

COCONUTS



Along the tropical seas where the soil is sandy and saline the coconut palms are happy and healthy, because the saline environment is ideal for the rich growth of these palms.

But then they are also found growing in the areas away from the sea shores, How?

Simple... Inland cultivation of coconut palms include addition of common salt to the soil before the cultivation.



Coconuts were believed to have arrived to India travelling far from the Cocos islands of Pacific. While the thick fibrous husk helped it to float, the ocean currents helped it in moving this far.



During World War II, a situation arose wherein there was not enough blood plasma available. Coconut water was positively tested as emergency intravenous fluid and was used as an IV drip far back in 50's.

The “father of modern tissue culture science” is not any human being, it is the coconuts.





TEA



It is said that the origin of tea in India is owed to the British who intended to overthrow China's monopoly on tea.

After many unsuccessful attempts over 14 long years, tea production in India began to boom. Poor plant might have had a rough time in our soil. But now they are well spread on our hill slopes.



Did you know that tea is the national drink in Afghanistan and Iran. Black tea is a warming beverage and green tea is consumed as a thirst quencher.

Flowers and seeds of tea plants are not much noticed this is because for a tea plant to produce seed it takes around four to 12 years



Commercial tea is categorized into four types: Black, Green, Oolong and white.



White Tea

Green Tea

Oolong Tea

Black Tea

THE BANANAS



Banana's are the world's tallest herb that hates frost and hence cannot be grown in the colder parts of the world.

In our country they are cultivated in southern and eastern parts.

Now this is scary.....

Bananas are rich in Potassium (Potassium-40), which is a radioactive isotope of Potassium. Relax...!

The radioactivity in bananas is negligible and that can not even compete with the radioactivity present in our body.

So enjoy eating.



Bananas and humans share about half of the same DNA which means we are 50% identical to banana



Are today's Bananas at the risk of going extinct?

Unfortunately... Yes!

That's because they have nearly no genetic diversity -- the plants are all clones of one another

KING OF SPICES PEPPER



A wine with an ugly, shrivelled berry that is said to be more precious than gold - none other than the 'spicy pepper'.

Western people found pepper ideal to disguise the smell of meat and thus started demanding more of it



Piperine found in pepper irritates the nerve endings in the mucous membranes causing you to sneeze (to get rid of the product off the body).



BLACK PEPPER

Black pepper is the dried unripe fruit or berry

WHITE PEPPER

White pepper is prepared by soaking the ripe berries in water and removing the outer coat and pulp