

# High on mangoes! State's first mango winery gets inaugurated in Malihabad

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**Lucknow:** Looking for a wine tour? Now, look no farther than the city outskirts. On Sunday, the first winery that is going to produce alcoholic beverages through mango and a variety of local fruits was flagged off in Malihabad's Mal area. Set up inside a 100-acre mango orchard, the winery has been set up with a budget of close to Rs 10 crore.

Excise minister Nitin Agarwal inaugurated the facility along with other senior officials.

Winery founder and operator Madhavendra Deo Singh said that the products would be available at the winery for those who want to buy it and day tour would be on offer after two months.

A native of Mal area, Madhvendra said that four



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products are ready for the launch which have been produced only with the locally grown fruits at the farm and by the farmers in the Mal – Malihabad region. To be priced between Rs 300 and Rs 1,200 the wine bottles would be available in various sizes.

"I want to emphasise that wine produced at our establishment is made using only natural ingredients and without any chemicals. I can assure you that we would not be adding ethanol or added sugars as we go forward as well," said the 40-year-old

horticulturist who pursued MBA in agricultural business management.

Singh set up a private company named Mbrosia Nature Living two years ago before signing up a memorandum of understanding with the horticulture department of the UP govt during the last investors' summit. To attract investments and boost income of the farmers, the excise department in March 2022 had introduced the concept of 'made in UP' wine. No excise duty is levied over the beverages that are produced using local fruits.

Singh said that the four products that are ready to hit the stores have been made using mango, honey, mulberry, mint among other local fruits. "We have also made braggot, a hybrid beverage combining elements of both beer and mead," he added.