ABOUT GI

Geographical Indications (GIs) are associated with the legacy of a product connected with a specific location having unique blend of nature, culture, tradition, and artisan. In India, there are several registered GIs and there are numerous GIs which are not yet registered officially, but are potential registerable GIs.

GI based on classes to Natural Goods, Food Stuff Manufactured Goods, Handicrafts or Agricultural Goods

GI based on uniqueness, weather, and terrain of the place of origin

Legal Protection from unfair usage

Registered by the Authorized community of the GI

GI Sign or symbol indicating Geographical Origin or location

Economic empowerment to Artisans, Producers, and Manufacturers

Social Uplifting and continuing the Legacy of the Nation

700+ registered GIs and numerous unregistered GIs existence in India

Prevents counterfeiting and ensures genuineness of products

Preservation of local Culture, Tradition, and Legacy

SHIKARA

REGISTERED

The Shikara is a beautifully crafted wooden boat that symbolizes Kashmir's rich heritage and artistry. Made primarily from Deodar wood, it features intricate carvings and a gracefully curved design. Traditionally used for transportation and tourism on the region's picturesque lakes, it offers a serene and immersive experience.

UNIQUENESS

The Shikara stands out for its elegant craftsmanship, using Cedrus deodara for durability and Chinar wood for intricate ornamentation. Its distinctive canopy, vibrant colors, and hand-carved Kashmiri motifs make it a unique cultural symbol.

RAW MATERIALS

Deodar Wood (Cedrus deodara)

Price
Approx.
Rs. 20,00,000 onwards
(depending on size and quality of wood)

No. of Families Involved
No data available

Class of Goods
12

Type of Goods
Handicrafts

Proof of Origin
Since
16th Century

Geographical Location
Srinagar district of
Jammu & Kashmir

METHOD OF PRODUCTION

The production of a Shikara, Kashmir's iconic wooden boat, begins with selecting deodar wood, known for its water-resistant properties. Skilled artisans shape the boat using planks, nails, and iron clamps, ensuring durability and stability. The structure is then adorned with a canopy, cushioned seating, and vibrant paint, enhancing its aesthetic appeal. The final touches include polishing, engraving, and embellishments, making each Shikara a masterpiece.

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