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Dindigul Lock and Kandangi Saree

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The **Geographical Indications Registry** has granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** to **two products from Tamil Nadu: Dindigul lock and Kandangi saree.**

- The **Dindigul locks** are known throughout the world for their **superior quality and durability**, so much so that even the city (Dindigul) is called Lock City.
Government institutions such as prisons, godowns, hospitals, and even temples use these locks instead of other machine-made ones.
- The **Kandangi sarees** are manufactured in the entire Karaikudi taluk in Sivaganga district.
Worn in summer, these are characterised by **large contrast borders**. Some are known to have borders covering as far as two-thirds of the saree which is usually around 5.10 m-5.60 m in length.
- A **GI Tag** indicates that the **product originates from a definite territory in India** and has **unique characteristics** or qualities.

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