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Thewa Art Latest News

Recently, the Prime Minister of India presented Thewa motif cufflinks to the Slovak President in his recent visit to Slovakia.

About Thewa Art

- It is a **unique form of jewelry making** that is completely **handcrafted**.
- It is an intricate and elegant form of **jewelry-making** that **involves fusing gold onto colored glass** to create intricate designs and patterns.
- It was evolved in **Pratapgarh district of Rajasthan**,
- It is a 400- year-old art work that was first crafted by **Nathu Lal Sonewal in the 18th century**.
- The word Thewa is derived from the local dialect of the **region and means 'setting'**.
- The Thewa Art work received its **Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2014**.

Process of Thewa Art Work

- The core uniqueness of Thewa lies in its secret **thermal bonding process; hand-carved 23-carat gold foil** is permanently fused **onto a base of multi-colored glass** without using any glue, solder, or synthetic pasting materials.
 - This gold sheet, **called “Thewa Ki Patti”** is fixed to a lac-resin compound spread on a board by slightly warming the lac and then pressing the gold sheet onto it.
 - An open work pattern is pierced through these gold sheets placed on the lac-resin covered board by knocking off the portions which ultimately creates the intricate design.
- **Themes:** Major themes used in creation of designs may include scenes from **royal life, hunting scenes with elephants, deer and lions**, images from mythology, peacocks, flowers or scenes from royal weddings.

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