

Muga Silk

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Muga Silk Latest News

Recently, the Prime Minister of India gifted Muga silk stole and a Shirui Lily silk stole to the Italian Prime Minister.

About Muga silk

- It is **known as the “golden silk” of Assam.**
- It is a **rare and prestigious textile** from the **Brahmaputra Valley.**
 - It is obtained from **semi-domesticated multivoltine silkworm, *Antheraea assamensis***. These silkworms feed on the **aromatic leaves of Som and Soalu plants** and are reared on trees similar to that of tasar.
- It is valued for its **natural golden hue**, durability and eco-friendly production **without artificial dyes.**
- Muga culture is specific to the state of Assam and an integral part of the tradition and culture of that state.
- The muga silk, a high value product is used in **products like sarees, mekhalas, chaddars, etc.**
- It was received the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2007.**

Key Facts about Shirui Lily Silk

- It draws its inspiration from the misty heights of **Shirui Kashong peak in Manipur**.
- It is inspired by **the rare Shirui Lily**, (a delicate **bell-shaped flower** with pale pinkish-white petals that blooms nowhere else in the world).
- For the **Tangkhul Naga community** of Manipur, the Shirui Lily symbolises purity, identity, and cultural pride.
- The lily also **holds deep cultural resonance in Italy**, where it has long symbolised purity, grace and artistic refinement, frequently appearing in Renaissance art.

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