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Channapatna Toys

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Channapatna toys are a traditional form of wooden toys and dolls made in the town of Channapatna in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka, India. Known locally as Gombegala Ooru (toy-town), this hub has a history of lacquerware and woodcraft dating back over 200 years. The craft grew under the rule of Tipu Sultan in the late 18th century, who invited Persian artisans to train local woodworkers.

Natural Dyes: The pieces are colored using safe, non-toxic vegetable dyes and lac finishes, making them child-friendly.

Soft Wood: Artisans primarily use Aale mara (ivory-wood or Wrightia tinctoria), valued for its light weight and soft texture.

Lathe Turnery: Craftsmen shape the wood on a traditional lathe, pressing lac sticks against the spinning item so friction melts the color evenly onto the surface.



Nooruddin

Nooruddin is a highly recognized traditional toy artisan from Channapatna, Karnataka.

Channapatna is famously celebrated across India as the “Town of Toys” (Gombegala Nagara) due to its historic, Geographical Indication (GI) protected wooden toys.