

MP Wins Silver Medal for 'One District-One Product' Scheme

Why in News?

The Central government awarded **Madhya Pradesh the Silver Medal in the 2024 ODOP Awards** under the States and Union Territories category for its unique products and effective implementation of the <u>'One District-One Product' (ODOP) initiative</u>.

• This achievement reflects the state's commitment to realising the vision of 'Local Hands to Global Platforms', aligning with the goals of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Key Points

About MP's ODOP Products

- Wide Product Coverage: The ODOP scheme in Madhya Pradesh includes products selected for their geographical, biological, natural, or production-specific uniqueness.
 - The scheme is being implemented in all districts, supporting a variety of products such as green vegetables, millets, handicrafts, handlooms, and local tools, with special focus on encouraging local artisans.
 - Madhya Pradesh is expanding its ODOP products globally. The state has developed
 a grassroots exporter base, and several local products are now reaching international
 markets. Key examples include:
 - Bananas from Burhanpur
 - Basmati rice from Raisen
 - Chinor rice from Balaghat
 - The ODOP initiative has evolved into a people-driven movement involving Artisans, <u>SHGs</u>,
 FPOs, <u>startups</u>, and local entrepreneurs.
- Geographical Indication (GI) tag Recognition: Nineteen products from MP have received GI tags, with seven of them included in the ODOP scheme. Major Products include:
 - · Chanderi Saree, Bagh Print, Maheshwari Saree
 - Kadaknath Chicken, Ratlami Sev, Morena Gajak
 - Gond Painting, Wrought Iron Craft, Bell Metal Ware, and more.

About One District One Product Scheme

- The ODOP initiative aims to **promote balanced regional development** by identifying and **nurturing unique products** from each district across India.
- The initiative seeks to select, brand, and promote at least one distinctive product from every district to drive inclusive socio-economic growth and create opportunities for local communities.
- So far, the ODOP initiative has **identified 1,102 products from 761 districts**, highlighting the rich diversity of crafts, produce, and industries across the country.
- The state government provides <u>financial assistance</u>, group marketing facilities, and other resources to the entrepreneurs to get these products recognized in the national and international markets.

Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

- A Geographical Indication (GI) tag is a name or mark used on special products that belong to a specific geographical location or origin.
- The GI tag ensures that only authorised users or people residing in the geographical region are allowed to use the name of a popular product.
- It also protects the product from being copied or imitated by others.
 - A registered GI tag is valid for 10 years.
- GI registration is overseen by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.
- Legal Framework:
 - It is regulated and guided by the WTO Agreement on <u>Trade-Related Aspects of</u> <u>Intellectual Property Rights</u> (TRIPS).

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