



Bangalore Blue Grapes

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Why in News

The **Covid-19 lockdown** has impacted the sale of **banglore blue variety of grapes**.

Key Points

- Bangalore Blue, characterized by its **foxy flavour (effect of a flavor substance called methyl anthranilate)**, is exclusively grown in Bangalore Urban, Chikkaballapur and Kolar districts.
- It is grown in red sandy loam soil at a day temperature of about 35-37 degrees Celsius and night temperature of 12-15 degree Celsius which is unique to Bangalore and its surrounding areas. The grapes develop their **typical dark purple color** at this temperature.
- These grapes are mostly **used for making juice and wine/spirit**.
- In **2013**, the variety was given the **Geographical Indication (GI) status**.

Geographical Indication Status

- GI is an indication **used to identify goods having special characteristics originating from a definite geographical territory**.
- 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.
 - The Act is **administered by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and TradeMarks**- who is the Registrar of Geographical Indications.
 - The **Geographical Indications Registry** is located at **Chennai**.
- The registration of a geographical indication is **valid for a period of 10 years**. It can be renewed from time to time for a further period of 10 years each.
- It is also a part of the **World Trade Organisation's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**.

- Recent Examples: **Tirur Vetilla** (Kerala), **Dindigul Lock and Kandangi Saree** (Tamil Nadu), **Odisha Rasagola** etc.

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