

KANCHEEPURAM

Tamil Nadu

- Number of handlooms - 7000
- Number of weavers - 15000
- Handloom products - kancheepuram sarees.

Background

A Kancheepuram saree (also known as a Kanjivaram saree) is a type of sari traditionally made by weavers from Kancheepuram located in Tamil Nadu, India

Since 2005, Kancheepuram saris are protected by a Geographical Indication label, certifying their origin.

To weave a Kancheepuram sari three shuttles are used. While the weaver works on the right side, his aide works on the left side shuttle. The border colour and design are usually quite different from the body. If the pallu has to be woven in a different shade, it is first separately woven and then delicately joined to the Sari. The part where the body meets the pallu often denoted by a zig zag line.

Sun, moon, chariot, peacock, parrot, swan, lion, coin, mango, leaf and many such motifs are woven into Kancheepuram sarees. Other common motifs include a jasmine bud within a square or a round frame, locally known as mallinaggu. another is Thandavalam where parallel lines run across the body of the Saree.

Cluster Accessibility -

Kancheepuram is well connected with Roadways, Railways and Airways.

Roadways - 15 km away from Bus stop.

Railways - 15 km away from railway station.

Airways - 70 km away from airport via Chennai airport.

