

Litchi

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Recently, the Union Agriculture Ministry constituted a special expert task force to study the damage caused to litchi crops by the litchi stink bug.

About Litchi

- It is a delicious **juicy 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 0C** 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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