

Tezpur Litchi

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Tezpur Litchi Latest News

Recently, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the first export consignment of GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai.

About Tezpur Litchi

- It is one of **Assam's most celebrated horticultural products.**
- It is renowned for its **exceptional sweetness, bright-red appearance**, distinctive aroma and superior eating quality.
- The region cultivates several notable varieties, including **Bombaya, Bilati, Elaichi, Piyaji and Sahi.**
- It received the **geographical indication (GI) tag in 2013.**

Key Facts about Litchi

- It is a **tropical fruit** belonging to the Sapindaceae family.

Required Climatic Conditions for Litchi

- **Climate:** It is a **sub-tropical fruit** and thrives best **under moist sub-tropical climate**.
- It usually prefers low elevation and **can be grown up to an altitude of 800 m**.
- **Soil:** Deep, **well drained loamy soil**, rich in organic matter and having pH in the range of 5.0 to 7.0 is ideal for the crop.
- **Temperature:** The temperature should not go beyond 40.5 °C in summer and below freezing point in winter.
- **Rain:** Prolonged rain may be harmful especially at the time of flowering, when it interferes with pollination.
- The young trees **require protection against frost and hot winds** for several years till they are firmly established.
- It is **sensitive to frost during winter** and dry heat in summer.
- **Distribution of Litchis Cultivation**
 - India is the second largest producer of litchi in the World **after China**. Other major producing countries are **Thailand, Australia, South Africa, Madagascar and Florida** in the US.
 - It is **widely cultivated in India, especially in Bihar**, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Assam.

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