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Metal Smithy

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Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh, officially recognised as the “Shilp-City” (Craft City), is globally renowned for its indigenous tribal metal smithy and traditional handicrafts.

Artisans carrying traditional lineage surnames like Vishwakarma (traditionally master blacksmiths and iron craftsmen) and Nag (a prominent tribal lineage in the Bastar region) form the backbone of this ancestral heritage.

Iron craft (Loha Shilp) is a unique art form in which recycled scrap iron is heated and hand-hammered into elegant, stylised figurines of tribal deities, animals (such as horses and elephants), and oil lamps (diyas). Unlike modern blacksmithing, it relies entirely on manual tools, hammers, and tongs, without welding.

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