

Kangra Tea

Why in news ?

- **R**ecently the European Commission has given Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status to Kangra tea, a unique variety of tea grown in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, India.
- As per the notification issued on March 22, the PGI will be effective from April 11, 2023.

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- Kangra tea is a tea from the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, India.
- Both black tea and green tea have been produced in the Kangra Valley since the mid-19th century.
- Kangra tea was given the Geographical Indication status in 2005.

Major tea producing regions of India



- The northern part of India is the largest producer with about 83% of the country's annual tea production in 2021-22, with Assam accounting for most of the production, followed by West Bengal.
- The southern part of India produces about 17% of the country's total production, with the major producing states being Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

Tea Board of India



- It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce that was established in 1953 for the development of the tea industry in India.
- It started functioning in 1954.
- The headquarters of the Tea Board in India is located in Kolkata and there are 17 other offices across India.
- In addition, at present Tea Board has two overseas offices located in Dubai and Moscow.