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Rich, varied display of indigenous products

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The Swadeshi festival organised at Gandhi Griham here stresses the importance of indigenous products and gives a lot of information on their manufacture.

Training in manufacture of indigenous products, a seminar on the Swadeshi movement, and an exhibition of indigenous products are part of the festival. The training sessions are on soap manufacturing and ornament manufacturing. Seminars on 'salt then, soap now;' 'medicinal properties of jackfruit;' 'Swadeshi to overcome consumerist culture;' 'meaning and importance of Swadeshi;' 'paper carry bags to replace plastic,' and 'Swadeshi movement in Kerala' are also part of the festival that would last till July 31.

Products made of articles that otherwise go wasted are the highlight of the exhibition. These include products from jackfruit, Nutmeg, cashew, ginger, passion fruit, pineapple, mango, and other fruits.

Soaps made completely in coconut oil using natural flavouring substances, natural cleaning lotions, washing soaps, detergent powders, dish wash powders, hand washing soaps, hair tones, Brahmi oil, liquid blue, shampoos and fairness oils are exhibited.

Indigenous medicines, snacks, candles, agarbattis, umbrellas and other products are also showcased.

The ornament manufacturing workshop will be held on July 22, 23, and 24 while the soap manufacturing workshop will be on July 25, 26, and 27.

The workshop on manufacturing of food products will be held on July 28, 29, and 30 while a workshop on manufacturing transparent soap will be held on July 31, a press release said.

Swadeshi festival at Gandhi Griham features training sessions, seminars and an exhibition.