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ಕೃಷಿ, ಹೈನುಗಾರಿಕೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ತರಬೇತಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನ

■ **ವಿಕ ಸುದ್ದಿಲೋಕ** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

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ಕೃಷಿ ವಿವಿ ರೈತ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನ

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» **ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗೆ 30 ಕೊನೇ ದಿನ**

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Low mkt prices, transport hurdles distress farmers

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HARD YARDS: A farmer sprinkles fertiliser in a field on the city outskirts. Labour shortage has also affected many growers

Several sugarcane growers in north Karnataka torched their standing crop last year after they couldn't get skilled farmhands from Maharashtra for the harvesting task. Those who made do with available workers were unable to sell their stocks as sugar units reduced orders. This is only a snapshot of the challenges farmers have faced in the past 15 months.

Though the agriculture sector was largely exempted from stringent Covid-19 restrictions in 2020 and this year, new and long-standing problems — labour shortage, fluctuating demand, poor price realisation, transportation hurdles and inadequate government support — left farmers in many parts reeling. Moving produce to markets in and outside the state has been particularly difficult because of general disruptions caused by Covid lockdowns. Mango farmers, for instance, struggled to shift stocks on time.

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APMC yards functioned for limited hours, and it didn't make sense for farmers in far-off places to make the trip. They were forced to sell their produce, especially vegetables and fruits, at throwaway prices in the nearest market or dump it on the side of the road in anger. Wholesale merchants, who secured supplies at a fraction of the cost, were the only ones to benefit from the situation.

Some growers tried to adapt, switching to soya bean cultivation following the soaring demand for soya oil, but bad weather affected the yield. Gangadhar Patil Kulkarni, a farmer leader in north Karnataka, said that the government had failed to buy enough produce at minimum support price (MSP). "The procurement was only 6 per cent, that too in a select set of crops. The government is yet to pay farmers for crops purchased at MSP," he claimed.

Labour woes were less severe in the Old Mysore region because of reverse migration. A large number of youngsters returned to villages from cities and towns, taking up jobs in fields. But transportation problems and low prices affected farmers.

Cultivators of cash crops such as ginger and tobacco are facing hardship because of a slow monsoon this year. "The market prices of these crops are encouraging, but poor rainfall has meant that the yield is not very good," said BJ Devaraju, a farmer in Bettadapura in Mysuru's Periyapatna taluk. Krishnaprasad Govindaiah, director of Sahaja Samrudha, said that many farmers had finally come to terms with the need to diversify crops.

The revival of fallow land has offered a sliver of hope in Dakshina Kannada. According to Seetha, the joint director of the agriculture department, nearly 253 hectares of land in Mangaluru taluk has been revived through the 'Hadilu Bhoomi' campaign, and paddy cultivation has begun there.

In Udupi, farming costs have gone up. Farmer Ajith A said that the daily wage of women workers had increased from Rs 300 to Rs 350 and that of men from Rs 500 to Rs 550. "The cost of renting a tiller machine per hour has gone up from Rs 450 to Rs 550. Renting small and big tractors has also become expensive by Rs 100 per hour. We are now spending Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,000 more for each acre of our paddy field," he added.

For areca farmers in the region, it is a bittersweet hour: while the price of the crop has touched Rs 520 per kg, the yield was affected by yellow leaf disease and increased incidence of nut dropping.

Agri sector a silver lining

Despite the challenges, the agriculture sector has been a bright spot for Karnataka. Food production in the state touched a record high of 153 lakh metric tonnes in 2020-21, and officials are hoping for the output to reach 100 lakh metric tonnes this year.

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Rise in tea imports is worrying, says UPASI

'Jan.-March flows more than double'

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Tea imports jumped 139% in January-March this year compared with a year earlier, according to the United Planters Association of Southern India, which said that the trend was a matter of concern.

UPASI president Prashant Bhansali said in a statement that imports in January-March this year were 5.96 million kg versus 2.49 million kg a year earlier.

Tea exports in January-April this year came close to 58 million kg as against 61.13 million kg during the same period last year. The domestic sector, with 50% of production coming from small tea growers, was burdened to high input and wage costs, UPASI said. It added that the Centre should monitor tea imports closely and implement the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 where applicable.



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The 'Namma Bengaluru Tree Census' app was made available to citizens on Saturday by Chief Justice Abhay S Oka.

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New app enables citizens to map trees in private locations in B'luru

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The Karnataka Forest Department has partnered with Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS) to develop an app that enables citizens to map trees in private areas.

Once details are posted on the app, officials will verify the information and add it to the tree census data of Bengaluru.

Though Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa launched the 'Namma Bengaluru Tree Census' app on June 30, it was made available to citizens on Saturday by Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court Abhay S Oka.

Forest Department officials said the app was first used to record trees at the high court premises.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban, S S Ravishankar said the app has been designed to collect details like the tree species, measurements and other details along with photographs and location coordinates.

"Besides digitising the (census) process, it will speed up the exercise by allowing the public to contribute. The Forest Department identified about 60,000 trees in the city," Ravishankar said. "We visited institutions and organisations to collect tree data irrespective of their size."

The process faced hurdles due to the Covid-induced lockdown. "Many organisations were shut down and we couldn't conduct the census in such places. Still, we have requested special permission and kept up the pace," Ravishankar said.

Meanwhile, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has fallen behind in the task of mapping roadside trees and those in public parks.

"The second Covid wave has stalled the process," said BBMP's Deputy Conservator of Forests Ranganathaswamy. "We gave the responsibility of mapping the trees to the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), who have now withdrawn their support. We are identifying another organisation to take up the work. Meanwhile, our officials are collecting details."

The tree census in Bengaluru began last year following orders from the Karnataka High Court. The court asked the process to be completed in three years.