



## GI Tag to Cuttack Rupa Tarakasi

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The renowned **Cuttack Rupa Tarakasi (Silver Filigree)** has been granted the [Geographical Indication \(GI\) tag](#), marking its distinct heritage and craftsmanship.

- Dating back to ancient **Mesopotamia**, where filigree adorned jewellery as early as 3500 BCE, its journey to Cuttack potentially via Persia and Indonesia speaks volumes about cultural exchange through maritime trade routes.
  - Filigree is ornamental work especially of fine wire of gold, silver, or copper applied chiefly to gold and silver surfaces.
- Alongside Cuttack Rupa Tarakasi, other crafts like **Banglar muslin (West Bengal)**, **Narasapur crochet lace (Andhra Pradesh)**, and **Kutch rogan craft (Gujarat)** have also earned GI status, emphasising the diversity and excellence of India's traditional crafts.
- A GI tag is a label used on products linked to a specific geographic area, ensuring only authorised users from that region can use the product's name.
  - It guards against imitation and lasts for **10 years** once registered.
  - The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) manages GI registration in India under the [Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999](#), in line with the [TRIPS agreement](#).



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