

Warangal Dhurries & Adilabad Dhokra - UPSC Notes

Geographical Indication Tag or GI Tag is an important topic for the UPSC exam. It is important to know what constitutes the GI tag, and what products of the country have been awarded these tags. This comes under the [UPSC syllabus](#) as part of economy, geography and also art & culture segments. In this article, you can learn about the craft forms of Warangal Dhurries and Adilabad Dhokra from Telangana, that were awarded the GI tags.

GI Tag for Telangana Products

The craft forms of Warangal Dhurries and Adilabad Dhokra from Telangana have been awarded a Geographical Indication Tag (GI Tag) by the Geographical Indication Registry based in Chennai. Warangal Dhurries is a famous variety of traditional rug made out of cotton and Adilabad Dhokra is an ancient bell metal craft. GI Tag is the sign on certain products corresponding to its origin or the geographical region that it exclusively belongs to. The products with GI tags get an edge over the others in the global markets as they are recognised for their quality, reputation and origin. The GI tag gives authenticity to the products. The GI tag enables stakeholders to authenticate their production while earning a premium and derive an improved livelihood.

To learn more about [Geographical Indication tag](#), list of products with GI tags, and benefits of having a GI tagged product, click on the linked article.

Warangal Dhurries

The Dhurries of India have become synonymous with 'Warangal Dhurries' due to the high degree of craftsmanship involved in the creation of the thick rugs which are now famous across the world. Warangal Dhurries is being produced for the past several decades in the state of Telangana with the geographical advantage of finding cotton in abundance.

- It is a famous traditional thick rug, made out of cotton.
- Beautiful patterns are created on the rug by the weavers. They are later dyed with vegetable dyes and are washed in flowing water once the designs are printed.
- Germany, the United Kingdom, some African and European countries have a huge market for these Dhurries.

Adilabad Dhokra

Dhokra is an ancient bell metal craft practiced by the Ojha metal-smiths of Telangana, West Bengal, Chattisgarh, Odisha and Jharkhand. However, the workmanship and style of the artisan community are different in each of the states. In Telangana, the Ojha artisans are also known as Wojaris or Ojjis who create brass metal art objects using the tedious but perfect lost wax technique while casting the metal.

- The Woj community is native to Adilabad in Telangana.
- Cire Perdu (the lost wax casting technique) is followed by the craftsmen, wherein, from an original sculpture, a duplicate metal sculpture is cast.
- Idols of local deities, statues, bells, dancing figures, jewels, figures of animals and birds are made by the craftsmen using this technique.



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