

# Livelihoods: Alternative Products

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- [Sustainable Energy and Livelihoods: A collection of 50 livelihood applications](#) by SELCO, seeking to inspire and implement solutions that alleviate poverty by improving access to sustainable energy to underserved communities across India in a manner that is socially, financially and environmentally sustainable. Covers a Sewing Machine with a solar powered DC Motor, Solar Powered Digital Services centre, Solar powered hand held cotton picking machine with a collection bag which will directly collect the picked cotton, a solar powered loom which retains all the four limb motions allowing flexibility for the weavers, etc. (checked on 12 Nov. 2018)

Charaka

is a women's multipurpose industrial co-operative society situated at Bhimanakone Village on the Western Ghats of Southern India. It is a small but significant success story. It produces naturally dyed cotton handloom garments in a composite handloom unit in Bhimanakone. Readymade garments produced here are sold in cities like Bangalore, Mysore, Dharwad and Shimoga at retail outlets under the brand name DESI. (checked on 5 Aug. 2019)

## Handcrafted Bamboo Products

- : **The products are a collaborative effort between three organizations—Eklavya Foundation, Rhizome and the Tapini Bamboo Development Center.** (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)
- **Malkha (a word that conjoins the words Malmal and Khadi) is a textile chain that is run by producers' cooperatives. They offer natural-dyed handloom cloth produced from yarn which is manufactured in the villages of Andhra Pradesh using special machines designed for small-scale handloom production.** (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)
- **Handloom fabric from Vinoba Bhave's Ashram at Vardha in 3 metre lengths available in and around Pune (Info. in Marathi).** (checked on 13 Jan. 2017)

## Asia InCH

- [\(Intangible Cultural Heritage\) Encyclopaedia](#) lists several products like gift articles and stationery made using traditional art, crafts and textiles. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

[AVANI](#) of Uttarakhand offers naturally dyed and handmade textile products. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015) Read an article on this initiative "[From the Himalayan mountains to Ocean Blues - Avani to Saagar](#)"

## Weaverbird

based in Gujarat offers

fair-traded organic cotton fabric

and

products

obtained from open source seeds. (checked on 8 Jul. 2016)

- [Maya Organic](#) is a livelihood development initiative involved in developing a network of artisans, workers and micro-entrepreneurs capable of producing world class lacware wooden products. Artisans are provided with contemporary design/product development support and consistent orders. The initiative also trains several new artisans, particularly women, bringing them into the handicraft cluster. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)
- [Orissa Rural and Urban Producers' Association \(ORUPA\)](#) offers a range of traditional handicraft and handloom products from Orissa made out of wood, grass, coconut fibre, metal, stone, cotton, bamboo, etc. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

Designers in over twenty countries collaborate with [WomenWeave Charitable Trust](#) to create and market bespoke accessories woven by the delicate, skilled hands of over 100 women in Central India (checked on 2 Aug. 2016)

Sahaj,

Gujarat offers Bamboo, bead, clay, and other products. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

**TRIFED - Tribal Cooperative Marketing Federation** of India offers several training programmes to tribal communities in gathering, storage and marketing of minor forest produce like Sal, Lac, Amala, Honey, Mahua, Tamarind. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

- **PRADAN**, a voluntary organisation with pan India presence is involved in training tribal and non tribal communities living near forests to improve their income through collection and marketing of minor forest produce. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

- **Anthra**, a voluntary organisation run by women veterinary scientists, offers several training programmes in livestock management and care. It also provides training in growing medicinal plants and medicine making. The library maintained by the organisation has books and reports on livestock maintenance, care and management. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

**Camel Charisma** is a social enterprise that aims to develop, promote and market environment friendly products (paper, milk, wool) from the camel. It has been inspired by the experiences and close connection of **Lokhit Pashu Palak Sansthan (LPPS)** with Rajasthan's camel pastoralists. It was set up as an outcome of a project by LPPS to revive Rajasthan's camel husbandry for creating sustainable rural livelihoods in semi-arid and arid areas, as well as creating job income opportunities for the local communities. (checked on 9 May 2018)

- **Lokhit Pashu Palak Sanstha, Rajasthan organises training programs and workshops around saving Rajasthan's camels, to enhance livestock keepers' rights and promotes green and equitable livestock development in India.** (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

[Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Government of Sikkim](#), is a centre of learning and training in traditional arts and crafts of the State. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

- [Authentic tribal paintings, jewellery, metal works and textiles from across India are available at Tribes India, a Government of India undertaking.](#) (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

The product gallery of

[Khadi and Village Industries Commission](#)

. (checked on 4 Apr. 2016)

[Mitticool](#) offers a range of clay products like refrigerator, cooker, water filter, dinner set, etc. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

National Innovation Foundation

, an autonomous body established by the department of technology, Government of India, has several innovative products that can be used for domestic purposes as well as for agriculture, bamboo making, diary, and so on. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

**Bhaskar Save Learning Centre**

**conducts training courses in**

**Natural Farming**

**on their farm (in coastal southern Gujarat).** (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)