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 Gls 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

A Community Right

Economic Empowerment to Artisans, Producers, and Manufacturers

> 650+ Registered Gls and Numerous Unregistered Gls Existing in India

Authorized User Registration For **GI Community Members**

> Legal protection from unfair usage

GI Logo indicating Geographical Origin or location

Social Upliftment and continuing the Legacy of the Nation

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.













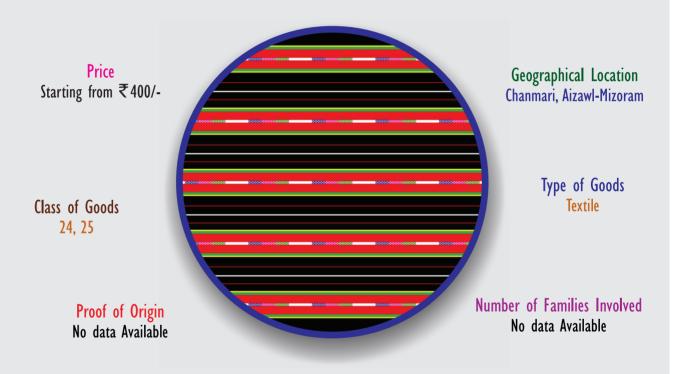
THANGCHHUAH PUAN

The Thangchhuah puan is a rectangular cloth measuring 78" by 55" and weighing 656 grams, with a plain weave on a loin loom. It features a chequered pattern with black, blue, white, and red lines, and includes a major embroidered block in the center and two minor blocks at the corners. These embroidered patterns add distinct decorative elements in white, red, blue, yellow, and black.

Uniqueness

Thangchhuah Puan features black or dark blue cloth with intricate horizontal stripes and specialized motifs like Selutan and Mitmurual, requiring highly skilled weavers. The pattern can vary by clan, with some incorporating a grid backdrop. Its larger size is designed to cover the entire body, making it unique among Mizo textiles.

Raw Materials Cotton yarns dyed with natural and synthetic dyes, suitable for intricate weaving patterns.



Method of Production

Traditionally, the Mizo people cultivated cotton, spun it into yarn using indigenous implements, and dyed it with natural colors from local plants. Modern methods now include synthetic dyes. The yarn is processed, starched, and dried, then woven on a loin loom. Thangchhuah Puan is woven in three pieces, using intricate plain weave patterns. These pieces are hand-stitched together with neat and strong stitches, ensuring high quality and durability, showcasing the skill of experienced weavers.









