handlooms**. A unique feature of the museum is the **outdoor display sections in the form of courtyards**. Courtyards dedicated to tribal living and temple architecture are part of the museum complex, while the entry courtyard which leads up to the museum has a special large container display section as well as a Kuldevi temple. The other amenities include an outdoor amphitheatre, workshop area, children's play are, a canteen, a cafe, a souvenir shop and parking. **Permanent collections:**

- **Terracotta:** votive horses, grain containers, lacquer dolls, roof tiles, etc.
- **Traditional painting:** Pattachitra, palm leaf engraving, wooden toys, etc.
- **Stone and wood gallery:** royal doors, treasury box, stone artefacts, fragmented stones, wooden panel, bamboo hand cover, wooden pieces of different gods, etc.
- **Metal gallery:** Dhokra artefacts, brass artefacts, aluminium, silver filigree, etc.
- **Natural material craft gallery:** applique paddy craft, sea-shell craft, cow dung crafts, bamboo coated with lacquer, etc.
- **Pre-weaving gallery:** cocoons (mulberri, eri, tassar), blended fabric, tassar penduncle, natural raw material for dying purposes, etc.
- **Tribal gallery:** tribal photographs, textiles, weapons, house-hold implements, agricultural implements, tribal jewelleryes, musical instruments, etc.
- **Handlooms:** 114 sarees from different districts of Odisha and modern gallery.
- **Dance costume gallery** (under construction)

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