

History Project

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Topic Given: Tell about “4 Crops that are Exotic but now also grown in India” and “4 Fruits that are Exotic but now also grown in India”

4 Crops that are exotic but are now also grown in India

1. **Broccoli** - *It was cultivated in Italy in ancient Roman times and was introduced to England and America in the 1700s. Jitendra Ladkat was a farmer in Pune who brought the first few seeds of broccoli all the way from Kenya during the Gulf War around 1990.*



2. **Cauliflower** - *It is thought to have been domesticated in the Mediterranean region. It originated in the island of Cyprus and moved to other areas like Syria, Turkey, Egypt, Italy, Spain and northwestern Europe. It was introduced from England in 1822 by Dr. Jemson, In-charge of Company Bagh, Saharanpur, U.P.*



3. **Chilli Pepper** - *Chili peppers originated in Mexico. After the Columbian Exchange, many cultivars of chili pepper spread across the world, used for both food and traditional medicine. Chilies came to India in the 15th Century brought by the Portuguese who brought it from the Americas.*



4. **Red cabbage** - *It was originated in 1570 in England, though it was introduced to all of Europe by the Romans during the 14th century. It was brought to India by colonizing traders from Portugal somewhere between 14th and 17th century.*



4 Fruits that are exotic but are now also grown in India

1. **Apples** - *It was first originated in Central Asia. They have been grown for thousands of years in Asia and Europe and were brought to North America by European colonist. Samuel Evan Stokes introduced Apples in India in 1916.*



2. **Apricots** - *The origin of apricots is China and the references of their culture go back to 3,000 B.C. that Chinese hostages brought apricots to India when held under the Afghan King Kanishka sometime during the ruler's life between 78AD-144AD.*



3. **Sweet Cherries** - *It is thought that sweet cherries originated in the region between the Black and the Caspian Seas. According to the book, "Mughal Gardens," sweet cherries very likely came to India by way of the Middle East during Emperor Akbar's reign from 1556 to 1605. Akbar's governor, Muhammad Quli Afshar, brought strains of cherries from Kabul to Kashmir.*



4. **Strawberry** - *Garden Strawberry was first bred in Brittany, France, in the 1750s via a cross of *Fragaria virginiana* from eastern North America and *Fragaria chiloensis*, which was brought from Chile by Amédée-François Frézier in 1714. Lord Auckland, the governor-general during 1836-42, is said to have grown the first modern strawberries in India*





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