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 Agricultura 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

A community Right

GI Logo Indicating Geographical origin or Location

Economic Empowerment to Artisans, Producer, and Manufavturers

700+ Registered GIs and Numerous Unegisteres 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 culturl 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.

LAHAULI KNITTED SOCKS & GLOVES

REGISTERED

Lahauli knitted socks and gloves, originating from the picturesque Lahaul Valley in Himachal Pradesh, stand as exquisite masterpieces of traditional Himalayan craftsmanship. These handcrafted knitwear pieces are meticulously fashioned using premium, indigenous wool sourced entirely from local sheep, ensuring exceptional, cold-weather warmth and authentic regional quality.

UNIQUENESS

The distinct identity of Lahauli knitwear stems from its reliance on locally harvested raw wool paired with time-honoured, ancestral knitting techniques. This heritage craft sets itself apart from other Himalayan textile traditions through its striking combinations of vibrant, contrasting colors, highly intricate geometric motifs (Dashi), and a specialized multi-step construction process that mirrors the deep cultural tapestry of the valley.

RAW MATERIALS

Indigenous Sheep Wool, Fibres, Organic Dyes

PRICE
Approx.
Rs. 350 and 2,400 per pair, depending on the material and complexity

CLASS OF GOODS
25

PROOF OF ORIGIN
Since Vedic period



NO. OF FAMILIES INVOLVED
Approx.
1000+ Rural women artisans

TYPE OF GOODS
Textiles

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION
Lahaul Valley in Himachal Pradesh

METHODS OF PRODUCTION

Authentic Lahauli knitwear production relies on ancestral Himalayan heritage. Sourcing indigenous wool from local sheep, artisans' hand-spin yarn. Utilizing four double-pointed needles, knitters construct each piece three-dimensionally. The sequence starts at the flexible cuff, progresses down the leg, forming a reinforced heel. Next, vibrant yarns are integrated to knit intricate geometric Dashi motifs across the upper foot. Finally, a plain sole is seamlessly joined, secured internally with clean, inward-facing knots.

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