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GI tag to Chinnor Rice | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Sep 2021

Why in News

On September 29, 2021, it was informed by the state government that Madhya Pradesh has been recognized in the claim of **Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for GI tag to Chinnor rice**.

Key Points

- **Chinnor rice is mainly produced in the Balaghat region**, although it is also produced in Bhandara, Maharashtra, for which **the GI tag was claimed by Maharashtra**.
- The chalky loamy soil found in Balaghat creates favorable conditions for rice production there. That is why **Balaghat is also called the rice bowl of Madhya Pradesh**.
- GI tag in India is governed by Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.
- The **first GI tag in India** was given to **Darjeeling tea in 2004**.