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Shahi Litchi

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- Shahi Litchi is mostly grown in Muzaffarpur and neighbouring districts in Bihar.
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- It has recently got Geographical Indication Tag.
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- It is known for its sweet, juicy, unique flavour and aroma.
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- Other known GI from Bihar - Katrani rice, Jardalu mango and Magahi paan (betel vine).
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Click here to know about Geographical Indication Tag.

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Prakriti Programme

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- The programme is launched by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).
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- It aims to promote awareness about forests and environment among the students of NVS and KVS.
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- Its objective is to provide a platform to school children to learn practical skills for judicious use of resources and to mobilise a cadre of youths to conserve forests and the environment.
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- It focusses upon stimulating interest and maintaining a balanced environment and acquiring skills that reflect care and protection towards forests, environment and society.

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- ICFRE is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
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- The objective of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti is to provide modern quality education to talented children, predominantly from the rural areas, without regard to their family's socio-economic condition.
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New Academy Prize

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- The New Academy Prize is organised to fill the gap left by the cancellation of Nobel Literature Prize, 2018.
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- The prize is given by the New Academy, non-profit organisation in Sweden.
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- The organisation was founded to warrant that an international literary prize will be awarded in 2018.
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- It is also a reminder that literature should be associated with democracy, openness, empathy and respect.
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- The winner of the prize is Maryse Condé from Guadeloupe, a French overseas region in the southern Caribbean Sea.
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- The academy will be dissolved in December after the grand celebration of winner.
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Channar Revolt

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- Kerala Chief Minister has recently recalled an iconic civil rights protest – Channar revolt.
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- It was happened in the erstwhile princely state of Travancore in the early 19^{th} century.
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- It is also referred to as Marumarakkal Samaram - Protest to cover the upper

body.
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- It began when women from the Channar caste who had converted to Christianity sought to cover the breasts, a right only Hindu upper caste women were allowed to exercise.
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- The diwan of Travancore state, Colonel Munro, issued an order favouring the demand.
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- The upper castes (Nairs) refused to allow the order to be followed and attacked (Nadar Christian) women who sought to wear an upper garment.
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- In the face of resistance from the upper castes, the order was even amended to say that Nadar Christian women could wear a jacket (blouse) that was different from the dress worn by Nair women.
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- The revolt exposed the caste fault-line that ran deep in the kingdom of Travancore.
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