

# Modern orchard management practice to double mangoes productivity in Punjab

**MULTAN:** The culturally rich region of south Punjab, also known as "Kingdom of Mango", is worldwide popular from European to Middle Eastern countries for the exotic flavor and aroma of its unique mango production.

A large number of mango trees is visible on a vast landscape almost in every field from Multan to Muzaffargarh and Khanewal to Rahim Yar Khan. Mango orchards are located over thousands of acres in the region — Multan is on top in the cultivation of the fruits as it has over 31,000 hectares of land covered with the mango trees. Similarly, Rahim Yar Khan, Muzaffargarh and Khanewal are second, third and fourth position with cultivation areas 26,000, 19,000 and 14,000 hectares respectively. Among hundreds of varieties of mangoes, only 25 to 30 are being cultivated on commercial scale. The varieties included Chaunsa, Sindhri, Langra,

Dausehri, Anwar Ratool, Saroli, Samar Bahisht, Toota Pari, Fajri, Neelum, Alphanso, Almas, Sanwal, Surkha, Sunera and Desi. Talking to APP, a well known mango grower, Shahid Hameed Bhutta said that Pakistan produces about 1.8 million tons of mangoes annually which could further be enhanced by employing different interventions such as modern technology and awareness among the mango growers. He said, "High cost of inputs, especially fertilizers, pesticides, electricity bills and climate changes are the main reasons behind low production". The government should ensure easy availability of cheap inputs to mango growers for maximum production, he added. He said, "An average, the growers are getting 12 tons mangoes/hectare, which could be enhanced to 20 tons by focusing on modern orchard management practices".

Another mango grower Laique Sheikh from

Nawabpur village stated that majority of the growers were very much poor and they could not afford expenses on proper management of orchards including application of fertilizers, pruning and suitable inter-cropping combinations etc. He said, "The growers also lack awareness about modern techniques and use of balanced fertilizer". He said that production, quality, shape and size of mangoes could be improved, adding potassium was costly fertilizers and the growers ignored its application which resulted into low production. The growers did not know about proper time for irrigation for orchards, he hinted. Pakistani mangoes are matchless in taste and aroma and the fruit export can bring a handsome amount of foreign exchange to national kitty. Shikhina observed some growers are also taking interest in export and online sale of the fruit in the region which is yielding positive impacts. He however sug-

gested that some more interventions were needed to enhance the production of the fruit and improve living standard of the growers. Ex-President Mango Grower Association Maj (Retd) Tariq informed that many citizens used to purchase huge quantity of mangoes for gifting purpose during the peak season. He stated that Multan was city of gift-givers. He also suggested that growers could earn handsome amount by value-addition. Tariq remarked the grower could export mango pulp and dried mangoes.

Director Mango Research Institute (MRI) Abdul Ghaffar Garewal stated that growers should take more interest in exports of the fruit. He stated that there was no match of Pakistani mangoes in taste. Pakistan is exporting nearly 6 to 7 percent of its produce. He suggested growers and exporters to explore new markets and export maximum mango in order to earn huge

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## Court stays shops demolition in Delhi Muslim-majority area

**NEW DELHI:** India's Supreme Court stayed the demolition of small, illegal retail shops in the wake of communal violence in New Delhi, shortly after civil authorities began tearing down the structures under the protection of police and security forces in a Muslim majority locality of the Indian capital.

The drive to demolish the properties in Delhi's Muslim majority Jahangirpuri area came four days after violence there during a Hindu religious procession.

A three-judge bench of the top court, headed by the Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, ordered that the status quo should be maintained in the case until the next hearing, slated for Thursday. The petitioner to the court said the municipal authorities had not alerted the local shopkeepers before the razing operation.

The civil authority leading the demolition, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), is governed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Local police and members of the paramilitary forces, all of whom report to the federal home ministry, were present on Wednesday in

Jahangirpuri, a residential area about 25km (14 miles) from the Indian Parliament. Hundreds of officers in riot gear, backed with seven bulldozers, surrounded a few shops in a small Muslim pocket of the area. Some scrap dealers left the site in the morning ahead of the demolition.

A senior police officer overseeing the demolition said adequate forces had to be deployed to ensure civic authorities could do their job peacefully.

"We are here to provide protection, and to maintain law and order," said Deependra Pathak, a senior police official at the site. So far, police have arrested at least 20 people in connection with the Hindu-Muslim clashes that erupted during a Hanuman Jayanti procession amid celebrations over the weekend. India in recent weeks has witnessed a spurt in small-scale religious clashes between Hindus and Muslims. Recent demolition drives after communal clashes in several parts of India have sparked outrage, with critics calling it an attempt to instill fear among India's 200 million Muslims by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP. —AFP



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## Blinken urges Israel, Palestinians to 'end the cycle of violence'

**NEW YORK:** US Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Israeli and Palestinian leaders to "end the cycle of violence" after a sharp escalation in tensions in recent days.

In separate calls with Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas and Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, Blinken stressed "the importance of Israelis and Palestinians working to end the cycle of violence in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza by exercising restraint and refraining from actions that escalate tensions," the State Department said.

He also urged both sides to exercise "restraint" and refrain "from actions that escalate tensions" including at the Al Aqsa mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site, but known to Jews as the Temple Mount — Judaism's holiest place — in Jerusalem's Israeli-annexed Old City. In his call with Lapid, Blinken reiterated the US government's "steadfast commitment" to Israel's



security and condemned recent rocket attacks allegedly from Gaza.

In his call with Abbas, Blinken affirmed the US commitment to improving Palestinians' quality of life. But with both leaders, Blinken urged for a two-state solution. The State Department announced on Tuesday evening that Yael Lempert, assistant secretary for near eastern affairs, would travel to Jordan, Israel, the occupied West Bank and Egypt for talks aimed at "reducing tensions" in the region. Her trip will

last from Tuesday until April 26. Israel carried out its first airstrike on the Gaza Strip in months early on Tuesday, in response to a rocket allegedly fired from the Palestinian enclave after a weekend of violence around the Jerusalem holy site. The strikes come after weeks of mounting violence, with a total of 23 Palestinians and Arab-Israelis killed, including alleged assailants who are said to have targeted Israelis in four deadly attacks. —AFP

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## First killing by police in Sri Lanka protests

**COLOMBO:** Sri Lanka police shot dead a protester and wounded 24 others in the first fatal clash with residents demonstrating against the government over a crippling economic crisis.

The South Asian country is in the grip of its most painful economic downturn since independence in 1948, with regular blackouts and severe shortages of fuel and other goods causing widespread misery. Huge protests have called for the resignation of the government, which is preparing to negotiate an urgently needed bailout with the International Monetary Fund. Police fired live rounds at a crowd that had blockaded a railway line and highway connecting the capital Colombo with the central city of Kandy to protest oil shortages and high prices.

"One man died of gunshot injuries," a hospital official said. Another 16 protesters were wounded, with eight in need of emergency surgery, while a further eight police officers were injured, the hospital official said. Police said the crowd were about to set alight a tanker carrying diesel when officers fired tear gas to disperse them at the town of Rambukkana, 95 kilometres east of the capital.

"Instead of dispersing, the mob began pelting stones. At that point officers fired at them," police spokesman Nihal Thalduwa said in a statement. An indefinite curfew was imposed in the area, officials said. Local media reports said demonstrators had thrown back tear gas canisters fired by officers in running street battles.

The protest was one of many spontaneous gatherings staged around Sri Lanka on Tuesday, after the country's main petrol retailer hiked prices by nearly 65 per cent.

Local media footage showed dozens of police officers wearing anti-riot gear firing tear gas into the crowd. "Fire, fire

and chase them out," a senior officer is heard shouting while directing his men to attack the crowds with tear gas. Police said demonstrators had stopped road and train traffic for hours by the time of the shooting. Footage from the local hospital showed victims being rushed into the facility and a man pleading for someone to treat his brother, who had been shot in the abdomen.

"Please rush quickly, my brother is bleeding," the man shouted. The US ambassador to Sri Lanka, Julie Chung, said

she was "deeply saddened" by the incident. "I condemn any violence," Chung said on Twitter. "A full, transparent investigation is essential and the people's right to peaceful protest must be upheld." Sri Lanka's Bar Association also called for an impartial probe into the violence. Elsewhere tens of thousands of angry motorists blocked arterial roads around the country with parked buses and burning tyre mounds to protest the latest rise in fuel prices and months of acute shortages. In the capital Colombo, a large crowd has

been camped outside the seafront office of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for more than a week, demanding the leader step down. Doctors at Sri Lanka's main children's hospital also staged a protest on Tuesday over a severe shortage of medicines and equipment. Rajapaksa acknowledged public anger over the ruling family's mismanagement on Monday after appointing a new cabinet to navigate the country out of the crisis. "People are suffering because of the economic crisis and I deeply regret it," he said. —AFP



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