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**Chart 1**

Namaste to all the respected dignitaries and my friends came from other schools to participate in this prestigious National Children Science Congress. I am Tvisha Purushotham, 8th Standard student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, BRBNMPL, Mysuru. My project title is “Awareness and Use of of Nanjangud Rasabale, a Nutritious Local Fruit by Non-Mysureans staying in Mysuru”. This is under the sub-theme of the congress titled “Fostering Health, Nutrition and Well-being”.

I carried out the project along with my friend and classmate Ms. Preeksha M under the guidance of our beloved and respected science teacher Dr. Mathew Chacko.

**Chart 2**

Nanjangud Rasabale is a unique and nutritious banana variant originated from Nanjangud, Mysuru. It bagged the geographical Indication in 2005. Aim of my study is to promote the The aim of the study was to promote the use and cultivation of Nanjangud rasabale variant of banana. Its specific objectives were to understand the awareness and use of theNanjangud rasabale among the non-mysoreans staying in Mysuru, to investigate the factors affecting the use of Nanjangud rasabale among them, what are the barriers in the use of Nanjangud rasabale and also to understand the difficulties faced by the farmers in growing Nanjangud rasabale

Coming to the need statement. Mysuru is a metropolitan city where many Kannidigas from other parts of the state and people from other states are staying. They may not be aware of the Nanjungud Rasabale. There is a need to understand the awareness and use of Nanjungud Rasabale by these people, especially the nutritional value of this variant of banana. Also, it is very much required to understand the difficulties faced by the farmers growing Nanjangud Rasabale. Hence, we undertook this study

The study was conducted in two phases. In phase 1, a questionnaire survey was conducted among the non-mysoreans staying in Mysuru regarding their use of Nanjangud rasabale. A random sample of 50 non-Mysoreans were selected for the survey. In phase 2, an interview was conducted among five conveniently selected banana farmers in the Mysuru region regarding the difficulties in cultivating Nanjangud rasabale.

**Chart 3**

The data collected were analyzed using MS Excel software. Our major findings include, considerable number of persons participated in the study were aware of Nanjagud Rasabale, Fruit sellers were the main source of knowledge about the Nanjagud Rasabale, Majority of the persons purchased Nanjagud Rasabaledue to its sweetness and only a few were knowing about it's nutritional values. Non-availability was the main barrier in consuming Nanjagud Rasabale. The study also found that the farmers faced difficulties in cultivating the Nanjagud Rasabale, and the main threat was Panama Wilt Disease

**Chart 4**

The present study was an attempt to investigate the use of Nanjangud Rasabale, by Non-Mysureans staying in Mysuru and difficulties faced by the farmers in cultivating the Rasabale. In future, studies on the reasons for non-availability of the Nanjagud Rasabale may be conducted. Also, wide publicity programmes should be arranged for propagating the nutritional values of the N.rasabale.. This will help create more demand and thereby helping the Nanjagud Rasabale growing farmers in the Mysuru region. The government should support the farmers by financial assistance , subsidies and free medicines to tackle diseases like Panama Wilt.