



## Ker Sangri Received GI Tag

### Why in News?

**Ker Sangri, Rajasthan's famous dish**, has received a [Geographical Indication \(GI\) tag](#), officially recognising it as a unique regional product prepared using traditional methods.



### Key Points

- **Ker Sangri:**
  - **About:**

- Ker Sangri is a **traditional Rajasthani dish** made using two indigenous desert plants:
  - **Ker** – a small, wild berry.
  - **Sangri** – a bean that grows on the Khejri tree, native to arid regions.
- These ingredients grow naturally in the dry, sandy terrain of the [Thar Desert](#).
- Historically, Ker Sangri emerged as a survival food during droughts, when fresh vegetables were unavailable.
  - Over time, it evolved into a beloved delicacy and **cultural symbol of Rajasthan**.
- The Khejri tree, which yields **the Sangri bean**, holds deep **cultural and ecological significance**.
- It is **considered sacred by the Bishnoi community**, which has preserved the tree for centuries as a symbol of life and sustainability.
- **Importance of GI Tag for Ker Sangri:**
  - Prevents counterfeit or inferior versions from diluting its authenticity.
  - Supports local farmers and artisans by ensuring they receive fair recognition and compensation.
- **Other GI-Tagged Products of Rajasthan:**
  - Rajasthan boasts several GI-tagged products, showcasing its rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship. These include:
    - Sojat Mehndi, Bikaneri Bhujia, [Kota Doria](#), [Blue Pottery of Jaipur](#), [Molela Clay Work](#), [Kathputlis of Rajasthan](#), [Sanganeri Hand Block Printing](#), [Bagru Hand Block Print](#), Thewa Art Work, Pokaran Pottery, Nathdwara Pichhwai Painting, [Udaipur Koftgari Metal Craft](#), [Bikaner Kashidakari Craft](#), Jodhpur Bandhej Craft, Bikaner Usta Kala Craft, [Makrana Marble](#).

## Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

- **About:**
  - A GI tag is a **name or sign used on certain products** that correspond to a specific geographical location or origin.
    - The GI tag ensures that only authorised users or those residing in the geographical territory are **allowed to use the popular product name**.
      - It also protects the product from being copied or imitated by others.
  - A registered GI is **valid for 10 years and can be renewed**.
  - GI registration is **overseen by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Legal Framework:**
  - [Geographical Indications of Goods \(Registration and Protection\) Act, 1999](#)
  - [WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights \(TRIPS\)](#).