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# Government grants GI Tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana

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Geographical Indication (GI) tag to **Mithila Makhana**.

Mithila Makhana, simply known as 'makhan', is a variety of aquatic fox nut

It is cultivated in the Mithila region of Bihar and some parts of Nepal

A geographical indication (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.**

Once a product gets this tag, any person or company cannot sell a similar item under that name. This tag is valid for a **period of 10 years following which it can be renewed.**

The GI tag is awarded by the **Geographical Indications Registry** which is under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.

The **other benefits** of GI registration include legal protection to that item, prevention against unauthorised use by others, and promoting exports.

There are 13 other products in Bihar has GI tag includes **Magahi Paan, Mithila painting, Jardal varieties of mangoes from Bhagalpur, shahi litchi of Muzaffarpur and Silao Khaja of Nalanda, etc.**

**Karnataka** has the highest number of GI tags i.e. 47 products **followed by Tamil Nadu (39).**

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