

# Miyazaki mangoes

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## In news

A couple in Madhya Pradesh is now making news as they are growing the world's costliest mango in their orchard in Jabalpur.

## About Miyazaki Mango

- The Miyazaki mango is **a type of "Irwin" mangoes known for their unique ruby red colour.**
- It is different from the yellow "pelican mango" that is widely grown in Southeast Asia.
- The cultivation of this variety of mangoes requires plenty of rain and was **first cultivated around the Japanese city of Miyazaki in 1984.**
- The Miyazaki mangoes have the second largest production in Japan after Okinawa.
- **Christened Taiyo no Tamago (Egg of the Sun)**, the ruby-hued fruit originally grown in southern Japan's Miyazaki Prefecture.
- The saplings **require warm weather and long hours of sunshine** before they grow into a full-sized tree that is also known as Taiyo-no-Tamago in Miyazaki, Japan
- The mango is over 350 grams in weight and has a **15% or higher sugar content.**
- It is **rich in antioxidants and contains beta-carotene** and folic acid, which is great for people that need help with tired eyes.
- They are grown during the peak harvest between April and August.
- Miyazaki mangoes are said to be one of the **most expensive breeds of mangoes in the world.**
- The Miyazaki mangoes sold at Rs. 2.70 lakh per kilogram in the international market last year.

## **Varieties of Mangoes in India**

In India there are over 100 varieties of mangoes, in different sizes, shapes and colours. Following are some of the varieties of Mango that can be found in India: Alphonso (Hapus) – Ratnagiri, Badami – Karnataka (Known as Alphonso of Karnataka), Chaunsa – Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, Langra – Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, Dasherri – Malihabad, Uttar Pradesh, Kesar – Saurashtra, Gujarat, Mulgoba – Tamil Nadu, Himsagar – West Bengal, Benishan Mango – Banganapalli, Andhra Pradesh, Imam Pasand – South India

## **Mango & its significance**

- *Mangifera indica* is the National Fruit of India
- Its juicy fruit is a rich source of Vitamins A, C and D.
- The poet Kalidasa sang in its praises.
- Alexander savoured its taste, as did the Chinese pilgrim Hieun Tsang.
- Mughal emperor Akbar planted 100,000 mango trees in Darbhanga, Bihar at a place now known as Lakhi Bagh