

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

512+ 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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AGATES OF CAMBAY

Agate beads represent the main export from Cambay and are greatly prized in markets throughout the Middle East and along the African coast. Besides beads, Cambay also manufactures a wide array of agate products such as flower vases, ashtrays, bangles, mortar and pestles, necklaces, paperweights, buttons, rosaries, lampshades, earrings, rings, bracelets, keychains, bowls, cufflinks, and pendants. These items highlight the region's exceptional craftsmanship and the inherent splendor of agate.

Uniqueness

The articles to be produced from agate are determined by and shaped according to the size, colour & natural formation of raw stones. The colour & design found in one article wouldn't exactly be the same as that in any other article and in that lays its uniqueness. According to ancient beliefs agates possess medicinal properties and are thought to cure Insomnia. People possessing this stone were believed to have gathered strength and courage.

Raw Materials

Agate Rough, grinding compounds, polishing powder, lapidary supplies, dyes enhancements etc.

Price
₹100/- onwards depending on the item's size, quality, and craftsmanship.

Class of Goods
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Proof of Origin
Since early 18th Century



Type of Goods
Handicraft

Geographical Location
Cambay, Anand district, Gujarat

No. of Families Involved
Approximately 3000- 5000 families

Method of Production

The production process of agates in Cambay begins with the sourcing of rough stones from mines, where they are meticulously sorted by colour, quality, and size. These stones are then shaped using cutting tools and polished with abrasives and specialized powders to achieve a refined surface. Skilled artisans subsequently transform them into an array of products including beads, jewellery, and decorative pieces, underscoring Cambay's proficiency in agate craftsmanship.