



Update on Mandatory HUID for Silver Jewellery

A Major Milestone in Purity Assurance and Curbing Fake Hallmarking

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Within the first three months following implementation of mandatory HUID for silver, over 17 lakh pieces have been hallmarked, reflecting strong uptake among jewellers and consumers. While the **Silver Hallmarking Scheme remains voluntary**, **HUID marking has been made mandatory** for any silver article that is hallmarked.

Strong Uptake: Over 17 Lakh Articles Already Hallmarked with HUID

Since, the launch of the silver HUID portal, over 17 lakh silver jewellery items have already been hallmarked i.e. within 3 months. Purity grades 925 and 800 constitute nearly 90% of all hallmarked items. A significant acceleration has been observed following the introduction of HUID. In FY 2024–25, around 32 lakh silver articles were hallmarked. This surge reflects the strong confidence of consumers and jewellers in the HUID system.

Trends in silver hallmarking shows Southern Region of the country leading in volume of hallmarking followed by Western and Eastern region. Among product categories, payal / anklets constitute the largest share and are predominantly hallmarked in 800 purity grades. Silver diyas follows, generally in 800 and 925 purity.

Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public distribution tweeted and highlighted that - "HUID in silver jewellery hallmarking marks a significant step forward in strengthening purity assurance and eliminating fake hallmarking practices. With HUID mandatory on voluntarily (BIS) Hallmarked Silver articles, each piece carries a unique 6-digit identification code that enables complete digital traceability and enhanced consumer protection. With over 17.35 lakh articles already hallmarked under the HUID system, the initiative is driving greater transparency, accountability and confidence among consumers and stakeholders. #HallmarkHUID"

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— Pralhad Joshi (@JoshiPralhad) December 4, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has announced the introduction of Mandatory Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID) for silver jewellery and artefacts with effect from 1 September 2025, marking a

Sl No.	Article type	Weight of articles hallmarked	% share weight wise	Fineness	Category	Comments
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1	Silver payal/anklet	1,54,96,588.36	27%	90%-(800ppt)	Jewellery	90% of the hallmarked silver payals/anklet are of 800 ppt fineness.
2	Silver diya/lamp	42,29,431	7%	99% (800ppt and 925ppt)	Artefact	99% of the hallmarked silver diya/lamps are of 800 ppt and 925 fineness.
3	Silver plate	38,40,202	7%	80% - (925ppt and 800ppt)	Artefact	80% of the hallmarked silver plates are of 800 ppt and 925 fineness.
4	Silver idol	23,73,278	4%	925ppt	Artefact	Almost all the hallmarked silver idols are of 925 ppt fineness.
5	Silver coin	22,44,076	4%	99%-(990 ppt)	Artefact	99% of the hallmarked silver coins are of 990 ppt fineness.
6	Waist Chain	11,48,283	2%	91%-(800 ppt)	Jewellery	91% of the hallmarked silver waist chains are of 800 ppt fineness.
7	Bracelet	9,83,507	1.7%	85%-(925ppt)	Jewellery	85% of the hallmarked silver bracelets are of 925 ppt fineness.

BIS Continues Nationwide Awareness Campaigns

To ensure widespread awareness and smooth implementation of HUID-based hallmarking, BIS is undertaking:

- Consumer outreach and awareness programmes
- Interactions with jewellers across all Branch Offices
- Targeted social media campaigns

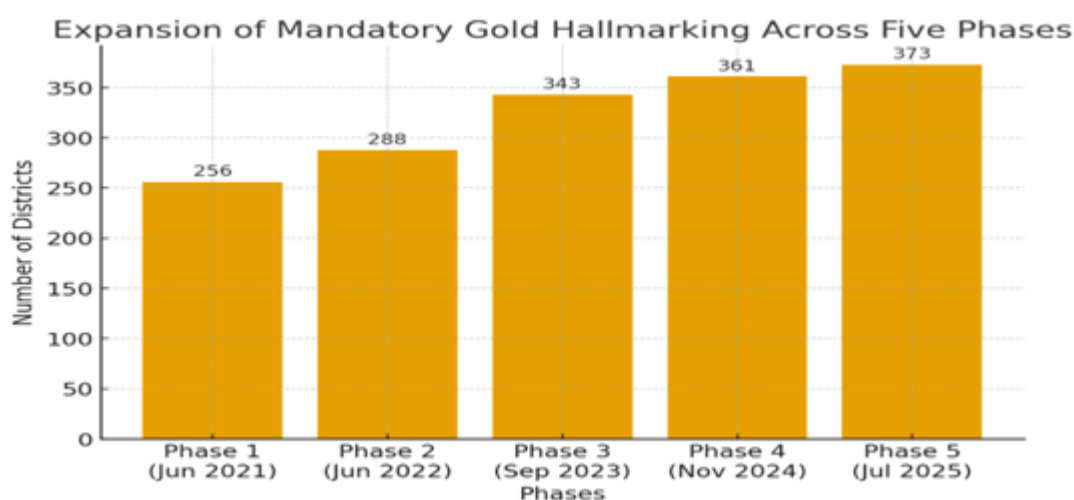
These efforts aim to promote transparency, safeguard consumer interests, and further enhance trust in hallmarked silver jewellery.

Background

The introduction of HUID in precious metals namely Gold & Silver provides digital traceability helps curb unfair trade practices ensuring that BIS mark on each jewellery / artefact stands for guaranteed purity to consumers.

Precious metals such as Gold and silver hold a special significance in India as assets associated with cultural traditions, social practices and financial security. Ensuring the purity of these precious metals is therefore essential for protecting consumer interests and promoting trust in the jewellery trade. Hallmarking plays a crucial role in this regard by certifying the purity and fineness of precious metal articles, safeguarding consumers from adulteration and supporting transparent fair market practices.

Mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts has been implemented in a phased manner beginning 23 June 2021, which initially covered 256 districts and over a short span of 5 years, it has been made mandatory in 373 districts currently, as depicted below: -



This system is supported by 1610 BIS-recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centres (AHCs) and more than 2.08 lakh registered gold jewellers. Over 56 crore jewellery pieces have been hallmarked so far, with 7.81 crore pieces hallmarked in 2025-26 alone. **The hallmarking workflow** i.e. from inward receipt and weighment to XRF testing, sampling, fire assay and laser marking has been fully digitized, with each article assigned a unique six-digit HUID.

Building upon the strong foundation created by the HUID system for gold, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced Mandatory Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID) for hallmarked silver jewellery with effect from 1 September 2025, marking a major step towards strengthening consumer protection and curbing fake hallmarking practices.

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