

GI Tag

[UPSC Notes]

What is GI Tag?

A geographical indication (GI) tag is a sign used on products that originate/come from a specific geographical location. These products possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. The products can be both natural and man-made.

- Using GI tags can be regarded as a method of provisioning certification for a particular product that has been produced following the traditional methods, displays unique qualities, and/or has gained a distinct reputation owing to its place of geographical origin.
- Geographical indications are used for a variety of products like wine/spirit drinks, handicrafts, agricultural produce, industrial products, etc.
- For a product to function with a GI, a sign must be there on it to ensure its identification. No one other than the registered and authorised users is to use the product's name.

Recent GI Tag in India

Recently, a lot of products from different states and UTs have been given GI tags. Gucci Mushroom is one such example where J&K has sought GI tag for it. They are locally called Thuntoo and are considered to be one of the most expensive varieties.

Recent GI Tags 2022	Categories	States
Manipuri Black Rice	Food Stuff	Manipur
Dindigul Locks	Manufactured	Tamil Nadu
Kodaikanal Malai Poondu	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
Gulbarga Tur Dal	Agricultural	Karnataka
Hmaram	Handicraft	Mizoram
Tawlhlohpuan	Handicraft	Mizoram
Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettila)	Agricultural	Kerala
Palani Panchamirtham	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
Idu Mishmi Textiles	Handicraft	Arunachal Pradesh

Kandangi Saree	Handicraft	Tamil Nadu
Ngotekherh	Handicraft	Mizoram
Kandhamal Haladi	Agricultural	Odisha
Khola Chilli	Agricultural	Goa
Kaji Nemu	Agricultural	Assam
Srivilliputtur Palkova	Food Stuff	Tamil Nadu
Mizo Puanchei	Handicraft	Mizoram
Rasagola	Food Stuff	Odisha
Kashmir Saffron	Agriculture	Jammu & Kashmir
Pawndum	Handicraft	Mizoram

State-Wise List of GI Tag in India

Knowing the relevance of this topic in your UPSC preparation, we have also provided you with a state-wise GI tag list allotted to the many unique products manufactured in different parts of the country.

State	GI Tag in India
GI Tag in Andhra Pradesh	Kondapalli Bommallu Venkatagiri Sarees Allagadda Stone Carving Udayagiri Wooden Cutlery Machilipatnam Kalamkari Bandar Laddu Srikalahasthi Kalamkari Budithi Bell & Brass Metal Craft Andhra Pradesh Leather Puppetry Mangalagiri Sarees and Fabrics Tirupati Laddu Etikoppaka Toys Uppada Jamdani Sarees Araku Valley Arabica Coffee Dharmavaram Handloom Pattu Sarees And Paavadas Bobbili Veena Durgi Stone Carvings Guntur Sannam Chilli
Arunachal Pradesh	Idu Mishmi Textiles and Arunachal Orange

GI Tags in Assam	Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger Muga Silk of Assam Tezpur Litchi Muga Silk of Assam (Logo) Boka Chaul Kaji Nemu Joha Rice of Assam
GI Tags in Bihar	Sikki Grass Products of Bihar (Logo) Bhagalpuri Zardalu Sikki Grass Products of Bihar Sujini Embroidery Work of Bihar Applique (Khatwa) Work of Bihar Madhubani Paintings Silao Khaja Maghai Paan Bhagalpur Silk Applique (Khatwa) Work of Bihar (Logo) Shahi Litchi of Bihar Katarni Rice Sujini Embroidery Work of Bihar(Logo)
GI Tag in Chhattisgarh	Bastar Wooden Craft Bastar Dhokra Bastar Iron Craft
GI Tags in Indian 2022 in Goa	Khola Chilli Feni
Gujarat GI Tag List	Patan Patola Jamnagari Bandhani Agates of Cambay (Logo) Kutch Embroidery Kachchh Shawls Rajkot Patola Tangaliya Shawl Agates of Cambay Sankheda Furniture (Logo) Gir Kesar Mango Bhalia Wheat Kutch Embroidery (Logo) Surat Zari Craft Sankheda Furniture Pethapur Printing Blocks
List of GI tags in Himachal Pradesh	Kullu Shawl (Logo) Kangra Tea Chamba Rumal Kinnauri Shawl Kangra Paintings

	<p>Himachali Chulli Oil Himachali Kala Zeera Kullu Shawl</p>
GI tags of Jammu & Kashmir	<p>Kashmiri Hand Knotted Carpet Kani Shawl Saffron (Mongra, Lachha, Guchhi) Kashmir Walnut Wood Carving Kashmir Pashmina Khatamband Kashmir Paper Mache</p>
Jharkhand	<p>Sohrai – Khovar Painting</p>
GI Tag of Karnataka	<p>Kamalapur Red Banana Appemidi Mango Mysore Traditional Paintings Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee Bangalore Blue Grapes Kinhil Toys Mysore Betel leaf Mysore Sandalwood Oil Udupi Sarees Udupi Mallige Devanahalli Pomelo Karnataka Bronzeware Sandur Lambani Embroidery Ganjifa Cards of Mysore Ilkal Sarees Coorg Green Cardamom Mysore Silk Navalgund Durries Kasuti Embroidery Gulbarga Tur Dal Bidriware Mysore Sandal soap Mysore Silk (Logo) Channapatna Toys & Dolls Coorg Orange Mysore Rosewood Inlay Sirsi Supari Coorg Arabica Coffee Hadagali Mallige Bababudangiri Arabica Coffee Mysore Agarbathi Mysore Mallige Dharwad Pedha Nanjangud Banana</p>
List of GI Tags in Kerala	<p>Wayanad Jeerakasala Rice A</p>

	<p>Chengalikodan Nendran Banana Screw Pine Craft of Kerala Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettila) Maddalam of Palakkad (Logo) Cannanore Home Furnishings Kuthampully Sarees Alleppey Green Cardamom Alleppey Coir Pokkali Rice Palakkadan Matta Rice Brass Broidered Coconut Shell Crafts of Kerala Maddalam of Palakkad Navara Rice Brass Broidered Coconut Shell Craft of Kerala (Logo) Kasaragod Sarees Kaipad Rice Vazhakulam Pineapple Wayanad Gandhakasala Rice Chendamangalam Dhoties & Set Mundu Kuthampully Dhoties & Set Mundu Wayanad Robusta Coffee Balaramapuram Sarees and Fine Cotton Fabrics Central Travancore Jaggery Payyannur Pavithra Ring Screw Pine Craft of Kerala (Logo) Nilambur Teak Marayoor Jaggery (Marayoor Sharkara)</p>
<p>GI Tags in Madhya Pradesh</p>	<p>Bagh Prints of Madhya Pradesh Jhabua Kadaknath Black Chicken Meat Leather Toys of Indore Maheshwar Sarees & Fabrics Ratlami Sev Bell Metal Ware of Datia and Tikamgarh Bagh Prints of Madhya Pradesh (Logo) Leather Toys of Indore (Logo) Bell Metal Ware of Datia and Tikamgarh (Logo) Chanderi Sarees</p>
<p>GI Tag of Maharashtra</p>	<p>Paithani Sarees and Fabrics Sangli Turmeric Nashik Valley Wine Solapur Terry Towel Beed Custard Apple Bhiwapur Chil Vengurla Cashew Nashik Grapes Mahabaleshwar Strawberry</p>

	<p>Lasalgaon Onion Solapur Pomegranate Kolhapur Jaggery Waigaon Turmeric Marathwada Kesar Mango Navapur Tur Dal Waghya Ghevada Purandar Fig Alphonso Jalna Sweet Orange Sangli Raisins Ajara Ghansal Rice Jalgaon Bharit Brinjal Sindhudurg & Ratnagiri Kokum Jalgaon Banana Mangalwedha Jowar Solapur Chaddar Puneri Pagadi Karvath Kati Sarees & Fabrics Dahanu Gholvad Chikoo Ambemohar Rice</p>
Manipur	<p>Moirang Phee Kachai Lemon Wangkhei Phee Chak-Hao Shaphee Lanphee</p>
GI Tag Meghalaya	<p>Khasi Mandarin and Memong Narang</p>
Mizoram	<p>Mizo Chilli Tawlhlohpuan Hmaram Mizo Puanchei Ngotekherh Pawndum</p>
GI Tags of Nagaland	<p>Naga Mircha, Naga Tree Tomato and Chakhesang Shawl</p>
Orissa	<p>Orissa Pattachitra (Logo) Konark Stone carving Habaspuri Saree & Fabrics Orissa Pattachitra Kotpad Handloom fabric Berhampur Patta (Phoda Kumbha) Saree & Joda Ganjam Kewda Rooh Khandua Saree and Fabrics</p>

	<p>Ganjam Kewda Flower Pipli Applique Work Gopalpur Tussar Fabrics Orissa Ikat Odisha Rasagola Sambalpuri Bandha Saree & Fabrics Bomkai Saree & Fabrics Kandhamal Haladi Dhalapathar Parada & Fabrics</p>
GI Tags of Rajasthan	<p>Bikaneri Bhujia Molela Clay Work Molela Clay Work of Rajasthan (Logo) Makrana Marble Blue Pottery of Jaipur (Logo) Bagru Hand Block Print Kathputlis of Rajasthan (Logo) Blue Pottery of Jaipur Kathputlis of Rajasthan Kota Doria (Logo) Pokaran Pottery Thewa Art Work Kota Doria</p>
GI tag in Tamil Nadu	<p>Dindigul Locks Thanjavur Doll Pattamadai Pai ("Pattamadai Mat") Erode Manjal (Erode Turmeric) Palani Panchamirtham Kodaikanal Malai Poonda Nachiarkoil Kuthuvilakku ("Nachiarkoil Lamp") Thanjavur Paintings Thanjavur Art Plate Mahabalipuram Stone Sculpture Virupakshi Hill Banana Arani Silk Madurai Sungudi Sirumalai Hill Banana Kancheepuram Silk Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai East India Leather Chettinad Kottan Thanjavur Art Plate (Logo) Swamimalai Bronze Icons Thanjavur Pith Works Temple Jewellery of Nagercoil (Logo) Toda Embroidery Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees Salem Silk known as Salem Venpattu</p>

	<p>Coimbatore Wet Grinder Temple Jewellery of Nagercoil Eathamozhi Tall Coconut Arumbavur Wood Carvings Kovai Kora Cotton Sarees Swamimalai Bronze Icons (Logo) Srivilliputtur Palkova Nilgiri (Orthodox) Madurai Malli Salem Fabric Kandang Saree Thanjavur Veenai</p>
GI Tag of Tripura	Tripura Queen Pineapple
Telangana	<p>Nirmal Furniture Silver Filigree of Karimnagar Pochampally Ikat Adilabad Dokra Warangal Durries Hyderabad Haleem Siddipet Gollabhama Narayanpet Handloom Sarees Nirmal Toys and Craft Cherial Paintings Telia Rumal Pochampally Ikat (Logo) Nirmal Paintings Gadwal Sarees</p>
Uttar Pradesh	<p>Lucknow Chikan Craft Banaras Brocades and Sarees (Logo) Kannauj Perfume Firozabad Glass Banaras Brocades and Sarees Nizamabad Black Pottery Allahabad Surkha Guava Meerut Scissors Saharanpur Wood Craft Ghazipur Wall Hanging Varanasi Soft Stone Jali Work Khurja Pottery Chunar Balua Patthar Farrukhabad Prints Malihabadi Dusseheri mango Kanpur Saddlery Moradabad Metal Craft Agra Durrie Lucknow Zardozi</p>

	Mirzapur Handmade Dari Gorakhpur Terracotta Varanasi Wooden Lacquerware & Toys Banaras Gulabi Meenakari Craft Hand Made Carpet of Bhadohi Kalanamak Rice Varanasi Glass beads Banaras Métal Repoussé Craft
GI Tags of West Bengal	Malda Laxman Bhog Mango Nakshi Kantha Darjeeling Tea (word & logo) Madur Kathi Santipur Saree Joynagar Moa Gobindobhog Rice Baluchari Saree Purulia Chhau Mask Khirsapati (Himsagar) mangoes Bankura Panchmura Terracotta Craft Wooden Mask of Kushmandi Banglar Rasogolla Dhaniakhali Saree Malda Fazli Mango Bardhaman Mihidana Bardhaman Sitabhog Tulaipanji Rice Santiniketan Leather Goods Bengal Patachitra

Regulation GI Tags

Geographical Indication tags are a part of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) as guided by the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. Owing to the origin of GIs, they are regulated on different levels;

- On an international level, GI tags are overseen by the World Trade Organisation's agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).
- On a domestic level, GI tags and their registrations are administered under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which came into effect on the 15th of September 2003.
- It was the product from West Bengal, Darjeeling Tea, that was accorded with the first GI tag in India in the year 2004-05.

Significance of GI Tags

GI tags, simply put, identifies those who have the right to use the said product's marketability. It prohibits its usage by a third party whose products do not meet the standards of the product.

For instance, producers of Kashmiri Saffron are to omit the term 'Kashmiri' if they fail to follow the set standards for the saffron grown on their plantation. However, a protected GI does not give the holder exclusive rights to the product's manufacturing and its process. People are free to follow the same approaches as set out by the code of standards. A GI tag gives rights over the sign that constitutes the indication.

The significance of GI tags is great within the contexts of rural and national development. GI tags are usually for locally produced traditional products, manufactured by local communities for generations that, over time, grew in eminence and reputation owing to their precise qualities.

GI tags provide the much-needed recognition and protection to these products and the communities attached to them so that they continue to devote the time and energy towards the preservation of their quality and name.

Some of the observed rural development impacts of GI are:

- The supply chain is structured around a common product reputation
- Increased and stabilized 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

Benefits of GI Tags

GI tags have great significance, as discussed above. However, they are also capable of extending greater benefits to its authorised users, like;

- they extend legal protection to the products
- They prevent unauthorised use of GI tag products
- They help consumers to get quality products of desired traits
- They assure customers of a product's authenticity
- They promote the economic prosperity of producers of GI tag goods by enhancing their demand on a national and an international front.

Protection of GI Tags

A wide roster of approaches ensures the protection and preservation of GI tags in different national and regional systems. These approaches can be consolidated with one another to do their job. Three major ways to protect a geographical indication are;

- Special regimes of protection (sui generis systems)
- Collective/certification marks
- Techniques like the administrative product and approval schemes for concentrating on business practices.

Over time, these approaches have developed in accordance with varying legal practices and with the different historical and economic circumstances in mind.

