

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## **Kalamkari Paintings**

The name comes from kalam, i.e. a pen, which is used to paint these exquisite paintings.

The pen used is made of sharp pointed bamboo, used to regulate the flow of colours. The base is cotton fabric while the colours used are vegetable dyes.

The pen is soaked in a mixture of fermented jaggery and water; one by one these are applied and thereafter, the vegetable dyes are applied

The main centers for this art are Srikalahasti and Machilipatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The images are drawn free hand and the inspiration comes from Hindu mythology.

Textiles with handwork are also produced here. Kalamkari painting had its existence even during Vijayanagara empire

It has received GI status.