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Scientists create seedless mango

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Indian scientists have developed a seedless mango, which is finely textured and juicy with a rich, sweet and distinctive flavour when it matures.

"We have developed a seedless mango variety from hybrids of mango varieties Ratna and Alphonso," VB Patel, Chairman of the Horticulture Department at the Bihar Agriculture University (BAU) at Sabour in Bhagalpur district, told IANS.

Trials of the new variety, named Sindhu, are under way at different locations in the country but the result of the one at BAU suggests it could be suitable for both integrated horticulture and kitchen gardening. Patel said that an average fruit weighs 200 g and its pulp, which is yellowish in colour, has less fibre than other mango varieties.

He said the trials of the Sindhu variety have shown good fruiting on a three-year-old plant this year.

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