



Kondapalli Bullock and Cart

Kondapalli is an industrial town near Vijayawada city, Andhra Pradesh, India with population of nearly 38000. It is 16 km by road from Vijayawada on National Highway 221 and on Hyderabad–Vijayawada railway line. It is very famous for Kondapalli bommalu (Kondapally toys).

Kondapalli toys are chiseled out of locally available special light soft-wood ('Tella Poniki') and painted with vegetable dyes, and the vibrant enamel colours are world famous artistic wonders. They are made by artisans said to have migrated from Rajasthan several generations ago.

The most popular toys are 'Dasavatarams' (ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu) elephant with Ambari, palanquin-bearers carrying the bride and bridegroom, toddy tapper, set of village craftsmen, besides animals. The papier mache swinging doll is a favourite with many.

Bullock carts are a popular sight on the roads in India as most farmers use them for their work.

