Zardalu Mango

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Recently, Zardalu mangoes were dispatched to the President, Prime Minister, and other dignitaries, symbolising Bihar's agricultural heritage.

- **Appearance –** Light yellow skin, elongated shape, golden-yellow with red tinge when ripe.

- **Location –** Native to *Bhagalpur district, Bihar*, cultivated in orchards along the fertile Ganga basin.
- **Weight –** 150–300 g per fruit.
- **Texture –** Rich, creamy, non-fibrous pulp.
- **Special Feature –** Strong aroma, recognised even from a distance.
- **Grading –** Bihar Agriculture Department.
- **Historic Origin –** First tree traced to Madhuban Bagh, Bhagalpur (early 19th century)
- **Soil –** Alluvial soil of the Ganga basin.
- **Climate –** Tropical conditions with hot summers.
- **Season –** Mid-April to June.
- **Nutritional Value –** Rich in fibre & enzymes; aids digestion.
- **GI Recognition –** 2018 as *Bhagalpuri Zardalu.*

Reference

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