

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