

Jaderi namakatti

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About Jaderi namakatti:

- These are **clay sticks** that are **white in colour**, usually available in finger-like shape with a smooth texture.
- Jaderi is a small village in Tiruvannamalai district of **Tamil Nadu**.
- There are around 120 families in Cheyyar taluk whose primary occupation has been **the making of namakatti for more than hundreds of years now**.
- Namakatti is made up of the **rich deposit of hydrous silicate minerals** that form fine grain particles of clay.
- The clay is processed and shaped in a finger-like structure.
- The production of namakatti depends on the climatic condition as it needs a lot of sunlight to dry.
- It is used to adorn the foreheads of idols, men, and temple elephants as well as traditionally to treat stretch marks caused by childbirth.

Key facts about Geographical Indication

- It is a sign used on products that have **a specific geographical origin and possess qualities** or a reputation that are due to that origin.
 - This is typically used for **agricultural products, foodstuffs, wine and spirit drinks**, handicrafts and industrial products.
 - The Geographical **Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
 - This GI tag is valid **for 10 years** following which it can be renewed.
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Q1) What are Silicate minerals?

Silicate minerals are a class of minerals that make up the vast majority of the Earth's crust. They are characterized by their basic building block, the silicon-oxygen tetrahedron (SiO_4), which consists of a silicon atom bonded to four oxygen atoms. These tetrahedra can link together in various ways to form a wide range of silicate mineral structures.

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