

GI Registration by NABARD

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Why in News?

Recently, NABARD has facilitated geographical indication registration of 28 new products such as traditional handicrafts, handloom textiles and bamboo crafts across the country.

- **NABARD** - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, established in 1982 and headquartered in Mumbai.
- India's apex development finance institution, fully owned by the Government of India, responsible for regulating, financing, and promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development
- **GI Registration** - A powerful instrument to protect traditional knowledge, promote local entrepreneurship and creates value for rural producers.

NABARD's contribution

- NABARD has supported 176 products in securing GI registration.
- Strengthens GI value chains through producer collectivisation, skill development, enterprise promotion, branding and market linkages and export facilitation.

NABARD's Initiatives

- **GI Facilitation Centres** - NABARD has supported end-to-end support for GI registration and post-registration activities.
 - Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) - Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
 - Bihar Agricultural University - Bihar.
 - Madurai Agri Business Incubation Forum (MABIF) - Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Support for artisans and producers** - Helps artisans and producer

groups protect, promote, and commercialise their unique products.

- **GI store initiative** - NABARD set up a ***GI store at Aihole, Karnataka***, a dedicated platform to showcase and market GI-certified products.

Significant GI inclusions

Product	Category	State
Nalanda Bawanbuti saree and fabrics	Handloom / Textile	Bihar
Gaya Pattharkatti stone craft	Handicraft	Bihar
Kuchai silk sarees and fabrics	Textile	Jharkhand
Ba Shilp (Bamboo Craft)	Handicraft	Assam
Bihu Pepa (Traditional Hornpipe Instrument)	Musical Instrument	Assam
Himachal wood carving craft	Handicraft	Himachal Pradesh
Khajuraho metal craft	Handicraft	Madhya Pradesh

Reference

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