

# 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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# MIRAJ TANPURA

The Miraj Tanpura is a long-necked plucked string instrument, integral to Indian classical music. Originating from Miraj in Sangli district, Maharashtra, it is renowned for its deep, resonant drone that sustains and supports melody. Crafted traditionally with natural materials, its hollow gourd resonator (tumba) and delicately finished body produce a rich tapestry of overtones, making it the finest Tanpura worldwide.

## UNIQUENESS

Miraj Tanpura is globally acclaimed for its full-bodied sound and artisanal craftsmanship. Each instrument is handmade using gourds grown in Mangalwedha, locally engineered tools, and traditional techniques passed down generations. Unlike melodic instruments, it creates the adharaswara (base note) essential for performance. Its overtone-rich drone provides a sonic canvas for ragas, meditation, and improvisation. Male, female, and instrumental variants differ in size, tone, and resonance, ensuring versatility across musical contexts.

## RAW MATERIALS

Dried Gourds (Tumba), Teak or Rosewood, Cotton Threads, Natural Adhesives, Metal Strings



Price

Approx.

Rs. 15000 to Rs. 80000

No. of Families Involved

Approx.

400 to 500 families

Class of Goods

15

Type of Goods

Handicrafts

Proof of Origin

17<sup>th</sup> Century

Geographical Location

Miraj, Sangli district, Maharashtra

## METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Production begins with selecting and drying gourds to form the resonator. The body is carved from wood, comprising the tabli, tumba, and neck heel (gulu). Strings are attached to a bridge, transmitting vibrations to the resonating plank and air cavity. Artisans tune the instrument to keynote, fifth, and octave, ensuring harmonic balance. Each Tanpura is hand-polished, tested for tonal quality, and finished to achieve its characteristic deep, rounded sound.