

GI REGISTRATION IN INDIA

Reality Check



INDIAN GI ACT

The GI Act came into force on 15th September 2003 to protect geographical indications (GIs) related to goods originating from specific geographical regions in India. It was enacted in compliance with the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Darjeeling Tea
2004





CURRENT STATUS

Filed: 1377

Registered GIs: 650

Pending: 617

Refused: 53

Abandoned: 28

Foreign GIs Registered: 34

Kerala: 39

Karnataka: 47

Tamil Nadu: 60

Chhattisgarh: 7

Bihar: 16

Assam: 10

Goa: 10

Gujrat: 19

Madhya Pradesh: 22

Maharashtra: 35

Uttar Pradesh: 82

Telangana: 17

Arunachal Pradesh: 8

Rajasthan: 20

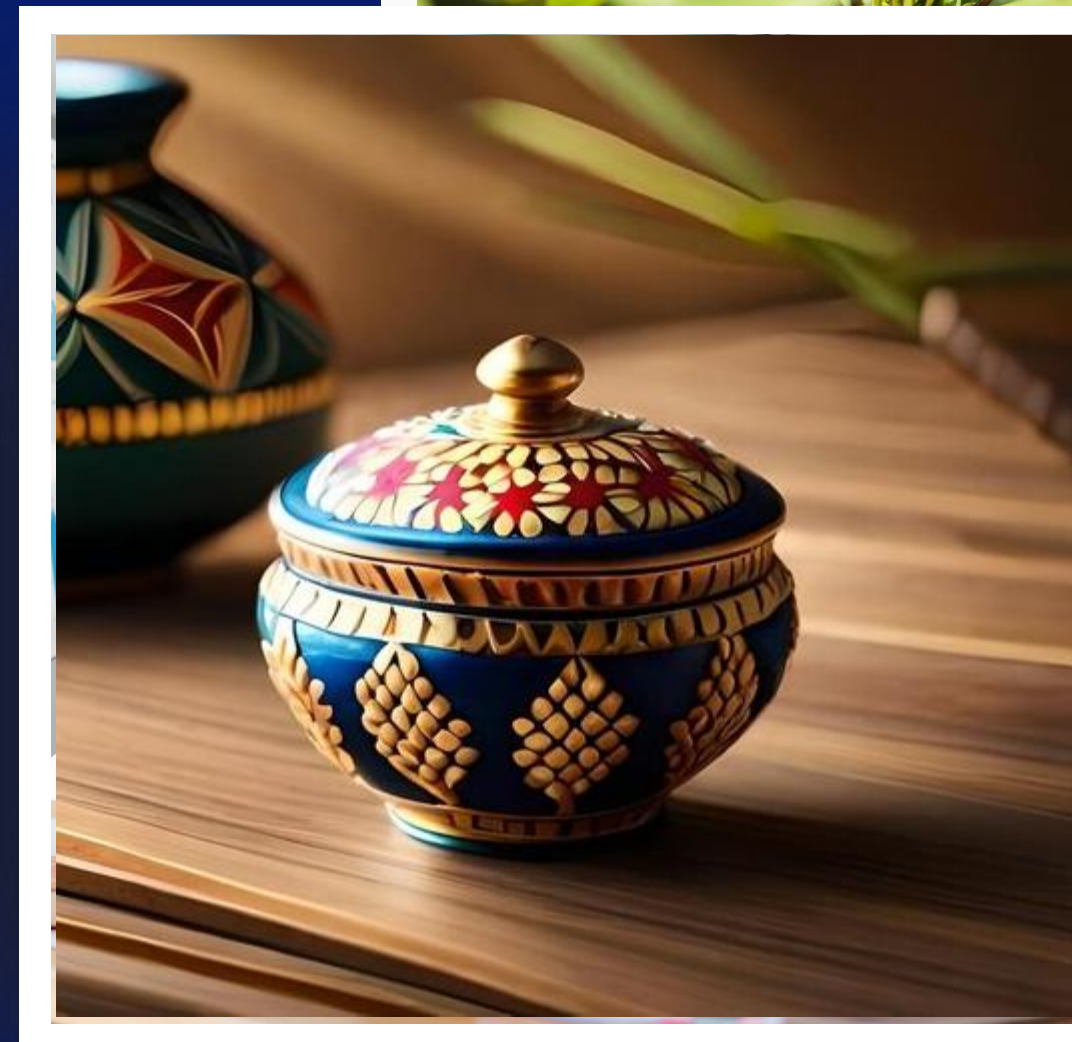
Himachal Pradesh: 11

Jammu & Kashmir: 17

Ladakh: 04

CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION

- Definable Geographical Territory
- Agricultural, Natural, Handicrafts, or Manufactured Products
- Unique Quality, Reputation, or Characteristic
- Historical Records or Proof of Origin
- Method of Production
- Collective Entity Application

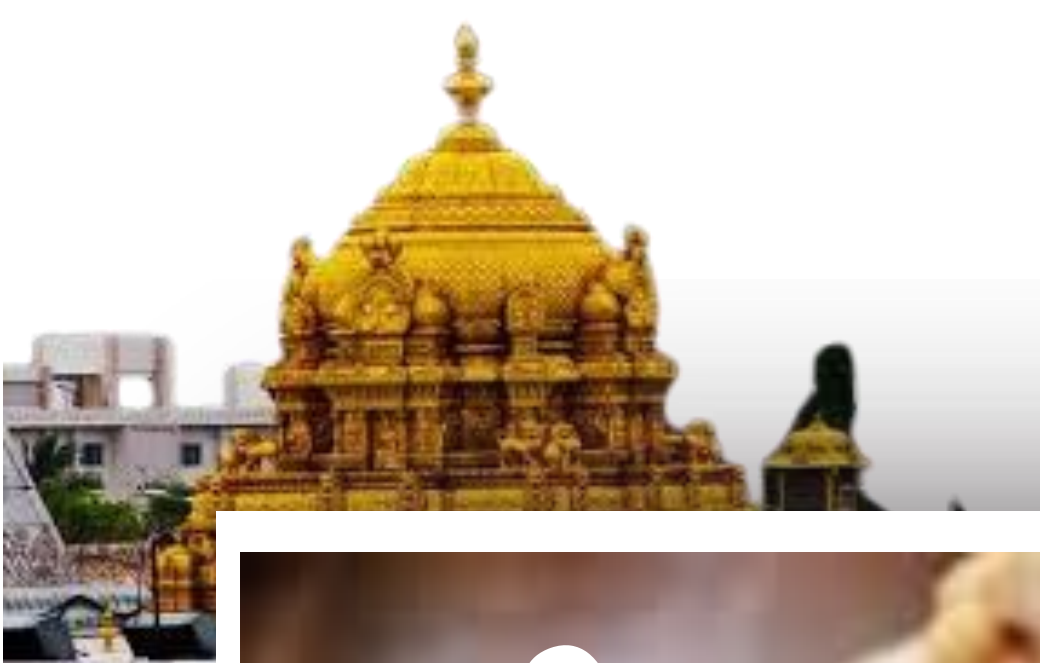


MAJOR CHALLENGES

- Segmented Geographical Territory
- Found across the broader Himalayan range
- Almost similar medical potency across the range
- Non-Specific record of Proof of Origin
- Sustainable and Cultural Practices are same
- Almost impossible to bring as collective application



Himalayan Kutki



DEEPER CHALLENGES

2009



Ownership Issue

Production Control

Counterfeit and Misuse

Quality Control and Authenticity

Legal and Administrative

Consumer Awareness

Religious Sentiments

GRASSROOT CHALLENGES

Lack of Awareness

Limited Knowledge of Procedures

Difficulty in Standardization

Low Access to Legal and Technical Support

Insufficient Documentation and Proof

Lack of Collective Organization



Conflicts Among Stakeholders

Poor Institutional Support

Weak Market Access and Infrastructure

Difficulty in Sustaining Traditional Knowledge

Limited Market Awareness

Counterfeit and Imitation Goods

Post-GI Registration Management



Question & Feedback

THANK YOU



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