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# Ramban Sulai Honey

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The Prime Minister, during the 128th episode of his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' noted that Ramban Sulai honey from Jammam Kashmir, made from wild basil, gained wider recognition after receiving a GI tag.

## About Ramban Sulai Honey

Ramban Sulai Honey, produced in the Ramban District of Jammam Kashmir, is known for its rich taste, aromatic floral undertones, and high nutritional value

Extracted from Sulai plants growing in the Himalayas, it is prized for its medicinal properties and purity

The bees forage on the nectar of snow-white blossoms of Sulai during the months of August to October to produce this well-rounded, naturally sweet honey with floral undertones.

This crystal-clear honey, ranging from white to amber, contains essential minerals, enzymes, and vitamins that enhance its health benefits

Due to superior bee strains and favourable climatic conditions, the honey yield in Ramban is significantly higher than in other regions.

It earned a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2021.

The Government of India declared Ramban Sulai Honey as the district's One District, One Product"

## What is a Geographical Indication (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.

It highlights the unique qualities, reputation, or characteristics that are tied to that region.

GIs are recognized as an aspect of intellectual property rights (IPRs) under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.

The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, is the main law in India that oversees the registration and protection of geographical indications.

This act prohibits the use of GI-tagged products and their names without authorization.

GIs are protected for 10 years and can be renewed forever.

Examples of GI-tagged items in India include Darjeeling Tea, Mysore Silk, and Kashmiri Saffron

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