Assam's traditional textile '*gamusa*' or '*gamosa*' has been listed under the coveted 124th Geographical Indications (GI) Registry Journal of 24 October, 2019.

The application for *gamusa* was filed to the GI Registry by the Institute of Handicraft Development in Assam's Golaghat district on 16 October 2017.

A white rectangular piece of cloth with a distinctive red border and motifs, the *gamusa* is one of the prominent cultural identifiers of the Assamese community. It is made up of two words – '*ga*' which means body and '*musa*' which means to wipe. But the cloth goes beyond its literal definition of a towel. It's a representation of Assamese culture and is used on religious occasions, in weddings and gifted as a symbol of respect.

"This is a handloom product which has high esteem and wide usage in Assamese culture…*Gamosa* unites the whole Assamese people. It is the symbol of feeling & belongingness, welcoming people, respecting elders, love and care to loved ones," the Journal stated.

It has also listed nine different types of *gamusas — uka gamosa*, *phulam gamosa, bihuwan, tioni gamosa, pani gamosa, anakota gamosa, telos gamosa, jor gamosa* and *xadharon gamosa*.