

# Shahi litchi

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**In news-**The first consignment of Shahi Litchi from Bihar was exported to the United Kingdom by Cira Enterprises and sourced from farmers in **Muzaffarpur, Bihar**.

## ***About the fruit-***

- GI registration for Shahi Litchi is held with the Muzaffarpur-based Litchi Growers Association of Bihar.
- It is the fourth agricultural product to get GI certification from Bihar in 2018, after **Jardalu mango, Katarni rice and Magahi paan**.
- It has a short-shelf life which necessitates exploring export opportunities for the processed and value-added products.
- **India is the second largest producer of litchi** (Litchi chin) in the world, **after China**.
- Bihar tops in terms of production of litchi in India.
- Other major litchi-producing countries are Thailand, Australia, South Africa, Madagascar and the United States.
- The translucent, flavoured aril or edible flesh of the litchi is popular as a table fruit in India, while in China and Japan it is preferred in dried or canned form.