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ಕೈ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬೆಲೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಕೊರತೆ ಭೀತಿ

50 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ.ನತ್ತ ಅಡಕೆ ಬೆಲೆ

■ ಕೆ.ಸತೀಶ್ ಮೈದೊಳಲು ಹೊಳಿಹೊನ್ನೂರು

ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ನಂತರ ಕೈ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಕ್ವಿಂಟಾಲ್‌ಗೆ 50 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ. ಗಡಿ ತಲುಪಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಆದಾಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವ



ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಹೊಂದಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವರ್ತಕರು ಅಡಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಕ್ವಿಂಟಾಲ್ ಹಳೆಯ ರಾಶಿ ಅಡಕೆಯನ್ನು 48 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ.ಗೆ ಖರೀದಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹೊಸ ರಾಶಿ ಅಡಕೆಯನ್ನು 44,200 ರೂ.ನಂತೆ ಖರೀದಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದೆರಡು ದಿನಗಳಿಂದ ಅಡಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಮದು ಸುಂಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ: ಅಡಕೆ ಮೇಲಿನ ಆಮದು ಸುಂಕವನ್ನು ಕೇಂದ್ರ 230 ರೂ.ನಿಂದ 320 ರೂ.ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆಮದು ಗಣನೀಯವಾಗಿ ಕುಸಿದಿದೆ. ಗಡಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಪಾಸಣೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಳಪೆ ಅಡಕೆ ಕಳ್ಳಸಾಗಣೆಗೂ ಕಡಿವಾಣ ಬಿದ್ದಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಗುಟ್ಕಾ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳು ದೇಶೀಯ ಅಡಕೆಯನ್ನೇ ಆಶ್ರಯಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದು ಅಡಕೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರಭಾವಿಗಳ ಕೈವಾಡ?: ಮತ್ತೊಂದೆಡೆ ಅಡಕೆ ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು ಖರೀದಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸದೆ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲೇ ಶೇಖರಿಸಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಅಭಾವ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಯಾಗುವ ಭೀತಿಯೂ ಇದೆ. ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಿಡಿತ ಸಾಧಿಸಿರುವ ಕೆಲ ಪ್ರಭಾವಿ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಗಳು ಕಳೆದೆರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಈಗ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬೆಲೆಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಡಕೆ ಅಭಾವ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸುವ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬ ಮಾತುಗಳಿವೆ. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ ಸದ್ಯ ಇರುವ ಬೆಲೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾರಿ ಕುಸಿತ ಕಾಣಲಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಆತಂಕ. 2018-19ರಲ್ಲಿ 30 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ. ಆಸುಪಾಸಿನಲ್ಲಿತ್ತು. ಕಳೆದ ವರ್ಷ 40 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ. ಸನಿಹಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ನಂತರ 30 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ.ಗೆ ಕುಸಿದಿತ್ತು. ಇದೀಗ ರಾಶಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಕೈ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ 48 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂ.ನಿಂದ 48,600 ರೂ.ಗೆ ತಲುಪಿದೆ. ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ ನಂತರ ಅಡಕೆ ಧಾರಣೆ ಕುಸಿತ ಕಾಣಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಕರು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್, ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಕೆಯ ಆವಕ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಬೆಲೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳವಾಗುವುದು ವಾಡಿಕೆ. ಅಡಕೆ ಟಾಸ್ಕ್‌ಫೋರ್ಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಈಗಿರುವ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನೇ ಆಧರಿಸಿ ಅಡಕೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಸ್ಥಿರಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕು.
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Coffee Output from K'taka, Kerala, TN likely to Fall 10% due to Heavy Rains

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Kolkata: Heavy rains in July and August in coffee producing states of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu is estimated to cut coffee crop size by 10%, producers said.

The Coffee Board's post-blossom estimate for 2021-22 pegs output at 369,000 tonnes, of which 260,700 tonnes would be the robusta variety. In 2020-21, India produced 334,000 tonnes of coffee. A coffee year starts from October and ends in September of the next year. "Heavy rains are likely to impact coffee production this year. As of now, our estimate is that there may be a 10% drop in coffee crop," said Jeffry Rebello, chairman, UPASI (United Planters' Association of Southern India) coffee committee.



Though production may decline, this year could turn out to be a good year for Indian coffee exports as prices have gone up in global markets. The price of arabica coffee futures, a global benchmark, hit a seven-year high of $2.07 per pound towards the end of July as severe frost hit coffee plantations in Brazil, which had already expected a lower crop as 2021 is an off-year for the country's production. Although prices have come down to $1.76 per pound, they are still 40% higher than at the start of the year. Robusta coffee prices rose in tandem with arabica prices in July, crossing the $2,000 per tonne mark. "As of now, Indian coffee growers have no production. So, the growers cannot take advantage of rising international prices. If the price remains firm till November, when our crop starts arriving, then the trade can get the benefit of rising prices," said Rebello.

India exported around 238,188 tonnes of coffee from January 1 to August 17 compared to around 215,177 tonnes in the same period last year.

"Growth is growth, no matter how small"

IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE

New species of catfish found in Arunachal

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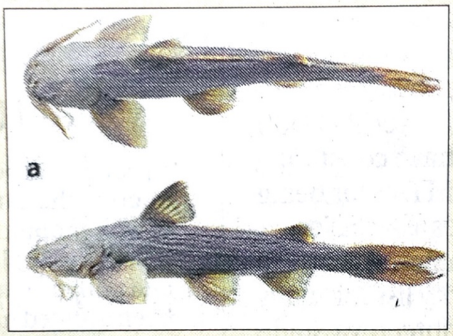
A new catfish species has been identified and named after a range forest officer in Mouling National Park in the frontier state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Specimen of the catfish, which was later identified to be Glyptothorax rupiri, a new Sisoridae catfish was collected from the Siang river by a team of researchers, Laishram Kosygin, Pratima Singh and Shibananda Rathi from the freshwater fish section of the Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata.

"It differs from its congeners in the Indian subcontinent by a combination of characters such as the presence of plicae on the ventral surface of the pectoral spine and first pelvic-fin ray



and a posteriorly serrated dorsal-fin spine. The body with two longitudinal pale-cream stripes, densely tuberculated skin and the presence of numerous tubercles on the dorsal surface of pectoral and pelvic-fin rays also differentiates it from other related species," the researchers said in their paper published recently in the journal, *Zootaxa*.

The researchers said out of the 24 valid species of Glyptothorax described from the Ganga-Brahmaputra and Barak-Surma-Meghna basin, the Ganga-Brahmaputra basin has 17.

The species is presently known only from the Jambung stream, a tributary of the Siang river near Hawa Camp in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh (Brahmaputra River basin).

The new species has been named after S Rupir Boli, a range forest officer of Ramsingh range of Mouling National Park in Arunachal Pradesh for his help in collecting the specimens during the first survey by the researchers.

The Brahmaputra, known as the Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet and Siang in Arunachal Pradesh is also called the Luit in Assam. It originates in Tibet and passes through India and Bangladesh before emptying into the Bay of Bengal.

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ಪಶು ವಿ.ವಿ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಷ್ಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಗೆ 10 ಎಕರೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರೈತರು ಬೆಳೆದ ಹೂವುಗಳ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಹೆಬ್ಬಾಳದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪಶುವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ 10 ಎಕರೆ ಜಾಗವನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಆದೇಶ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಈ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತ ಪುಷ್ಪ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಟಿ.ಎಂ. ಅರವಿಂದ್ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅವರು, 'ಹಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರೈತರು ಬೆಳೆದ ಹೂವುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಜಾಗವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಇಕ್ಕಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹೆಬ್ಬಾಳದ ಪಶುವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಜಾಗ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನವಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದೆವು' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಷ್ಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ವಿಚಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಆಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದೀಗ ದಿಟ್ಟ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದೆ ಎಂದು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತದ ಪುಷ್ಪ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಸಂಘದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಶ್ರೀಕಾಂತ್ ಬೊಲ್ಲಂಪಳ್ಳಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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Revive farm pond scheme to deal with monsoon vagaries: Experts

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WATER WOES: The suggestion comes in the wake of a prolonged spell of weak monsoon in August after excessive rain in June-July

Bengaluru: With farmers being distressed by fluctuating monsoon rainfall for successive years, experts feel having farm ponds (krishi honda) in fields will minimise their woes. They have urged the government to revive the Krishi Bhagya scheme to ensure a pond in each farmland.

The suggestion comes in the wake of a prolonged spell of weak monsoon in August following excessive rain in June and July. About 86 taluks were hit by floods when there was copious rainfall, but crops are now drying in these and other areas due to lack of water.

The water scarcity is despite most reservoirs being almost full. For instance, the dams in Krishna basin are 99% full (overall) — they have 411.9 tmc ft of water as against their cumulative storage capacity of 417.5 tmc ft. About 106 tmc ft is stored in the dams of Cauvery basin against their maximum capacity of 114.6 tmc ft.

"Fields are not getting adequate water despite dams being full due to lack of connectivity between major reservoirs and minor irrigation tanks. Most of the canal works are incomplete or they are continuously under repair. It's been the same story during monsoon for many years," said Dr HS Shivaramu, agrometeorologist, Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra (GKVK), Bengaluru.

According to data from Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), only 42% of the total 3,639 minor irrigation tanks in the state have storage more than 50% of their capacity at present.

Shivaramu noted that the lack of canal connectivity is also the reason for frequent floods as water discharged from reservoirs during heavy rain inundates farms and human habitats instead of flowing into tanks.

He said a scheme ensuring farm ponds in all fields of more than one hectare is necessary for sustainable agriculture, adding a hectare of farmland should have a 12x12m pond with 3m depth to hold about 2.5 lakh litres of water.

"Water filled in the ponds during excessive rain fulfils the critical need of the crop during an interim dry spell. It also provides the long-term benefit of recharging groundwater apart from neutralising the effect of flash floods," opined Shivaramu.

The Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in 2013 introduced Krishi Bhagya scheme under which farmers were entitled to 80% subsidy on construction of farm ponds. The scheme saw over 1.8 lakh farm ponds constructed till 2019. The BJP government discontinued the scheme when the state economy was hit by the Covid-induced slowdown.

"With the economy showing signs of recovery and the state's revenues improving, the government should think of reviving the farm pond scheme," said BDA Satya Babu Bose, director, Centre for Rural Studies and Development.

Such ponds being built under MGNREGS: Min

Agriculture minister BC Patil said the government has not stopped the farm pond scheme, and they are being constructed under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme.

"We preferred doing it under the national scheme as we wanted to protect livelihoods amid Covid distress. More agricultural fields will have ponds in the near future," Patil said. An official from the rural development and panchayat raj department said the government has set a target of building one lakh farm ponds this year, of which 38,000 are ready.

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