



Uttar Pradesh Leads India in GI Tags

Why in News?

With six new additions, **Uttar Pradesh** retains its position as the state with the most [GI-tagged products in India](#), reaching a total of **75**.

Key Points

- This comprises the renowned '**Tirangi Barfi**' from **Kashi**, a tri coloured sweet that was traded to make a statement by **freedom fighters** in the [Quit India Movement](#).
- The other products that received the certification in Uttar Pradesh include **Banaras Metal Casting Craft, Lakhimpur Kheri Tharu Embroidery, Bareilly Cane and Bamboo Craft, Bareilly Zardozi Craft, and Pilkhuwa Hand Block Print Textile**.
 - With the inclusion of these six new items, Uttar Pradesh remains the leading state in India with the highest number of GI-tagged products.
 - **Tamil Nadu comes next with 58 GI products.**

Geographical Indication (GI) 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.