

# 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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# HUPARI SILVER CRAFT

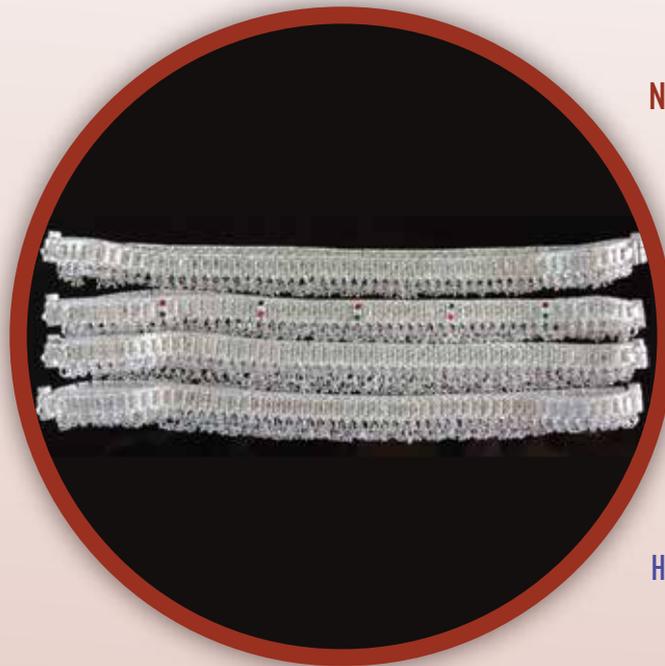
Hupari Silver Craft, originating in 1912 from Hupari town in Kolhapur district, Maharashtra, is a renowned tradition of handmade silver jewellery. With over 25,000 people engaged in the industry, including 10,000 skilled artisans, Hupari produces ornaments such as payals, challe, kaddore, and the unique seamless silver balls (ghungroos). These products are in high demand across India, especially during festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Dussehra, and Diwali.

## UNIQUENESS

Hupari is the only place in India producing seamless silver balls, exported widely to jewellery hubs. The craft is entirely handmade, passed down through generations, and involves intricate smithy work with evolving designs. About 75% of the village population is engaged in this trade, making Hupari a landmark destination for silver jewellery. Its ornaments are valued for purity, durability, and artistry, combining traditional techniques with modern aesthetics.

## RAW MATERIALS

Silver, Zinc, Brass



Price

Approx.

Rs. 500 to Rs. 50000

No. of Families Involved

Approx.

200 to 500 families

Class of Goods

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Type of Goods

Handicrafts

Proof of Origin

20<sup>th</sup> Century

Geographical Location

Hupari town, Kolhapur district,  
Maharashtra

## METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Production begins with melting silver in crucibles, alloying with zinc or brass, and casting bars in matrices. Bars are annealed, pressed into strips, and cut into designs using fly presses. Wires are coiled into rings (mati), assembled into chains by women workers, and soldered with borax paste. Final ornaments are crafted by combining chains and decorative pieces, then polished in Ukada (sulphuric acid solution) to remove black coating. Each ornament is a collaborative effort of multiple artisans.