

Mahoba's Desawari variety betel leaf

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In news— Due to extreme weather conditions, Mahoba's Desawari variety betel leaf could disappear in three to four years.

About the betel leaf-

- The betel leaf grown in Mahoba is popularly known as the Mahoba paan. The cultivators are mostly Chaurasiyas, a community dedicated to betel farming for centuries.
- Betel vines require good water supply and a subtropical climate, which Mahoba provides.
- The size of this leaf is larger than other betel varieties and they have a unique aroma and lesser fibre with a mild bitterness and sweet taste.
- It obtained a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2021.

Varieties of Betel Leaves-

Based on the shape, size, brittleness and taste of the leaf blade, betel vine is classified into pungent and non-pungent varieties.

State	Popular varieties
<i>Andhra Pradesh</i>	<i>Karapaku, Chennor, Tellaku, Bangla and Kalli Patti</i>
<i>Assam</i>	<i>Assam Patti, Awani pan, Bangla and Khasi pan</i>
<i>Bihar</i>	<i>Desi pan, Calcutta, Paton, Maghai and Bangla</i>
<i>Karnataka</i>	<i>Kariyale, Mysoreale and Ambadiale</i>
<i>Odisha</i>	<i>Godi Bangla, Nova Cuttak, Sanchi and Birkoli</i>
<i>Mahdy Pradesh</i>	<i>Desi Bangl, Calcutta and Deswari</i>
<i>Maharashtra</i>	<i>Kallipatti, Kapoori and Bangla (Ramtek)</i>

West Bengal

*Bangla, Sanchi, Mitha, Kali Bangla and
Simurali Bangla*