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Recently, the union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has announced that the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) will soon take up a study on protecting the Nanjangud Rasabale variety of banana from diseases.

About Nanjangud Rasabale Banana

- It is a **variety of banana grown** in and around the **Mysore district and Chamarajanagar** district of **Karnataka**.
- It was awarded the **Geographical Indication** (GI) tag in 2006 for its thick pulp and distinct taste and aroma.
- The taste and pulp of this banana cannot be found in any other variety and anywhere else.
- **Soil required: Black clay alluvial** saline soil has given a unique aroma to this banana.
- This banana possess medicinal properties and are believed to cure neurological ailments.
- **Threats:** The **Panama Wilt disease**, a fungal infection caused by the Fuserium Wilt pathogen has been the bane of rasabale farmers.

Key Facts about Indian Council for Agricultural Research

- It is an **autonomous organisation** under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.**
- It was formerly known as the **Imperial Council of Agricultural Research**, it was established on 16 July 1929 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in pursuance of the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.
- **Functions:** The Council is the **apex body for coordinating, guiding**, and managing research and education in agriculture, including horticulture, fisheries, and animal sciences, **throughout the country.**
- India has one of the largest agricultural systems in the world, with 113 ICAR institutes and 74 agricultural universities across the country.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi.

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