

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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RAJOURI CHIKRI WOODCRAFT

Rajouri Chikri woodcraft is distinguished by its intricate carving and detailed designs, which range from geometric patterns and floral motifs to figurative and abstract forms. The craft produces a variety of items, including furniture, decorative pieces, utensils, and architectural elements such as doors and windows. Chikri wood, the primary material used, is a dense, fine-grained wood sourced from the Chikri tree native to Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir. Its qualities make it ideal for detailed carving and polishing, contributing to the craftsmanship's esteemed reputation.

Uniqueness

Rajouri Chikri wood craft stands out for its exceptional uniqueness, rooted in both its material and artisanal techniques. The craft employs Deodar (Chikri) wood from the Rajouri region, renowned for its durability, straight grain, and natural resistance to decay, making it ideal for intricate carving. Artisans use traditional methods passed down through generations, creating elaborate designs that reflect local cultural, natural, and religious themes.

Raw Materials

Wood from Chikri tree



Price
₹ 1500/- onwards

Class of Goods
20

Proof of Origin
17th century

Type of Goods
Handicraft

Geographical Location
Rajouri, Punch & Riyasi district

No. of families involved
Around 5000 artisans

Method of Production

The production of Rajouri Chikri wood craft involves a meticulous process that begins with selecting mature Deodar trees known for their straight grain and minimal defects. The wood is then seasoned through air-drying or kiln-drying, a crucial step to stabilize the wood and prevent warping. Skilled artisans then shape and carve the seasoned wood into intricate designs, using traditional tools to add detailed patterns. The carved pieces are sanded to smooth out rough edges, polished to enhance their natural luster, and treated with natural oils or varnishes to protect against moisture and pests.