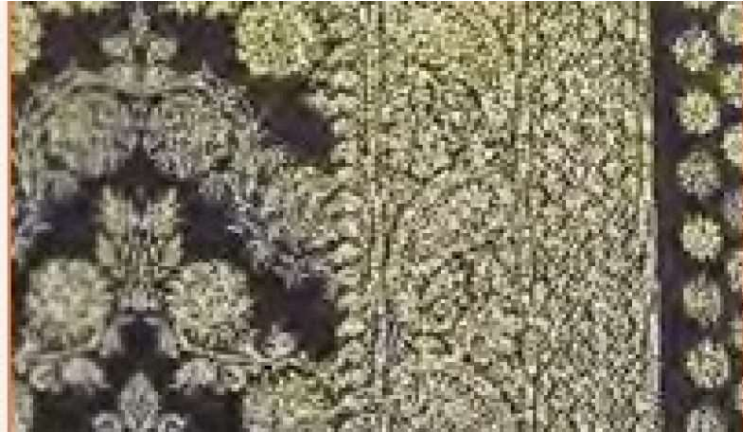


Banaras Brocades and Sarees



a. GI Registration Number: 237

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b. Location: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

c. Product Description:

Banaras Brocade Sarees are made of finely woven silk and decorated with intricate designs using zari; this ornamentation is what makes the sarees heavy. Their special characteristics are Mughal-inspired designs/elements such as intricate floral and foliate motifs, such as kalga and bel. Other features are gold work, compact weaving, figures with small details, metallic visual effects, “jali” (a net-like pattern) and “meena” work. These are woven on the conventional Banaras hand loom jacquard, sometimes with “jala”, “pagia” and “naka” attachments for the creation of motifs.