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Comprehensive and updated list of

Geographical Indications (GI) Tags from Assam, 2025

What is a geographical indication?

- A geographical indication (GI) is a label used on products that **originate from a specific geographic region** and have certain qualities or reputation due to that region. To qualify as a GI, a label must identify a product that comes from a particular place.
- Geographical indications are considered a **part of intellectual property rights** under **Articles 1(2) and 10 of the Paris Convention** for the Protection of Industrial Property. They are covered by **Articles 22 to 24 of the TRIPS Agreement**, which was included in the **GATT negotiations** that concluded the **Uruguay Round**.
- As a member of the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, India enacted the Geographical Indications of **Goods (Registration & Protection) Act in 1999**, which became effective on September 15, 2003, to register and protect GIs.
- India's **first GI Tag** was given to **Darjeeling Tea**.

✓ Handicrafts & Traditional Artifacts

GI Product	Description
Assam Jaapi	Traditional conical bamboo hat, symbol of Assamese identity.
Assam Asharikandi Terracotta Craft	Famous from Dhubri; used for toys and figurines.
Assam Mishing Handloom Products	Handwoven products by the Mishing tribe, especially "galuk."
Assam Bihu Dhol	Traditional drum used in Bihu celebrations.
Assam Pani Meteka Craft	Crafts made from water hyacinth (Pani Meteka), e.g., bags, mats.
Sarthebari Metal Craft	Bell-metal utensils made in Sarthebari, Barpeta.
Majuli Mask of Assam	Made of clay, bamboo & cloth, used in Bhaona performances.
Majuli Manuscript Painting	Traditional art form from Satras of Majuli with religious themes.

Textiles & Garments

GI Product	Description
Bodo Dokhona	Traditional wrap-around skirt worn by Bodo women.
Bodo Eri Silk	Indigenous silk, also called "Endi," eco-friendly.
Bodo Jwmgra	Shoulder cloth used by Bodo women.
Bodo Gamsa	Male garment, similar to gamocha.
Bodo Keradapini, Thorkha, Gongar Dunjia, Kham, Serja, Sifung	Traditional Bodo garments & instruments, received GI tag as cultural crafts.
Bodo Khardwi, Gongona, Jotha	Ethnic jewellery, crafts, and traditional items of the Bodo tribe.
Gamosa of Assam	Iconic Assamese cloth, used in rituals and honors.
Muga Silk of Assam	Exclusive golden-hued silk produced only in Assam.
Muga Silk of Assam (Logo)	Trademark/logo of Muga recognized with GI protection.

Agriculture, Food & Beverages

GI Product	Description
Assam Orthodox Tea	Premium quality black tea with strong aroma.
Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger	Organic ginger with high oleoresin content.
Tezpur Litchi	Known for high sugar content and unique taste.
Joha Rice of Assam	Aromatic rice variety, popular in lower Assam.
Boka Chaul	Soft rice variety consumed without boiling.
Kaji Nemu	Elongated, juicy lemon (state fruit of Assam).
Chokuwa Rice of Assam	Sticky rice, soaked and consumed raw.
Judima	Traditional rice wine of the Dimasa community (also GI of Dima Hasao).

Others Linked to Assam but Shared

GI Product	Description
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Arunachal Pradesh Singpho Phalap (Singpho Tea)	Fermented tea of Singpho tribe, also prevalent in eastern Assam.
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★ Recently Awarded in 2024–2025 (Additions)

GI Product	Year	Highlights
Axomiya Gohona (Assamese Traditional Jewellery)	2025	Gold jewellery with enamel work; motifs like Japi, Lokaparo.
Bodo Napham, Bodo Narzi, Bodo Gwkha, Bodo Jou Gwan, Maibra Jou Bidwi	2024	Ethnic fermented foods & beverages from Bodo culture.

✦ APSC CCE Prelims Revision Points

- Assam has **over 35 GI tags** now (as of April 2025).
- Bodo community** contributed **10+ items** in 2024.
- Kaji Nemu** declared **State Fruit** and holds GI tag.
- Muga Silk, Gamosa, Joha Rice, Judima, and Orthodox Tea** are perennial favorites in exams.
- Majuli's dual entries:** mask-making & manuscript painting.

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