

## 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



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# NICOBARI HUT OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR

The Nicobarese hut is a circular, elevated structure with a domed roof, built from timber, bamboo, and local vegetation like bhent grass. Designed to withstand waves and earthquakes, it features a trapdoor entrance, bamboo ladder, and integrated storage within its perforated floor mat. Beneath the hut, a swing and cane lounge reflect its multifunctional, community-centered design.

## UNIQUENESS

Nicobari huts are uniquely circular, elevated structures crafted. Their trapdoor entrances, domed roofs, and multifunctional spaces reflect indigenous engineering and cultural symbolism.

## RAW MATERIALS

Timber Wood/ Bamboo, Stiff Mat, Palm Leaf, Palm Wood, Coconut, Melon Tree Wood, Thick Dry Bushes and Grass (locally known as Bhent), Bushes, Stems, Lalang Grass, Coco Palm, Nipa Palm, Sand, Clay

Price  
No data available

No. of Families Involved  
Approx.  
hundreds of families

Class of Goods  
20

Type of Goods  
Handicrafts

Proof of Origin  
Since  
1<sup>st</sup> Century BC

Geographical Location  
Nicobar Islands of  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands



## METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Nicobarese huts are constructed using locally sourced materials like timber, bamboo, palm leaves, and bhent grass, shaped into circular or rectangular forms elevated on stilts. Artisans manually assemble the framework, weave mats for walls and floors, and thatch roofs using Nipa or lalang grass. Each hut type - residential, kitchen, birth, or death -serves a distinct cultural function and reflects indigenous, disaster-resilient architecture.