

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.



SAMBHAL BONE CRAFT

Sambhal Bone Craft is a traditional handicraft from Sarai Tarin, Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh, known for its intricate carvings and inlay work using animal bones. Crafted into jewelry, home décor, accessories, and utility items, it reflects centuries-old artisanal skill, blending heritage, sustainability, and global appeal.

UNIQUENESS

This craft is admired for its eco-friendly use of bones from deceased animals, transforming waste into luxurious art. Artisans carve combs, trays, bangles, buttons, and more, often combining bone with brass, glass, and shell. Sambhal Bone Craft is a globally exported tradition, rooted in royal patronage and cultural legacy.

RAW MATERIALS

Camel/Buffalo Bone, Brass, Glass Beads, Shell, Fevicol, Wood, Hydrogen Peroxide, Polishing Agents

Price

Approx. Rs. 900
to 4000

Number of Families Involved

Approx.
2500 families

Proof of Origin
18th Century



Class of Goods
20

Type of Goods
Handicraft

Geographical Location
Sambhal,
Uttar Pradesh

METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Bones are boiled, sun-dried, and cut into strips. They are scraped, bleached in hydrogen peroxide, and colored using powder dyes. Artisans use tools like basula, chausi, tekora, and buffing machines to carve and polish items. Final products include photo frames, jewelry, boxes, and bone-inlay furniture, crafted over 4-5 days with precision and care.