## Lucknow: Vocal for local sentiment sweeps markets as public rejects idols from Chinese land

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Indian made idols are in great demand in the markets of Lucknow for this year's Diwali festivity

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LUCKNOW: With only three days left for the auspicious festival of Diwali, markets are abuzz with activities and customers. Shopping for Ganesh-Lakshmi idols and decorative items, all customers have one question in mind for shopkeepers: "Is this made in China?".

With everyone demanding India-made idols, traders and artisans have completely done

away with Chinese items.

The soaring demand has generated tremendous enthusiasm among potters and sculptors from Kolkata, Jaipur and other cities.

"Till last year, we were selling China-made idols since people always chose them due to their design, finish and price. However, this year, it's the opposite. Even before stalls were put up, we received a few calls to inquire about India-made idols," said Sonu Kumar, who puts up his shop in Alambagh every Diwali.