

## Geographical Indications [GI Tags] in India

**Latest Update:** Gucci Mushroom from Jammu and Kashmir is in the news as GI Tag is sought for it. It belongs to the agriculture sector; while there are a few others from the handicraft sector for which GI tags are sought for. Those are – Basohli Pashmina & Painting, Tweed fabric, Loi blankets from Kishtwar and Chikri craft. Hence, aspirants should know what is a GI Tag and what is its significance.

GI tag is the abbreviation of Geographical Indications tags in India. It came into force with effect from 15th September 2003. Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get a GI tag. This article will discuss more such information on GI in detail.

Government has allotted GI Tags to Kashmir Saffron and Manipuri Black Rice recently.

GI tags to 4 new products from 3 different states in August 2019.

1. Palani Panchamirtham in Palani Town, Tamil Nadu
2. Tawlhlohpuan from Mizoram
3. Mizo Puanchei from Mizoram
4. Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala

Madhya Pradesh's plea to put state's basmati rice under Geographical Indication tag was recently dismissed. Aspirants should be aware of the list of GI Tags in India as it is important for [IAS Exam](#) and other competitive exams.

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## List of GI Tags 2021

**Note:** The GI Tags 2021 will be updated here as and when announced for any products.

Various products from different states received GI tags in 2019-20 which includes Jeeraphool from Chhattisgarh, Himachali Kala Zeera, Kandhamal Haldi from Odisha, etc. the complete list of geographical indications tagged products for 2019-20 is given below:

GI Tags 2019-2020		
Products	Categories	States/UTs
Kashmir Saffron	Agriculture	Jammu & Kashmir
Manipuri Black Rice	Food Stuff	Manipur
Kandhamal Haladi	Agricultural	Odisha
Rasagola	Food Stuff	Odisha
Kodaikanal Malai Poondru	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
Pawndum	Handicraft	Mizoram
Ngotekherh	Handicraft	Mizoram
Hmaram	Handicraft	Mizoram
Palani Panchamirtham	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
Tawlhlohpuan	Handicraft	Mizoram
Mizo Puanchei	Handicraft	Mizoram
Gulbarga Tur Dal	Agricultural	Karnataka
Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettala)	Agricultural	Kerala
Khola Chilli	Agricultural	Goa
Idu Mishmi Textiles	Handicraft	Arunachal Pradesh

Dindigul Locks	Manufactured	Tamil Nadu
Kandangi Saree	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
Srivilliputtur Palkova	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
Kaji Nemu	Agricultural	Assam

## State-Wise List of GI Tags in India

The GI tags allotted to the handicraft, agricultural, food or manufactured products are listed down below state-wise:

Indian State	GI Tags
Andhra Pradesh	Srikalahasthi Kalamkari Kondapalli Bommallu Machilipatnam Kalamkari Budithi Bell & Brass Metal Craft Andhra Pradesh Leather Puppetry Uppada Jamdani Sarees Venkatagiri Sarees Bobbili Veena Mangalagiri Sarees and Fabrics Dharmavaram Handloom Pattu Sarees And Paavadas Udayagiri Wooden Cutlery Durgi Stone Carvings Etikoppaka Toys Allagadda Stone Carving Tirupati Laddu Bandar Laddu Guntur Sannam Chilli

	Araku Valley Arabica Coffee
Arunachal Pradesh	Idu Mishmi Textiles Arunachal Orange
Assam	Muga Silk of Assam Muga Silk of Assam (Logo)  Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger Joha Rice of Assam Tezpur Litchi Boka Chaul Kaji Nemu
Bihar	Madhubani Paintings Applique (Khatwa) Work of Bihar Sujini Embroidery Work of Bihar Sikki Grass Products of Bihar Bhagalpur Silk Applique (Khatwa) Work of Bihar (Logo) Sikki Grass Products of Bihar (Logo) Sujini Embroidery Work of Bihar(Logo) Bhagalpuri Zardalu Katarni Rice Maghai Paan Shahi Litchi of Bihar Silao Khaja
Chhattisgarh	Bastar Dhokra Bastar Wooden Craft Bastar Iron Craft

Goa	Khola Chilli Feni
Gujarat	Sankheda Furniture Agates of Cambay Kutch Embroidery Tangaliya Shawl Surat Zari Craft Kachchh Shawls Patan Patola Sankheda Furniture (Logo) Kutch Embroidery (Logo) Agates of Cambay (Logo) Jamnagari Bandhani RajKot Patola Pethapur Printing Blocks Gir Kesar Mango Bhalia Wheat
Himachal Pradesh	Kullu Shawl Kangra Tea Chamba Rumal Kinnauri Shawl Kullu ShawL (Logo) Kangra Paintings Himachali Kala Zeera Himachali Chulli Oil
Jammu & Kashmir	Kani Shawl Kashmir Pashmina

	<p>Kashmir Paper Machie</p> <p>Kashmir Walnut Wood Carving</p> <p>Khatamband</p> <p>Kashmiri Hand Knotted Carpet</p> <p>Saffron (Mongra, Lachha, Guchhi)</p>
Jharkhand	<p>Sohrai – Khovar Painting</p>
Karnataka	<p>Mysore Silk</p> <p>Bidriware</p> <p>Channapatna Toys &amp; Dolls</p> <p>Mysore Rosewood Inlay</p> <p>Kasuti Embroidery</p> <p>Mysore Traditional Paintings</p> <p>Ilkal Sarees</p> <p>Ganjifa Cards of Mysore</p> <p>Navalgund Durries</p> <p>Karnataka Bronzeware</p> <p>Sandur Lambani Embroidery</p> <p>Kinhal Toys</p> <p>Udupi Sarees</p> <p>Mysore Silk (Logo)</p> <p>Coorg Orange</p> <p>Mysore Betel leaf</p> <p>Nanjangud Banana</p> <p>Udupi Mallige</p> <p>Mysore Mallige</p> <p>Hadagali Mallige</p> <p>Coorg Green Cardamom</p>

	<p>Devanahalli Pomelo</p> <p>Appemidi Mango</p> <p>Kamalapur Red Banana</p> <p>Bangalore Blue Grapes</p> <p>Coorg Arabica Coffee</p> <p>Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee</p> <p>Bababudangiri Arabica Coffee</p> <p>Sirsi Supari</p> <p>Gulbarga Tur Dal</p> <p>Dharwad Pedha</p> <p>Mysore Agarbathi</p> <p>Mysore Sandalwood Oil</p> <p>Mysore Sandal soap</p>
Kerala	<p>Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettila)</p> <p>Alleppey Coir</p> <p>Navara Rice</p> <p>Palakkadan Matta Rice</p> <p>Alleppey Green Cardamom</p> <p>Maddalam of Palakkad</p> <p>Screw Pine Craft of Kerala</p> <p>Brass Brodered Coconut Shell Crafts of Kerala</p> <p>Pokkali Rice</p> <p>Vazhakulam Pineapple</p> <p>Cannanore Home Furnishings</p> <p>Balaramapuram Sarees and Fine Cotton Fabrics</p> <p>Kasaragod Sarees</p> <p>Kuthampully Sarees</p>

	<p>Central Travancore Jaggery</p> <p>Wayanad Jeerakasala Rice A</p> <p>Wayanad Gandhakasala Rice</p> <p>Payyannur Pavithra Ring</p> <p>Chendamangalam Dhoties &amp; Set Mundu</p> <p>Kaipad Rice</p> <p>Chengalikodan Nendran Banana</p> <p>Kuthampully Dhoties &amp; Set Mundu</p> <p>Maddalam of Palakkad (Logo)</p> <p>Brass Broidered Coconut Shell Craft of Kerala (Logo)</p> <p>Screw Pine Craft of Kerala (Logo)</p> <p>Nilambur Teak</p> <p>Wayanad Robusta Coffee</p> <p>Marayoor Jaggery (Marayoor Sharkara)</p>
Madhya Pradesh	<p>Chanderi Sarees</p> <p>Leather Toys of Indore</p> <p>Bagh Prints of Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>Bell Metal Ware of Datia and Tikamgarh</p> <p>Maheshwar Sarees &amp; Fabrics</p> <p>Bell Metal Ware of Datia and Tikamgarh (Logo)</p> <p>Leather Toys of Indore (Logo)</p> <p>Ratlami Sev</p> <p>Bagh Prints of Madhya Pradesh (Logo )</p> <p>Jhabua Kadaknath Black Chicken Meat</p>
Maharashtra	<p>Solapur Chaddar</p> <p>Solapur Terry Towel</p> <p>Puneri Pagadi</p>



Nashik Valley Wine  
Paithani Sarees and Fabrics  
Mahabaleshwar Strawberry  
Nashik Grapes  
Kolhapur Jaggery  
Ajara Ghansal Rice  
Mangalwedha Jowar  
Sindhudurg & Ratnagiri Kokum  
Waghya Ghevada  
Navapur Tur Dal  
Vengurla Cashew  
Lasalgaon Onion  
Sangli Raisins  
Beed Custard Apple  
Jalna Sweet Orange  
Waigaon Turmeric  
Purandar Fig  
Jalgaon Bharit Brinjal  
Solapur Pomegranate  
Bhiwapur Chil  
Ambemohar Rice  
Dahanu Gholvad Chikoo  
Jalgaon Banana  
Marathwada Kesar Mango  
Karvath Kati Sarees & Fabrics  
Alphonso  
Sangli Turmeric

Manipur	Shaphee Lanphee Wangkhei Phee Moirang Phee Kachai Lemon Chak-Hao
Meghalaya	Khasi Mandarin Memong Narang
Mizoram	Mizo Chilli Pawndum Ngotekherh Hmaram Tawlhlohpuan Mizo Puanchei
Nagaland	Naga Mircha Naga Tree Tomato Chakhesang Shawl
Odisha	Kotpad Handloom fabric Orissa Ikat Konark Stone carving Orissa Pattachitra Pipli Applique Work Khandua Saree and Fabrics Gopalpur Tussar Fabrics Ganjam Kewda Rooh Ganjam Kewda Flower Dhalapathar Parida & Fabrics Sambalpuri Bandha Saree & Fabrics

	<p>Bomkai Saree &amp; Fabrics</p> <p>Habaspuri Saree &amp; Fabrics</p> <p>Berhampur Patta (Phoda Kumbha) Saree &amp; Joda</p> <p>Orissa Pattachitra (Logo)</p> <p>Kandhamal Haladi</p> <p>Odisha Rasagola</p>
Rajasthan	<p>Kota Doria</p> <p>Blue Pottery of Jaipur</p> <p>Molela Clay Work</p> <p>Kathputlis of Rajasthan</p> <p>Bikaneri Bhujia</p> <p>Kota Doria (Logo)</p> <p>Bagru Hand Block Print</p> <p>Thewa Art Work</p> <p>Makrana Marble</p> <p>Molela Clay Work of Rajasthan (Logo)</p> <p>Blue Pottery of Jaipur (Logo)</p> <p>Kathputlis of Rajasthan (Logo)</p> <p>Pokaran Pottery</p>
Tamil Nadu	<p>Salem Fabric</p> <p>Kancheepuram Silk</p> <p>Kancheepuram Silk</p> <p>Madurai Sungudi</p> <p>Coimbatore Wet Grinder</p> <p>Thanjavur Paintings</p> <p>Temple Jewellery of Nagercoil</p> <p>Thanjavur Art Plate</p>

East India Leather  
Salem Silk known as Salem Venpattu  
Kovai Kora Cotton Sarees  
Arani Silk  
Swamimalai Bronze Icons  
Eathamozhi Tall Coconut  
Thanjavur Doll  
Nilgiri (Orthodox)  
Virupakshi Hill Banana  
Sirumalai Hill Banana  
Madurai Malli  
Pattamadai Pai (“Pattamadai Mat”)  
Nachiarkoil Kuthuvilakku (“Nachiarkoil Lamp”)  
Chettinad Kottan  
Toda Embroidery  
Thanjavur Veenai  
Thanjavur Art Plate (Logo)  
Swamimalai Bronze Icons (Logo)  
Temple Jewellery of Nagercoil (Logo)  
Mahabalipuram Stone Sculpture  
Erode Manjal (Erode Turmeric)  
Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees  
Kodaikanal Malai Poondu  
Palani Panchamirtham  
Dindigul Locks  
Kandangi Saree  
Srivilliputtur Palkova

	<p>Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai</p> <p>Thanjavur Pith Works</p> <p>Arumbavur Wood Carvings</p>
Tripura	<p>Tripura Queen Pineapple</p>
Telangana	<p>Pochampally Ikat</p> <p>Silver Filigree of Karimnagar</p> <p>Nirmal Toys and Craft</p> <p>Nirmal Furniture</p> <p>Nirmal Paintings</p> <p>Gadwal Sarees</p> <p>Hyderabad Haleem</p> <p>Cheriyal Paintings</p> <p>Siddipet Gollabhama</p> <p>Narayanpet Handloom Sarees</p> <p>Pochampally Ikat (Logo)</p> <p>Adilabad Dokra</p> <p>Warangal Durries</p> <p>Telia Rumal</p>
Uttar Pradesh	<p>Allahabad Surkha Guava</p> <p>Lucknow Chikan Craft</p> <p>Malihabadi Dusseheri mango</p> <p>Banaras Brocades and Sarees</p> <p>Hand Made Carpet of Bhadohi</p> <p>Agra Durrie</p> <p>Farrukhabad Prints</p> <p>Lucknow Zardozi</p> <p>Banaras Brocades and Sarees (Logo)</p>

	<p>Kalanamak Rice</p> <p>Firozabad Glass</p> <p>Kannauj Perfume</p> <p>Kanpur Saddlery</p> <p>Moradabad Metal Craft</p> <p>Saharanpur Wood Craft</p> <p>Meerut Scissors</p> <p>Khurja Pottery</p> <p>Banaras Gulabi Meenakari Craft</p> <p>Varanasi Wooden Lacquerware &amp; Toys</p> <p>Mirzapur Handmade Dari</p> <p>Nizamabad Black Pottery</p> <p>Banaras Métal Repoussé Craft</p> <p>Varanasi Glass beads</p> <p>Ghazipur Wall Hanging</p> <p>Varanasi Soft Stone Jali Work</p> <p>Chunar Balua Patthar</p> <p>Gorakhpur Terracotta</p>
West Bengal	<p>Darjeeling Tea (word &amp; logo)</p> <p>Nakshi Kantha</p> <p>Santiniketan Leather Goods</p> <p>Malda Laxman Bhog Mango</p> <p>Khirsapati (Himsagar) mangoes</p> <p>Malda Fazli Mango</p> <p>Santipur Saree</p> <p>Baluchari Saree</p> <p>Dhaniakhali Saree</p>

Joynagar Moa  
Bardhaman Sitabhog  
Bardhaman Mihidana  
Gobindobhog Rice  
Tulaipanji Rice  
Banglar Rasogolla  
Bankura Panchmura Terracotta Craft  
Bengal Patachitra  
Purulia Chhau Mask  
Wooden Mask of Kushmandi  
Madur kathi

The topic of GI tags is important for both UPSC Prelims and Mains examination. For more information on [UPSC 2021](#) exam, please check the linked page.

Aspirants of UPSC exam must be well versed with the topic. The complete list of products covered under Geographical Indications in India and list of GI Tags 2019-20 are given in the PDF below:

## What is GI Tag?

A GI or Geographical Indication is a name or a sign given to certain products that relate to a specific geographical location or origins like a region, town or country.

Using Geographical Indications may be regarded as a certification that the particular product is produced as per traditional methods, has certain specific qualities, or has a particular reputation because of its geographical origin.

Geographical indications are typically used for wine and spirit drinks, foodstuffs, agricultural products, handicrafts, and industrial products.

GI Tag ensures that none other than those registered as authorized users are allowed to use the popular product name. In order to function as a GI, a sign must identify a product as originating in a given place.

## Who accords and regulates Geographical Indications?

Geographical Indications are covered as a component of intellectual property rights (IPRs) under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. At the International level, GI is governed by the World Trade Organisation's (WTO's) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). In India, Geographical Indications registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which came into force with effect from September 2003. The first product in India to be accorded with GI tag was Darjeeling tea in the year 2004-05.

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## Benefits of GI Tags

The Geographical Indication registration confers the following benefits:

- Legal protection to the products
- Prevents unauthorised use of GI tag products by others
- It helps consumers to get quality products of desired traits and is assured of authenticity
- Promotes the economic prosperity of producers of GI tag goods by enhancing their demand in national and international markets

Along with the benefits, there are certain issues associated with GI tags as well. Off late, there has been a rise in disputes over the question of the place of origin of the product under consideration. This gets aggravated due to a lack of clear historical evidence.

For example, the disputes surrounding the origin of Roshogulla, a popular dessert, from eastern India. Both West Bengal and Odisha claim that the dessert originated in their own states. By 'winning' a GI tag, each state is looking to promote its own cultural and regional jingoism over the other.

As a point of discussion, this sort of unhealthy competition tends to polarise the country on regional, cultural and linguistic lines. Most states in their rush to corner as many GI tags as possible have forgotten to pay attention to enhance the value of products already having a GI tag.

As a result, neither the local community nor the customer is benefitting economically. This trend undercuts the very idea of GI protection to native endemic products.

## Significance of GI Tags

A geographical indication right facilitates those who have the right to use the indication to prohibit its usage by a third party whose product does not conform to the applicable standards.

For example, in the purview in which the Darjeeling geographical indication is protected, producers of Darjeeling tea can omit the term "Darjeeling" for tea not grown in their tea gardens or not produced according to the norms set out in the code of practice for the geographical indication.

However, a protected GI does not permit the holder to forbid someone from making a product using the same approaches as those set out in the standards for that indication. Protection for a GI tag is usually procured by acquiring a right over the sign that constitutes the indication.

### Role of GI in Rural Development

Geographical indications are mostly traditional products, produced by rural communities over generations that have gained prominence on the markets for their precise qualities.

The recognition and protection of the markets of these products allow the producers' community to devote and maintaining the precise qualities of the product on which the reputation is built. This might also allow them to invest together in promoting the reputation of the product.



Some of the observed rural development impacts of GI are:

- The supply chain is structured around a common product reputation
- Increased and stabilised prices for the GI product
- Distributed through all the levels of the supply chain adds value
- Natural resources can be preserved on which the product is based
- Preservation of traditions and traditional expertise
- Tourism can be boosted

## Geographical Indications Protection

Geographical indications are protected and preserved in various countries and regional systems through a wide array of approaches and often using a consolidation of two or more approaches.

There are three major ways to protect a geographical indication:

1. So-called sui generis systems (i.e. special regimes of protection)
2. Using collective or certification marks
3. Techniques concentrating on business practices, including administrative product approval schemes

These approaches have been developed in consonance with different legal practices and within a framework of individual historical and economic conditions.

The approaches to protect GI comprise differences with respect to critical questions like conditions for protection or the scope of protection. On the other hand, the two modes of protection mentioned above namely sui generis systems and collective or certification mark systems, share some common characteristics, such as the fact that they set up rights for collective use by those who comply with defined standards.

## Way Forward for GI

- The tag for geographical indications needs to be allotted only after a thorough historical and empirical inquiry.
- For products whose origin can't be effectively traced, either both the states should be given ownership or none of the regions is provided with the GI tag.
- The focus of the states and the community needs to shift from mere certification for the sake of region and instead divert all resources towards active promotion of the product and its respective industry.

## Summary of Geographical Indications in India

- Geographical Indications of Goods are defined as that aspect of industrial property, which refers to the geographical indication referring to a country or to a place situated therein as being the country or place of origin of that product.

- Under Articles 1 (2) and 10 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, geographical indications are covered as an element of IPRs.
- Typically, the GI tag conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness which is essentially attributable to the fact of its origin in that defined geographical locality, region or country.
- They are also covered under Articles 22 to 24 of the TRIPS -Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement, which was part of the Agreements concluding the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations.
- Promoters of Geographical indications regard them as strong tools for protecting their national property rights. Opponents, however, consider GI as a barrier to trade.

