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**CM Yogi flags off a mango container for Japan, in Lucknow on Friday.**

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On the occasion, the CM also released a souvenir related to the mango festival and felicitated progressive farmers.

The farmers of UP produce 58 lakh metric tonnes of mango in an area of only 3.15 lakh hectares. 25 to 30% of the total mango production of the country is produced in Uttar Pradesh alone. Last year the team of the horticulture department went to

Moscow. Farmers from Lucknow and Amroha went there.

The team had organised a mango festival there, in which the farmers also got orders. He said that his government, with the support of the government of India, has built four packing houses in Saharanpur, Amroha, Lucknow and Varanasi for farmers of the state. Yogi said UP is leading in mango production in the country, but now we have to work continuously to maintain both quantity and quality in accordance with the increasing population.

## **Farmers from different states participated**

"More than 700 varieties of mango were displayed in the festival where mango farmers from many states including UP, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan reached the mango festival," read a government release. 120 varieties of special mangoes have been kept in an attractive exhibition of various species and their products.

Minister of state (independent charge) for horticulture, agricultural marketing, agricultural foreign trade and agricultural export Dinesh Pratap Singh, chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, agriculture production commissioner Devesh Chaturvedi and other dignitaries were present in the programme.