**CRAFT DOCUMENTATION** 

Wrought iron craft of Bastar, Chhattisgarh

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Closest airport: Raipur- 250 km
Easiest way to reach kondagaon:
By road: from Raipur – 250 km (5 hrs)
from jagdalpur – 73 km (2 hrs)
Mode of transportation local bus

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### Introduction

Wrought iron craft is traditional craft, in which the iron is heated and beaten to the desired thickness and shape. This craft is mainly practiced by the lohar community of the Bastar, Chhattisgarh.



## History

The tradition of iron craft is passed down from generation to generation and the craftsmen are highly skilled and very creative as it clearly reflects in there craft. There are many interesting stories behind how craft originated.





### People and Culture

Bastar region is place where we can witness different varieties of craft in one place. There are different tribes in the region which Are Gond, Abhuj maria, Bhatra Bhatra, etc. These tribes have further Sub divisions. Halbi is the language that they speak.



Deity performing the ritual In one of the melas.
Umargaon mela

#### God and Goddess



Rao devi



Maoli mata



Jhula devi



# Marriages: marriages are held for 4 days with in the witness of the whole village.

In the marriages everybody dances in joy and happiness. Other than marriages there Are many other event like Melas and dasera is the important festival which is grandly celebrated



Rela





Local drink [mahuva]





# Tools and raw materials



[Hammers] and patree Muthali



Jatali, revit



Chheni [Chisel]



Chimta

### Raw materials



Metal sheets



Long metal straps



coal



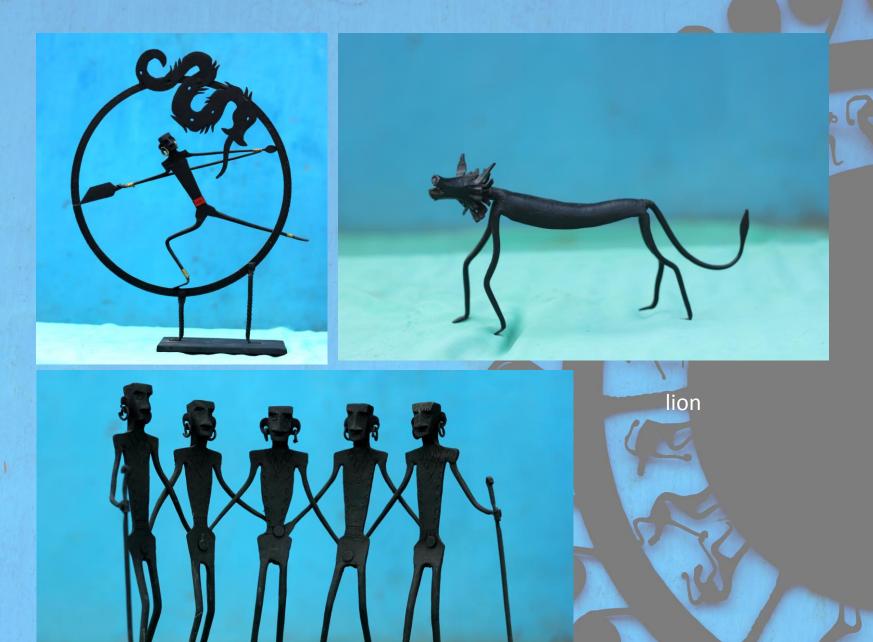
### **Products**

The products are mostly decorative items. Animal forms are widely made And the craft is practised in Kondagaon, Keshkaal, Narayanpur, Jagdalpur, Dantevada. They have started making the utility products apart from the tools they used to make for the local farmers.



Lamp with stand





Dance form

## Artisans



Tatiraam







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Exhibitions
Projects through NGOs.[SAATHI]
Local market
Installations and Sculptures
Museum







