

Interesting facts (Unique characteristic of a lotus)

1. Did you know that lotus seeds can grow after a long time?

One of the remarkable and unusual abilities of the lotus seed is that it can survive in dry weather or with less water in the soil and is able to grow into a mature plant, even thousands of years later. This unusual capability differentiates it from other plants. In China, there has been a successful attempt to grow a seed that is about 1,300 years old. It emblematises immortal life.

2. Do you know about the unique life of the lotus flower?

When compared to other flowers, the lotus has an unusual life cycle. The tuber or lower part of the plant, is standing in sloughy water. Flowers of lotus bloom above the water surface. Each day, the lotus immerses in water at sunset and blooms on the surface above water at sunrise. The life cycle of the lotus flower emblematises the birth, death, and rebirth cycles. Hence, the lotus flower has divine importance in the culture of different people residing in different regions of the earth.

3. Do you know about the size and shape of lotus?

Lotus flowers appear in pink or white. The diameter of flowers varies in each species. They have a diameter of 8–12 inches. Every species shows variation in height. They can bloom up to 6 feet. The flowers have a shape like a cup or bowl and a sweet, acceptable, and subtle fragrance. The lotus flower floats on to the surface of water, with the help of a strong, leaf less stem. Lotus leaves are either round or funnel -shaped. When it blooms completely, lotus flowers give rise to a seed pod, which is like a sprinkler head. The lotus flower, also known by the names the sacred lily and rose of India, has the botanical name *Nelumbo nucifera*.

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