

# New items from India received GI tags

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**In news**— 9 new items from various states of India have been given the coveted GI Tags. With this the total number of GI Tags of India comes to 432.

## **The new items with GI tag-**

- Some of the items include Gamosa of Assam, Tandur Redgram of Telangana, Raktsey Karpo Apricot of Ladakh, Alibag White Onion of Maharashtra etc.
- The top 5 states holding maximum number of GIs are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.

## **The 'Gamosa' from Assam-**

- This **traditionally woven handloom product is known for its distinctive red border and floral motifs**. The gamosa is a symbol of Assamese culture.
- It is **mostly woven out of white threads with colourful and intricate inlays in red**. There are different varieties woven for religious and auspicious occasions.
- Gamocha is **also known as Bihuwaan, as it is an essential part of the Bihu festival of Assam**.

## **Tandur Red Gram of Telangana-**

- It is a **local variety of pigeon pea** which is **mainly grown in the rainfed areas of the Tandur and nearby places** in the state.
- As per the researchers, the **fertile deep black soil with clay minerals specifically in Tandur Region along with huge limestone deposits can be attributed to the specific quality traits** of Tandur Redgram.
- It **contains about 24 percent protein**, which is **almost**

**three times that of cereals**, and is popularly known for its very good taste, and better cooking quality.

- The GI tag will help in increasing demand for the processed red gram dal that is Toor Dal in international markets.

### **Raktsey Karpo- the organic sweetness from Ladakh-**

- Raktsey Karpo, **from the family of apricot, packed with vitamins and low on calories** is **rich in sorbitol – a natural glucose substitute** that **can be consumed by diabetics**.
- The **oil from its seed** is known to **relieve back aches and joint pain**.
- These apricots are grown organically as individual on trees or in clusters without using any chemical fertilisers.

### **Alibag White Onion of Maharashtra-**

- It is known for its **unique sweet taste, no-tear factor**, and medicinal properties.
- The soil of Alibaug taluka **has low sulphur content** & its geo-climatic conditions make it unique compared to other white onion-producing areas.
- **White onions are an excellent source of antioxidants** that contain more than 25 different types of flavonoids which lowers the risk of developing chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

### **What is a GI Tag?**

- A geographical indication or GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- GI part of the intellectual property rights that comes under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

- In India, Geographical Indications registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.
- The registration of a geographical indication shall be for a period of ten years, but may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- The first product to get a GI tag in India was the Darjeeling tea in 2004.
- Geographical indications are typically used for agricultural products, foodstuffs, wine and spirit drinks, handicrafts, and industrial products