

ABOUT GI

Geographical Indications (GIs) are associated with 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 of Natural Goods, Food
Stuff Manufactured Goods, Handicrafts or
Agriculture Goods

GI based on Uniqueness,
weather, and terrain of the
place of origin

Authorized user Registration for
GI Community Members

Legal protection from
unfair usage

GI Logo
Indicating Geographical
origin or Location

A community Right

Economic Empowerment to
Artisans, Producer, and
Manufacturers

700+ Registered GIs and
Numerous Unregistered GIs
Existing in India

Prevents counterfeiting and
ensures genuineness of
products through "GI Tags"

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, 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 these traditions, ensuring they thrive and adapt in today's competitive landscape.

SILVER FILIGREE OF KARIMNAGAR

Silver Filigree from Karimnagar is a distinguished handicraft, celebrated for its exquisite craftsmanship and delicate artistry. This craft involves the curling, twisting, and plating of extremely fine, pliable wires or threads of silver or gold, which are meticulously joined at precise points. The resulting products range from classic jewellery to a variety of decorative non-jewellery items, all showcasing exceptional detail and finesse.

UNIQUENESS

The charm of Silver Filigree lies in its individuality, no two pieces are ever identical. Every item crafted is a unique, elegant masterpiece, distinguished by its intricate patterns and the painstaking process of twisting silver wires to create diverse designs. The hallmark of this craft is the remarkable intricacy, with each product reflecting the creativity and expertise of its maker.

RAW MATERIALS

Silver



PRICE

Approx.
₹10,000 to ₹64,000+
depending on the design



CLASS OF GOODS

6, 8, 14, 18, 20, 26 & 28



PROOF OF ORIGIN

200 years old



NO. OF FAMILIES INVOLVED

Approx.
200 to 500 Artisans



TYPE OF GOODS

Handicraft



GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Karimnagar, Telangana

METHODS OF PRODUCTION

The process begins with melting pure silver using traditional “Bhatti” furnaces or generators. The molten silver is then formed into ingots and passed through a wire drawing machine, producing delicate, hair-thin wires. Two of the finest wires are heated, wound together on a “Charkha,” and flattened. These wires are skillfully twisted and crimped into zig-zag patterns, which are then set around the framework of the design, typically formed from thicker silver strips. The final assembly is expertly soldered. Common motifs include leaves, flowers, creepers, animals, and birds. Specialized tools such as sheet machines and zig-zag machines are employed to shape the silver, alongside meticulous filing and fine welding to achieve the final product.



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