



## Stone art of Gaya district got GI tag

### Why in News?

Recently, the 300 year old stone art of Gaya district of Bihar has been granted GI tag.

### Key Points

- **About Stone Art:**
  - **Patharkatti village** of Neemchak Bathani block of Gaya district of Bihar is famous for stone art.
  - In stone art, apart from the statues of **Lord Buddha** and **Mahavira**, statues of various art works are also made.
- **Global Recognition:**
  - There are more than **650 artisans** associated with stone art in **Patharkatti village** of Gaya district.
    - By getting the **GI tag**, not only these artisans but also the sculpture will get a new identity abroad. This will also increase their income.
- **History:**
  - It is believed that **Queen Ahilyabai Holkar** named this village Pattharkatti.
  - It was here that the craftsmen discovered a hill of black granite stones. The Vishnupad temple was built from the black granite stones of Patharkatti.
- **Other GI tagged products from Bihar**
  - Bihar's Jardalu mango, Shahi litchi, Karatani rice, Magahi paan and Madhubani painting have also received the GI tag.

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### GI Tag

- The full form of GI tag is **Geographical Indication**, which is called geographical indicator in Hindi. This tag is given to those products whose uniqueness, quality or reputation is associated with a particular geographical area.
- By getting the GI tag, the product gets recognition at national and international level.

- At the international level, GIs are regulated under **the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)** .
- At the national level, this work is done under **the Geographical Indications of goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 , which came into force from September 2003.**
- '**Darjeeling Tea**' is the first Indian product to receive the GI tag in the year 2004 .
- Registration of Geographical Indication is valid for 10 years.

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