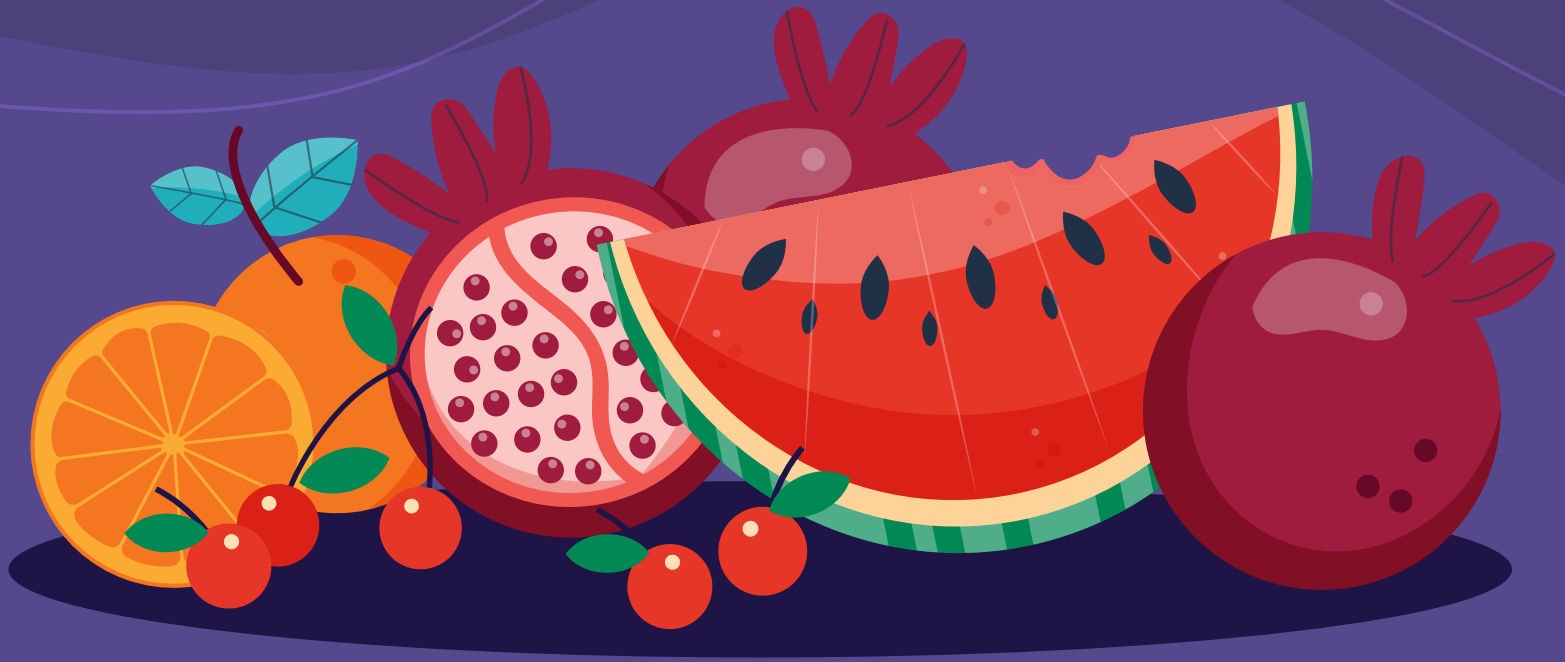
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CHAPTER 3



MONSTER FLOWER





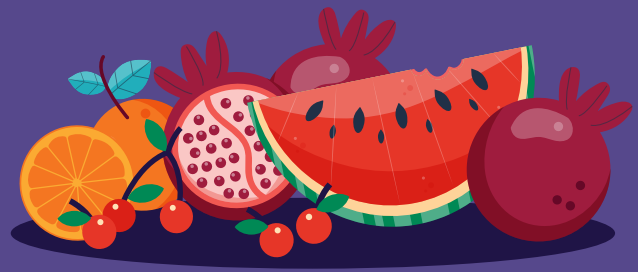
The Monster Flower has no leaves, stems, or roots—it is a parasitic plant that grows inside vines and only appears when it blooms! It takes months to grow, but the flower lasts for only a few days before it starts rotting.

CORPSE FLOWER



The smell of the corpse flower comes from chemical compounds that mimic rotting flesh, helping it attract insects for pollination. Unlike most flowers, the corpse flower generates heat, which helps spread its terrible smell even further.





WHITE EGRET FLOWER



The white egret flower grows in cool, damp environments like marshes and wetlands. It is a bit tricky to find in the wild because it prefers shady spots with plenty of moisture.





CHINA PINK



Some parts of the China Pink Flower, particularly the petals, can be used in teas or even as garnishes for desserts! The tea is not only refreshing but also believed to have calming properties.



DURIAN







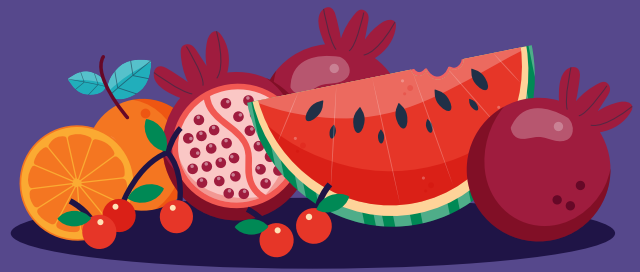
Durian flowers are pollinated by bats, which feed on the nectar at night. There are over 30 species of durian, but only a few are commonly eaten. The most popular variety is Musang King.



ACKEE



Ackee is an important ingredient in Jamaica’s famous dish, sauteed ackee with salted codfish. It is often eaten as a savoury breakfast dish in Jamaica.

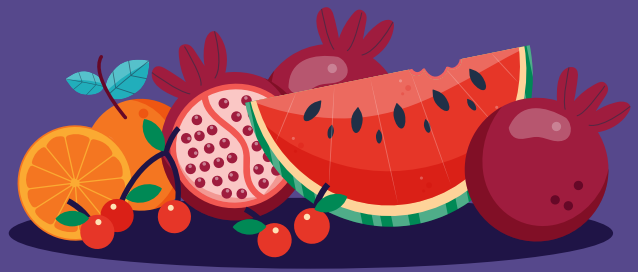


BUDDHA'S HAND





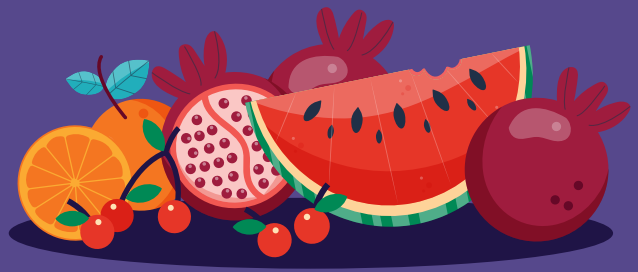
Unlike most fruits, Buddha's Hand is not typically eaten. Instead, it is often used for its fragrance in perfumes or as a natural air freshener.



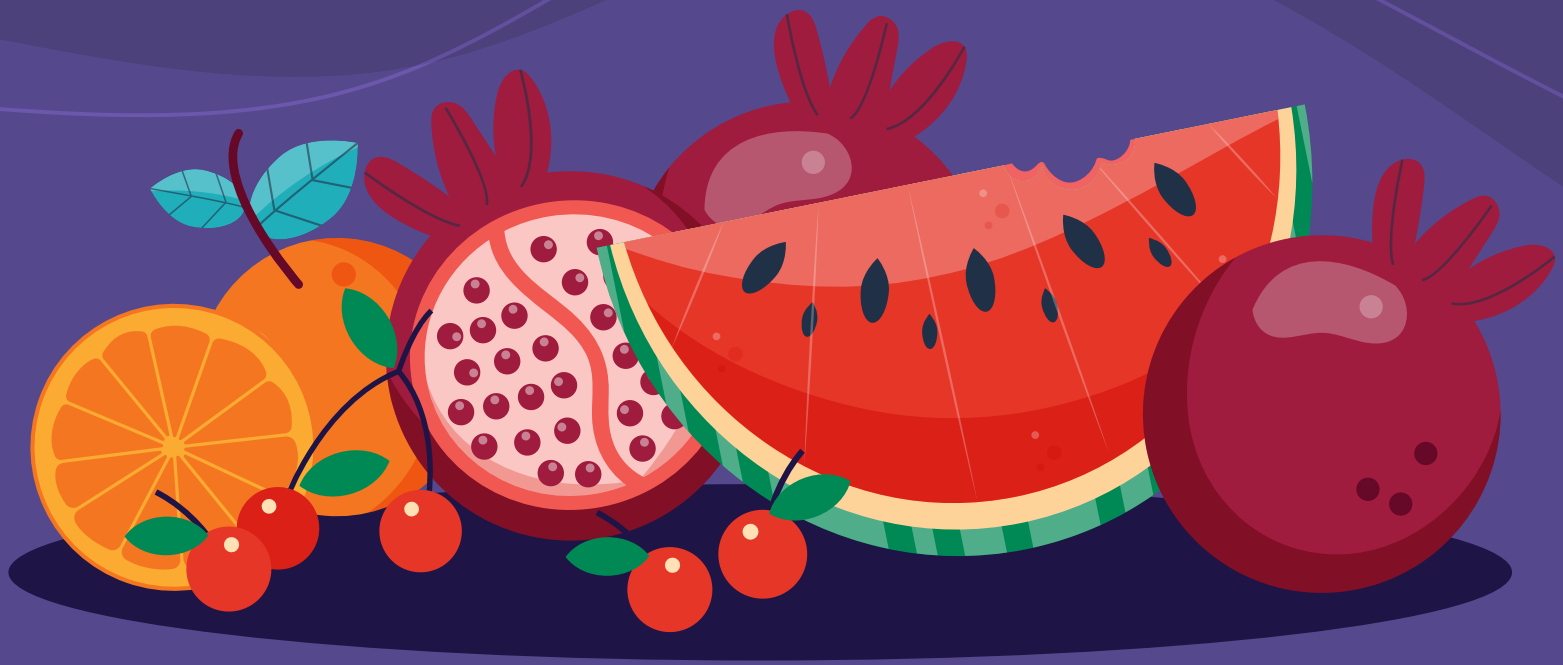
RAMBUTAN



“Rambutan” means "hairy" in Malay, since the rambutan has a hairy, spiky outer skin. It is commonly enjoyed fresh or in fruit salads.



LET US LOOK AT UNIQUE FLOWERS AND FRUITS IN INDIA!



NEELAKURINJI SHRUB



The flower that blooms only once in 12 years! The Neelakurinji shrub grows in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. Its name comes from the Tamil words "neela" (blue) and "kurinji" (flower).



LOTUS, THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF INDIA



The Lotus Flower can grow in muddy water, but it always blooms clean and beautiful, symbolising purity and resilience. Lotus leaves are waterproof, causing water droplets to roll off, keeping them clean all the time!



SAFFRON





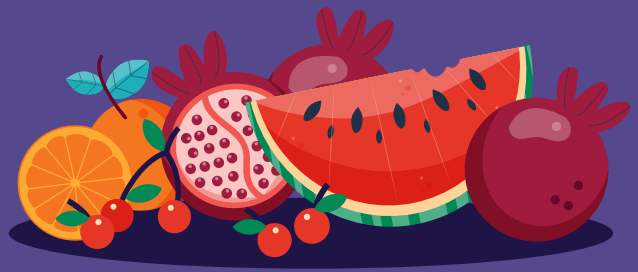
We get saffron from the purple flowers of the Crocus sativus plant.
Its red stigmas are carefully hand-picked to make the spice.
Saffron is an expensive spice!



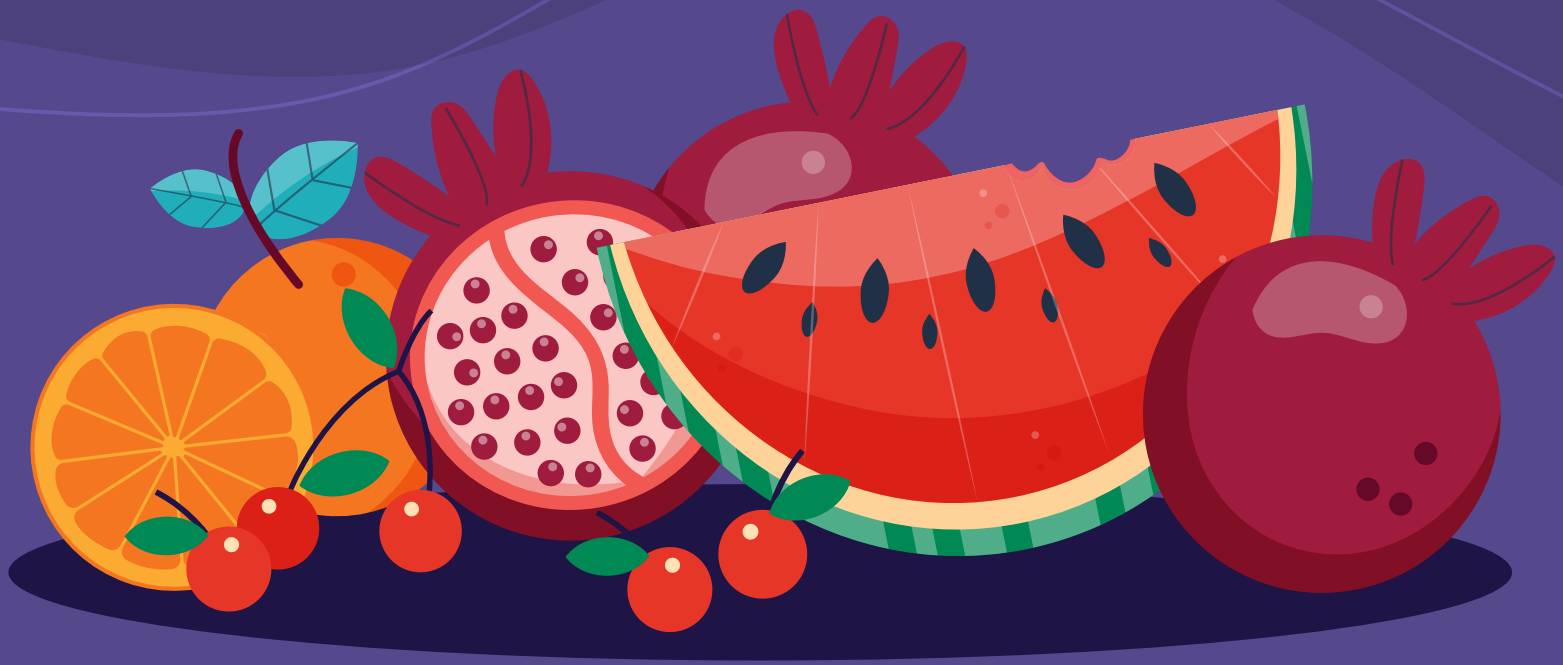
SAFFRON



Pampore in Kashmir is known as the "Saffron Capital of India"! Saffron is called zaffran in Urdu language and Kesar in Hindi.



LET US HEAD TO FRUITS.

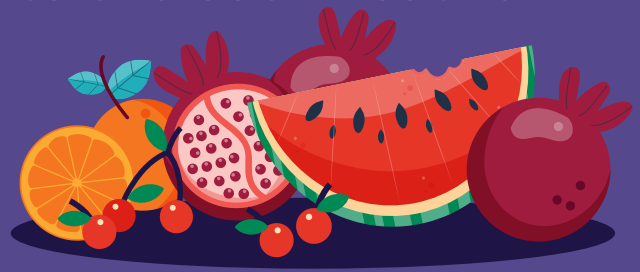


APPLE





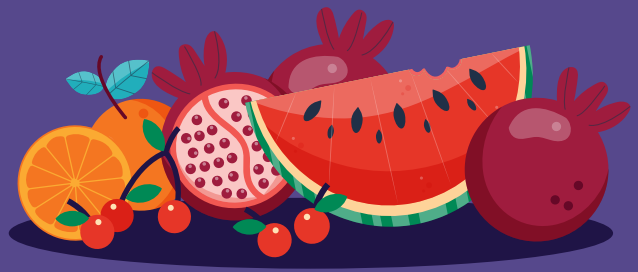
Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh produce the juiciest apples in India! Jammu and Kashmir contributes about 75% to India's apple output. Both Kashmir and Himachal apples are grown in mountainous climates, which make them especially juicy and flavourful due to the cool weather and fertile soil!



ORANGE



Nagpur in Maharashtra is called the "Orange City" because it is the largest producer of oranges in India, known for their juicy and tangy flavour.



MANGOES



India is the largest producer of mangoes in the world, growing over 1,000 varieties! The most famous ones include Alphonso (Hapus) from Maharashtra, Dasheri from Uttar Pradesh, and Langra from Bihar.



MANGOES



Akbar planted 1,00,000 mango trees in an orchard called "Lakhi Bagh" in Bihar.

