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Recently, the Khurasani Imli, fruit of Mandu's iconic Baobab tree, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

About Khurasani Imli

- **Khurasani Imli** or **Tamarind** is a fruit of **Mandu's (Madhya Pradesh) iconic Baobab tree**.
- It was brought to Mandav during the reign of Mahmud Khilji in the 14th century and its name was **changed from 'Baobab' to "Khurasani Imli**.
- It is known by one **more name Mandav Imli**.
- It has a light green fruit with **a tangy sweet-sour flavour**, grows across villages in the Mandu region.
- **Benefits**
 - Tribal communities have traditionally used not only the pulp but also the tree's juice and dried **bark for treating ailments such as diabetes**.
 - It is packed with **Vitamin C, antioxidants, and essential minerals**.

- Tribal healers have long used it to treat **digestive ailments, fever, and fatigue**, while seeds and bark also hold medicinal value.

What is a Geographical Indication Tag?

- It is a **sign used on products** that have a specific **geographical origin** and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- This is typically used for **agricultural products, foodstuffs**, wine and spirit drinks, **handicrafts and industrial products**.
- The **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
- This GI tag is **valid for 10 years following** which it **can be renewed**.

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