

New GI tag products of Tamil Nadu

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Why in News?

Five products from Tamil Nadu have secured the Geographical Indications (GI) tag, spotlighting the State's diverse craftsmanship and agricultural heritage.

- **Total Products** - With this 5 products, Tamil Nadu now has **74 products** with GI tags.

As of now, Uttar Pradesh (77) has the highest number of GI tags products followed by Tamil Nadu (74), and Karnataka (around 45).

New 5 products

1. **Woraiyur cotton sari**

- **Category** - Handloom textile (Handicraft).
- It is known for lightness, durability, and intricate borders.
- **Place of weaving** - Manamedu village, on the banks of the Cauvery in Tiruchi district.
- **Raw material sourcing** - Cotton yarn comes from Coimbatore and Rajapalayam, and Dyes are procured from Jayamkondam, linking another local economy into the process.



2. **Kavindapadi nattu sakkarai**

- **Category** - Agricultural product.

- It is a country sugar made from locally cultivated cane; valued for purity and traditional processing.
- **Location** - Kavindapadi village in Erode district.
- **Distinctiveness** - Known for its granular texture, natural sweetness, and long shelf life and free from chemical additives.

3. **Thooyamalli rice**

- **Category** - Agricultural product.
- It is a traditional rice (non-hybrid variety) prized for nutritional and cultural value.
- High fiber content aids digestion, Source of protein, fiber, iron, zinc, and minerals.
- **Name & Meaning** - Thooyamalli translates to “pure jasmine”, reflecting its pearly shine and subtle fragrance.

4. **Namakkal ‘kalchatti’**

- **Category** - Handicraft.
- It is a ***soapstone utensils*** from Namakkal; eco-friendly, and part of local artisanal tradition prized for heat retention and slow cooking.



5. **Ambasamudram ‘choppu saman’(wooden toys)**

- **Category** - Handicraft.
- **Location** - Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.
- **Historical Roots** - Practiced for over two centuries, tracing back to the 18th century.
- **Craft Tradition** - Miniature wooden toys replicate everyday household objects — kitchen utensils, tables, chairs — sparking children’s imagination and role-play learning.
- **Materials Used** - Traditionally carved from indigenous trees such as:
 - Manjal Kadamba (Neolamarckia cadamba)
 - Teak
 - Rosewood

- **Distinctiveness** - Eco-friendly, hand-painted, durable, and deeply tied to Tamil Nadu's cultural heritage of toy-making.



Reference

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