

# SONEPUR

## Orissa

- Number of handlooms - 1725
- Number of weavers - 3200
- Handloom products - bomkai saree, cotton saree, dress material, shirting and running yardages.

### Background

Sonepur is located in the western part of Orissa. Sonepur handloom woven sarees and dress material are known for their unique "Bomkai" designs locally known as "Bandha" design. This Bomkai design on the fabric (especially on Sarees) is developed by using Jala technique on handloom.

The art of weaving has been existing in this part of Orissa since 600 B.C. The scriptures in the caves of Khandagiri reveal this. By late 1980s, this handloom cluster had begun specializing in silk weaving especially the Bomkai design without using any extra shedding mechanism like Jacquard and Dobby. In Bomkai design both the warp and weft is dyed according to the design requirement.

### Cluster Accessibility -

Sonepur is well connected with Roadways & Railways

Roadways - 25 km away from Bus stop.

Railways - 70 km away from Balagir railway station.

