

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 of Natural Goods, Food Stuff
Manufactured Goods, Handicrafts or
Agricultural 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, Producers, and
Manufacturers

Social Upliftment and
continuing the
Legacy of the Nation

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



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LIK-KOL

Lik-Kol is crafted with meticulous detail reflecting the aesthetics & cultural values of Meitei community. These are created from the materials like gold, silver & precious stones. Each piece follows strict social codes with some items restricted from general use & others symbolizing charm, beauty & social status. Furthermore, these can be worn individually or in sets.

Uniqueness

Lik-Kol is a traditional jewelry revered for its cultural significance 7 unique designs. These are used to adorn deities & priests. It includes ornaments like necklaces, earrings, rings & bangles each symbolizing charm & beauty. Furthermore, these are governed by strict social codes with certain pieces reserved for religious ceremonies or restricted to specific individuals embodying not just beauty but also a symbolic connection to Meitei heritage & rituals.

Raw Materials

Metals, Semi-Precious Stones, Tools etc.

Price

Approx. ₹5,000
onwards depending upon the metal,
design & craftsmanship.

Class of Goods

14

Proof of Origin

Early century of Meitei Civilization

Geographical Location

Imphal West/ East, Thoubal,
Bishnupur, Kakching,
Churachandpur & Tengnoupal
Districts, Manipur.

Type of Goods

Handicraft

No. of Families Involved

Approx.
200-350 Families



Method of Production

The production involves skilled artisan who use traditional handcrafting methods like casting, engraving & filigree work. Metals such as gold, silver are melted, shaped & carved while precious stones & beads are carefully inlaid to complete each piece.