

Olive Plantation

Olive (*Olea europaea*) is an evergreen tree or shrub native to the Mediterranean Europe, Asia, and Africa. Olive is known as symbol of peace & prosperity, it is also mentioned in the Bible & the Quran. The tree has characteristics of wind pollination and diploid, propagated by cutting or grafting, self incompatible and often male sterile. The olive tree has been cultivated for olive oil, fine wood, olive leaf, ornamental reasons, and the olive fruit. About 90% of all harvested olives are turned into oil, while about 10% are used as table olives.

Rajasthan has the suitable climatic condition for Olive Cultivation. Olive is one of the best alternative remuneration options for crop diversification to farmers of the state. The demand of Olive oil exceeding supply due to its health related benefits. A total of 100 plants were provided by Govt. of Rajasthan with amount Rs. 12000/- from Rajasthan Olive cultivation Ltd. Jaipur in 2018. The olive plants were planted in the field of university campus. At present out of 50 olive plants are alive with height of 4-5 feet and all the plants are pest and disease free. Further, fruiting will be after 2-3 years and leaves can be use for tea preparation. Moreover, the project is under process.



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