

# 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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# SOLAPUR CHADDAR

Solapur Chaddar is a traditional woven textile from Solapur, Maharashtra, renowned for its durability, intricate jacquard designs, and soft texture. Produced for over a century, it is widely used for bedspreads, blankets, and terry towels. Known for its high quality and reputation, Solapur Chaddar has gained recognition both in domestic and international markets as a premium cotton product.

## UNIQUENESS

Solapur Chaddar holds a monopoly in jacquard woven designs, crafted through specialized hank dyeing and weaving techniques. Its attractive patterns, long-lasting fabric, and fine finishing distinguish it from other textiles. The use of salt-free water and traditional craftsmanship enhances its quality. With over 15,000 handlooms and power looms, Solapur has become synonymous with this iconic product, blending heritage with modern production methods.

## RAW MATERIALS

Cotton Yarn, Dyes, Jacquard Looms, Shuttle-Less Looms, Finishing Tools



Price  
Approx.  
Rs. 450 to Rs. 1200

Class of Goods  
24

Proof of Origin  
19<sup>th</sup> Century

No. of Families Involved  
Approx.  
1000 families

Type of Goods  
Handicrafts

Geographical Location  
Solapur district, Maharashtra

## METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Production begins with hank dyeing and bleaching of cotton yarn, followed by winding and pirn winding. Warp yarns are arranged on creel machines and transferred to beams. Weaving is done on jacquard-fitted looms, now often replaced by shuttle-less and air-jet looms for higher efficiency. After weaving, chaddars are cut to size, inspected, finished, bundled in sets of five, and packed into bales of 10-20 bundles for distribution.