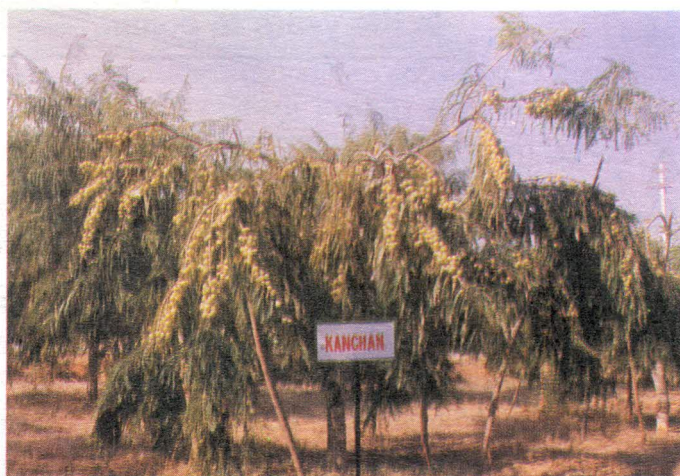


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Organically-grown aonla in agroforestry (left) and trees in full bearing (right) stage

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Improved cultivars

Narendra Aonla 4 (Kanchan): It is preferred by industry for pulp extraction and preparation of various products.

Narendra Aonla 5 (Krishna): An early-maturing variety with low fibre content, it is ideal for preparing preserve, candy and juice.

Narendra Aonla 6: Excellent and prolific-bearing, it is suitable for making preserve, candy and jam.

Narendra Aonla 7: A precocious and prolific-bearing, it is well-suited for making *Chyavanprash*, chutney and squash.

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Some steps . . .

- Remove dead, over-crossing branches and galled shoots, if any.
- Apply nutrients in January–February.
- Clean the main trunk by rubbing with gunny bags.
- Paste cowdung as a thick paste on main trunk and base of main branches.
- Spray BD 500 preparation on basin in appropriate constellation.

- Apply 25 kg BD or vermicompost and 100 g cow pat pit (CPP).
- Mulch the basin with locally available organic waste, i.e. paddy straw, sugarcane trash, banana leaves, etc.
- Spray BD-501 (2 times) and need-based spray of BD liquid pesticides.

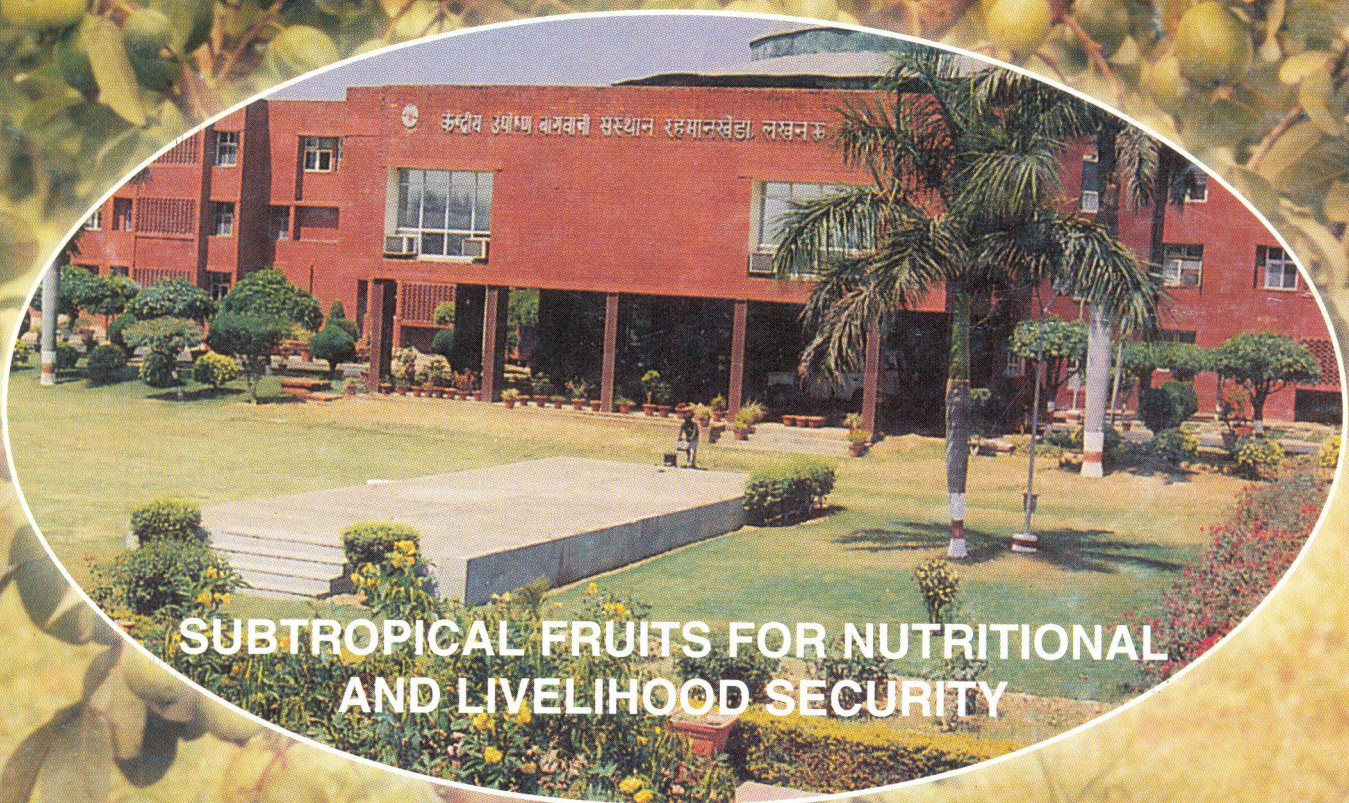
SUMMARY

Organic aonla no doubt will be a boon to users the world over. It will fetch higher price to farmers also.

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