

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



A GI reflects a shared heritage that has evolved over generations, deeply influenced by local knowledge, distinctive environments, and cultural traditions. It highlights that certain products are far more than just items of trade; they represent the history, narratives, and dedication of the artisans, farmers, and communities who have kept these practices alive. By recognizing this inherent value, the GI system establishes a structure to safeguard and encourage these traditions, ensuring they thrive and adapt in today's competitive landscape.

ALIGARH TALA

Aligarh Tala refers to handcrafted brass and iron locks from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, renowned for their durability, intricate mechanisms, and decorative forms. Crafted into padlocks, cabinet locks, and novelty designs like fish, owl, and camel shapes, these locks symbolize security, craftsmanship, and industrial heritage.

UNIQUENESS

Aligarh locks are prized for their triple-locking mechanisms, custom brass alloys, and hand-assembled precision. Designs range from functional to ornamental, with over 90 production steps and 200+ artisans involved per lock. The city's legacy includes the iconic No. 75 lock, known for its strength and multi-lever system.

RAW MATERIALS

Brass (Copper-Zinc Alloy), Iron, Steel Springs, Lock Pins, Casting Molds, Polishing Tools

Price
Approx.
Rs. 100 onwards

Number of Families Involved
Approx.
1 lakh workers

Proof of Origin
19th Century

Class of Goods
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Type of Goods
Handicraft

Geographical Location
Aligarh,
Uttar Pradesh



METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Brass is melted and cast into molds, then machined and assembled with pins, springs, and levers. Keys are custom-cut, and locks are polished, tested, and finished manually. Each lock passes through 30-90 steps, including lacquering, riveting, and quality checks, ensuring strength and precision.