



## GI Tags for Over 17 Products

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### Why in News?

Recently, over 17 products from Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, and J&K have received the [Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#) tag.

### What Products have Received the GI Tags from Odisha?

- **Kapdaganda Shawl:** [//](#)



- Woven and embroidered by the **women of the Dongria Kondh tribe**, a [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group \(PVTG\)](#) in the Niyamgiri hills in Odisha's Rayagada and Kalahandi districts, the shawl reflects the rich tribal heritage of the Dongria Kondhs.

- **Lanjia Saura Painting:**



- The art form belongs to the Lanjia Saura community, a PVTG largely **residing in the Rayagada district**.
- These paintings are in the form of **exterior murals painted on the mud walls of homes**. White paintings figure over a crimson-maroon background.
- **Koraput Kala Jeera Rice:**
  - The black-coloured rice variety, also known as the **'Prince of Rice'**, is famous for its aroma, taste, texture and nutritional value.
  - Tribal farmers of the Koraput region have preserved the rice variety for around 1,000 years.
- **Similipal Kai Chutney:**
  - The chutney made with **red weaver ants is a traditional delicacy** of the tribals in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. These ants are found in the forests of Mayurbhanj, including in the Similipal forests.
- **Nayagarh Kanteimundi Brinjal:**
  - This Brinjal is **known for its prickly thorns on the stems** and the whole plant. The plants are resistant to major insects and can be grown with minimal pesticide.
- **Odisha Khajuri Guda:**
  - Odisha's **"Khajuri Guda" or jaggery** is a natural sweetener extracted from date palm trees and has its origin in the Gajapati district.
- **Dhenkanal Magji:**
  - It is a **type of sweet made from cheese** from buffalo milk, with distinct characteristics in terms of appearance, taste, flavour, shape, and size.

### What are the other Products Which Received GI Tag?

State	Product Name	Brief Explanation
Arunachal Pradesh	<b>Wancho Wooden Craft</b>	Ethnic wood craft integral to Wancho tribes, used for decoration and gifting, historically used in various aspects of their community life.
	<b>Adi Kekir</b>	Ginger variety from Arunachal Pradesh.
West Bengal	<b>Tangail Saree</b>	Saree style originating from Bengal with distinct weaving patterns.
	<b>Garad Saree</b>	Saree, known for its unique texture and appearance, is a traditional attire from Bengal.
	<b>Korial Saree</b>	Saree variety is recognized for its weaving style and traditional significance in Bengal.
	<b>Kalo Nunia Rice</b>	Rice variety from West Bengal.
	<b>Sundarban Honey</b>	Honey sourced from the Sundarbans area of West Bengal.
Gujarat	<b>Kachchhi Kharek</b>	Product of date palm harvested at Khalal (fresh stage), which are bold, crisp and sweet.
Jammu Kashmir	<b>Ramban Anardana</b>	Ramban Anardana, locally referred to as Dhruni, is an important fruit tree growing wild in hilly tracts and forests of J&K.

### What is a Geographical Indication (GI) tag Tag?

- **About:**
  - A GI tag is a **name or sign used on certain products** that correspond to a specific geographical location or origin.
  - The GI tag ensures that only the **authorised users or those residing in the geographical territory** are allowed to use the popular product name.
    - It also protects the product from being copied or imitated by others.
  - A registered GI is valid for 10 years.
  - GI registration is overseen by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

▪ **Legal Framework and Obligations:**

- The **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
- It is governed and directed by the **WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**.
  - Furthermore, the significance of protecting industrial property and geographical indications **as integral components of intellectual property** is acknowledged and emphasised in Articles 1(2) and 10 of the Paris Convention.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Q1. Which of the following has/have been accorded 'Geographical Indication' status? (2015)**

1. Banaras Brocades and Sarees
2. Rajasthani Daal-Bati-Churma
3. Tirupathi Laddu

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Ans: (c)**

**Q2. India enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 in order to comply with the obligations to (2018)**

- (a) ILO
- (b) IMF
- (c) UNCTAD
- (d) WTO

**Ans: (d)**