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Camikara bags world's best Indian rum accolade at Global Rum & Cachaça Masters Awards 2026

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Camikara — India’s first pure cane juice aged rum — has secured top honours at two of the world’s most respected rum competitions, signalling the emergence of India as a serious contender in premium rum.

At the Global Rum & Cachaça Masters Awards 2026 in the United Kingdom, Camikara 8-Year-Old was awarded the prestigious ‘Master Medal’, the competition’s highest distinction. In the same competition, Camikara 3-Year-Old secured its second consecutive ‘Gold Medal’, making Camikara the only Indian rum to win both Master and Gold in the same year.

Recognition soon followed in the US. At the Aged Rum category tasting conducted by The Fifty Best, Camikara 8YO received a ‘Double Gold’ Medal, a distinction reserved for spirits that receive unanimous top scores from all judges. In the International blend category, Camikara 3YO also secured ‘Gold’, reinforcing the brand’s consistency across both expressions and international tasting panels.

“For a country with such a long and complex relationship with sugarcane, this moment carries deep historical resonance. References to fermented cane beverages appear in ancient Indian texts, yet for decades modern Indian rum was largely associated with industrial-scale production rather than artisanal craft. What we are witnessing now is a shift in that perception. With global judging panels recognising the quality and character of what we are producing, Camikara is helping reshape how Indian spirits are viewed internationally — not as volume products, but as expressions of terroir, tradition and technical excellence,” said Shalini Sharma, Head of Marketing, Piccadily Agro Industries.

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