

Matti banana

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About Matti banana:

- There are six known types of the Matti banana and **they are indigenous to Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu**, where it thrives in the unique climate and soil.
- They are **known as 'Baby Banana'** which flourishes mainly in Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks.
- Even if it takes root and yields in other areas, the **fruit will be without the sweet fragrance and honey-like taste** unique to the Matti bananas grown in Kanniyakumari.
- Unlike typical banana bunches that grow straight, the Matti's fingers exhibit a distinct wind-blown appearance.
- Its low **total soluble solids content** (TSSC) recommends it as a **baby food**.
- **Types of Matti Banana**
 - **Nal Matti** boasts a yellowish-orange colour and fine aroma, while **Theyn** [honey] Matti's pulp tastes like honey.
 - **Kal Matti** gets its name from the calcium oxalate crystals forming in its pulp and black dots on the skin.

- **Nei Matti** exudes the aroma of ghee, and **Sundari Matti**, a Matti clone, with its elongated fingers, thick peel, and creamy white rind, is facing extinction.

What is a Geographical Indication Tag?

- It is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
 - This is typically used for **agricultural products, foodstuffs, wine and spirit drinks**, handicrafts and industrial products.
 - The **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999** seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
 - This **GI tag** is **valid for 10 years** following which it can be renewed.
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Q1) What is Total Soluble Solids?

Total Soluble Solids (TSS) content refers to the concentration of all dissolved solids in a liquid, typically water. These dissolved solids can include a variety of substances such as sugars, salts, minerals, and other organic and inorganic compounds.

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