

Geographical Indications & ccTLD

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Importance of Geographical Indications to India

Why is GI important today

- Innovation improving at all level specially in multilingual & multicultural society
- Growing Digitalisation & online commerce
- Protects community rights which may often include marginalised communities.
- Growing Domain disputes



Indian Geographical Indication (GI) Tags

- GI India Act, 1999
- India has 420 GI tags registered*.
- Darjeeling Tea, word and logo are the 1st GI tags registered in 2004.
- With it's One District One Product (ODOP) programme, India is providing a platform to discover GIs.

*Link:
https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/Images/pdf/GI_Application_Register_List_14-07-2022.pdf

DARJEELING TEA LOGO:



Status

At present

- GI Act 1999
- GI in reserve list

Planned

- The GI list can be provisioned under the sunrise period for their delegation to authorised institutions only.
- Consideration for regulation of Domain Name space specific to GIs.
- IDN / Variant taken into consideration



Global Co-operation

- Sharing information amongst ccTLDs
- Establish Intuitional mechanism and cross check with national GI Registry
- Better dispute resolution or settlement mechanisms
- GIs are not recognised as IP titles by Domain Name Regulators or ccTLDS uniformly

