

GI Registrations in India

Recently, India made a record 33 new Geographical Indications (GI) in a single day on **31st March 2023**.

Currently, India has around 465 GI Tags with State of **Kerala** topping the GI tag list in FY 2022-23.



What is GI Tag?

Geographical Indication (GI) refers to – indications which identify a good as originating in the territory of a country, or a region or locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographical origin. **[Article 22.1 of the TRIPS Agreement]**



Benefits of GI tag

- It helps consumers to get **quality products** of desired traits.
- Promotes the **economic prosperity** of the producers of GI tagged goods.
- Legal protection** to the products.



Law governing GI in India

The sui-generis legislation governing GI in India is **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.**

The objective of the Act is –

- to specify law that could adequately protect the interest of producers of such goods
- to exclude unauthorized persons from misusing geographical indications and to protect consumers from deception
- to promote goods bearing Indian geographical indications in the export market



Some of the Famous GI tags in India

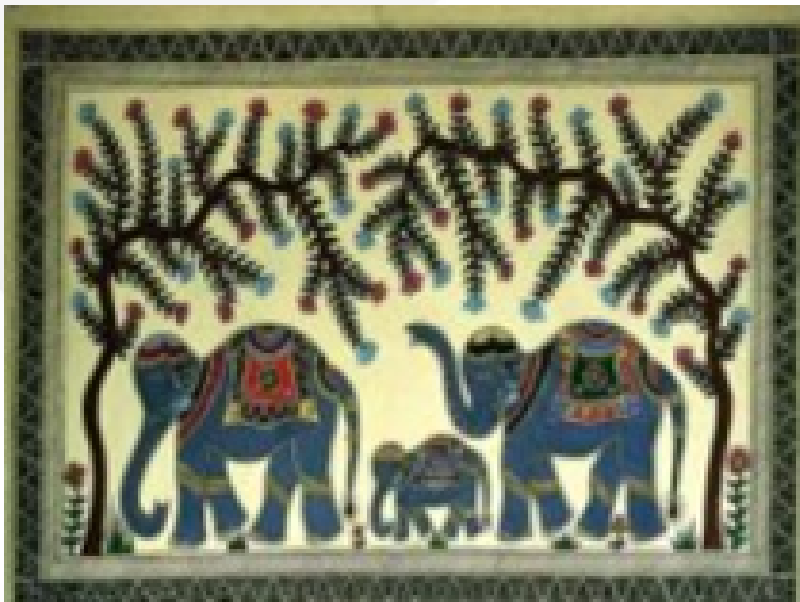


**Darjeeling Tea
(West Bengal)**



**Malihabadi Dussehri
(Uttar Pradesh)**





Madhubani Paintings (Bihar)



Kathputlis of Rajasthan (Rajasthan)



Kashmiri Pashmina (Jammu & Kashmir)

