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ಹೈಟೆಕ್ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಆರಂಭ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಮಾವು ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಘಟಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೈಟೆಕ್ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಯೋಜನಾ ವರದಿ ಅಂತಿಮಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆದು ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಉಪ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ ಡಾ. ಸಿ.ಎನ್.ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥನಾರಾಯಣ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ಖಾತೆ ಸಚಿವ ಶಂಕರ್, ಮಾಜಿ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಕುಮಾರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜತೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಇವೆರಡೂ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳು ಉಪಯುಕ್ತವಾಗುತ್ತವೆ. ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಾಗಲಿದೆ, ಕಾಲಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದರು. ಬೈರಾಪಟ್ಟಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುರುತಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 40 ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶವಿದ್ದು, ಮೊದಲ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ 15 ಎಕರೆಯ 4 ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಉಳಿದ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಕ್ಲಸ್ಟರ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಮಾವು ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಘಟಕ ಕೂಡ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ರಫ್ತಾರ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 10 ಕೋಟಿ ರು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ನೆರವು ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರವನ್ನು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

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A Chrysilla volupe male spider perched on garden lizard.
▪ SATISHCHANDRA KARANTH

Rare Chrysilla volupe spiders discovered at Puttenahalli lake

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A pair of Chrysilla volupe spiders, a rare species, was recently spotted at Puttenahalli lake by photographer Satish Chandra Karanth. The discovery has residents, members of the Puttenahalli Neighbourhood Lake Improvement Trust (PNLIT), and wildlife enthusiasts ecstatic. The Chrysilla volupe was believed to be extinct for 150 years, until it was discovered at the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) in 2018.

Mr. Karanth, who is a regular visitor to the lake, expressed his surprise when he spotted the spider. In a release by PNLIT, he said, "While I was trying portrait shots of a garden lizard in our Puttenahalli lake bed last week, this colourful rare spider popped up on its head."

The spider belongs to the family of jumping spiders (Salticidae) and scientifically named Chrysilla volupe. Male spiders are 5.44 mm long including stretched legs and 1.76 mm wide. They have a carapace in reddish orange colour with two iridescent blue stripes, stated PNLIT in the release.

Females measure 2.61 mm long and 0.88 mm wide, and have a greyish carapace with grey eyebrows with all legs yellow in colour.

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Coffee Board projects highest-ever bean output for 2021-22

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The Coffee Board has projected a 10.5% increase in coffee bean production at 3,69,000 tonnes for the 2021-22 season.

A Coffee Board official said this is the highest-ever post-blossom estimate for the coffee crop in the country. The projections include 2,60,700 tonnes of Robusta and 1,08,300 tonnes of Arabica varieties for the year.

Last year, the final production stood at 334,000 tonnes comprising 235,000 tonnes of Robusta and 99,000 tonnes of Arabica, which is 2.3% shorter than the post-monsoon estimate, according to data available on the Coffee Board website.

Robusta accounts for over 70% of the country's coffee output. The crop looks better in the growing regions due to favourable blossom and backing showers, the official said.

Meanwhile, Arabica production has been declining over the last few years due to consistent pest infestation across the growing regions.

"This is only the post-blossom estimate, and it is too early to project the size of the final crop for the year. We will come out with a final estimate after the monsoon season and just ahead of the commencement of the harvesting sometime in December," an official said.



According to data published by the Coffee Board, the final production for 2020-21 at 3,34,000 tonnes is barely 2.3% lower than the post-monsoon projections for the year. While the Robusta output stood at 2,35,000 tonnes, the Arabica accounted for 99,000 tonnes during the year.

The Coffee Board had projected 3,42,000 tonnes production comprising 240,000 tonnes of Robusta and 102,000 tonnes of Arabica varieties during its post-monsoon estimates last year.

Untimely rains that occurred during December 2020 and January 2021 resulted in damage to the crop in the growing regions of Karnataka.

"The growing regions in the districts of Kodagu, Hassan and Chikkamagaluru have received good blossom showers and backing showers during February, April and May this year. The conditions are very much favourable for a better crop for the current coffee season," Appadurai, Chairman, Karnataka Planters Association, told *DH*.

He said all the growing regions had reported good monsoon showers so far.

The Coffee Board estimates show that Robusta output could be higher by 11% growth at 2,60,700 tonnes for the current crop year as against 2,350,000 tonnes produced in 2020-21 due to expectations of a normal monsoon.

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