



Uttar Pradesh's 7 Products Receive GI Tags

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh, known for its [rich cultural heritage](#) and traditional crafts, has recently seen **seven of its distinctive products being granted [Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#) tags by the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.**

Which Seven Products from Uttar Pradesh have Received the GI Tag?

- **Amroha Dholak: A Musical Marvel**
 - The Amroha Dholak is a **musical instrument crafted from natural wood.**
 - Preferred wood choices include **mango, jackfruit, and teakwood.**
 - **Animal skin, usually goatskin,** is meticulously fitted to create the drum's surface.
- **Baghpat Home Furnishings:**
 - **Baghpat and Meerut** are renowned for their **exclusive handloom home furnishing products.**
 - The **weaving process involves cotton yarn** and is predominantly done on frame looms.
- **Barabanki Handloom Product:**
 - Barabanki and its surrounding areas are home to **around 50,000 weavers and 20,000 looms.**
 - The annual turnover of the Barabanki cluster is estimated to be ₹150 crore.
- **Kalpi Handmade Paper:**
 - **Kalpi is recognized for handmade paper manufacturing.**
 - **Munnalal 'Khaddari,'** a Gandhian, introduced the craft in the 1940s, although its roots in Kalpi's history may extend further.
- **Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip:**
 - Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip represents the unique stone craft of Mahoba.
 - The **stone used, scientifically known as the 'Pyro Flight Stone,'** is a soft and radiant white-coloured stone predominantly found in the region.

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▪ **Mainpuri Tarkashi:**

- Mainpuri Tarkashi is a popular art form characterised by **brass wire inlay work on wood**.
- Traditionally used for **khadaous (wooden sandals)**, Mainpuri Tarkashi has been a household necessity.
 - Leather alternatives were sought due to cultural considerations regarding cleanliness.



▪ **Sambhal Horn Craft:**

- Sambhal Horn Craft utilises **raw materials procured from deceased animals and** this craft form is entirely handmade.



What is a GI Tag?

▪ About:

- A **geographical indication (GI) tag is a name or sign used on certain products** that correspond to a specific geographical location or origin.
 - For example, **Darjeeling Tea, Kanchipuram Silk, etc.**
- The GI tag ensures that **only the authorised users or those residing in the geographical territory are allowed to use the popular product name.**
 - It also **protects the product from being copied or imitated by others.**
- A registered GI is valid for **10 years.**

▪ Legal Framework and Obligations:

- The [Geographical Indications of Goods \(Registration and Protection\) Act, 1999](#) seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
- It is governed and directed by the [WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights \(TRIPS\)](#).
 - Furthermore, the significance of protecting industrial property and geographical indications as **integral components of intellectual property** is acknowledged and emphasised in **Articles 1(2) and 10 of the Paris Convention.**

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Q1. Which of the following has/have been accorded 'Geographical Indication' status? (2015)

1. Banaras Brocades and Sarees
2. Rajasthani Daal-Bati-Churma
3. Tirupathi Laddu

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)

Q2. India enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act,

1999 in order to comply with the obligations to (2018)

- (a)** ILO
- (b)** IMF
- (c)** UNCTAD
- (d)** WTO

Ans: (d)

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