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Malappuram, 30 September 2013: Nilambur teak will soon become the first forest resource from India to get GI (geographical indication) tag of World Trade Organisation (WTO).

The Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) has initiated the steps for the registration of the Nilambur variety of Teak or Malabar Teak, which is known for log dimensions and desired wood figure.

As part of the initiative the KAU organized a state-level workshop on 'GI tag for Nilambur Teak: Opportunities and legal paths', at Nilambur on Saturday. It was organized in support of the GI Registry Chennai. The College of Forestry and Intellectual Property Right (IPR) cell of KAU had jointly organized another workshop recently to discuss the potential of getting a GI registration for wood products manufactured using Nilambur teakwood.

A GI is a name or sign used on certain products, which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin. The GI tag ensures that none other than those registered as authorised users are allowed to use the popular product name

At present 18 indigenous products from Kerala are in the GI list of India. They are Aranmula kannadi, Alleppey coir, Navara rice, Palakkadan matta Rice, Malabar pepper, Alleppey green cardamom, maddalam of Palakkad, Screw Pine craft, cocunut Shell crafts, Pokkali rice, Cannanore home furnishings, Kuthampully sari, Kasargod sari, Wayanadan rice, Vazhakkulam pineapple, Payyannur pavithra ring, Central Travancore jaggery and Chendamangalam dhoties.

The head of the department of silviculture and agro forest of KAU, Dr T K Kunhamu, said that the representative of the office of GI registry at Chennai, who visited Nilambur a couple of days ago was satisfied and convinced of the importance of the wood item. He hoped that the prestigious status would be accorded to Nilambur teak soon. "We will be provided with a logo, which can be used for the trade of teak items, across the world," he said.

The KAU had helped secure GI registration for Wayanadan rice, Payyannur Pavithra Ring, Central Travancore jaggery, Pokkali rice, Aranmula mirror and Kuthampully sarees.

The vice-chancellor of KAU, Dr P Rajendran said that it was very appropriate and befitting that the Nilambur teak becomes the first forest product to get GI tag from India and it would help establish legal rights of Nilambur teak.

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