

Rice gets costlier by ₹25-30/kg as drought hits cultivation in K'taka

With reserves running dry, govt has prioritised drinking water needs over irrigation: Agri expert

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THE drought situation in Karnataka has started to impact rice production and its prices, with retail rates of several varieties of rice rising by ₹25-30 per kg over the last three months. One of the major rice-producing states, Karnataka is expected to see lower production this year as sowing in June was low. With harvesting beginning in November, traders and industry experts anticipate tighter supplies in the coming months.

Paddy is grown largely in Tungbhadra and Cauvery River basins, including Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Vijayanagara, Mysuru, Mandya and some parts of Malnad. Karnataka normally cultivates paddy in around 13 lakh hectares annually, but this year, it has reduced by over four lakh hectares due to severe drought in both basins. The price of Sona Masuri variety in the wholesale market has increased from ₹50 per kg to ₹75 to ₹80. Similarly, Kolam rice, which was around ₹75 per kg, is reaching ₹100.

AB Patil, president of the Institute of Agricultural Technologists and former agriculture adviser to the state government, said paddy is one of the highest water-consum-



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ing crops. To produce 1 kg of paddy, it requires 3,500 litres to 4,000 litres of water. With dams running dry, farmers at the tail end of canals will not get water. It is better for them to grow crops like pulses, oil seeds or ragi, but not paddy, he suggested.

Prof MB Rajegowda, agrometeorologist and former registrar, University of Agriculture Sciences, told *TNIE* that paddy sowing in Karnataka occurs in June /July, while harvesting stretches from October to November and sometimes to December. But this year, sowing has reduced drastically. "As rain was not up to the mark, dams are running dry. In the Krishnaraja Sagar Reservoir belt, as the government has pri-

oritised drinking water, there will be no discharge of water into irrigation canals. Farmers have not taken up sowing and this will impact the quantity of production," he pointed out.

Farmers in Raichur and Ballari districts said that in a normal year, they get two crops, but this year, the situation is so bad that they have not even taken up a single crop. In other years, farmers would harvest paddy in April/May and then again in October/November. In the two districts, normally, if the southwest monsoon is good, the northeast monsoon fails, and vice-versa. In those years, they get a chance to take advantage of at least one season. But this year, the El Nino effect has put paid to that, affecting sow-

TN farmers seek package for samba, thaladi crops

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Farmers Association has urged the state government to introduce a special package for farmers growing samba, thaladi and rain-fed crops, citing water shortage and uncertain weather conditions. The association urged the government to promote alternative crops such as maize, groundnut, sesame, black gram, green gram, cowpea and ragi in suitable districts, with technical support. In a letter to CM C Joseph Vijay, the association's state general secretary P S Masilamani said only about 1.5 lakh acres of the usual six lakh acres of kuruvai cultivation had been raised with groundwater, and parts of these crops had withered due to water shortage. The association urged the government to release Mettur water based on crop requirements and ensure regulated irrigation up to tail-end areas. It also sought special officers to monitor water distribution.

ing, cultivation and production.

Millers said that they are buying paddy at ₹4,400 per quintal that was ₹3,000 a few months ago. "Our purchase price now is equal to what we used to sell it for earlier," a mill owner said.

Girl students of pvt college allege lack of safety in hostel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

GIRL students staying in the hostel of a private engineering college near Thondamuthur, in the outskirts of the city, have alleged that the hostel lacks adequate safety measures. Condemning this, around 50 girl students staged a protest on the college campus on Monday, demanding immediate remedy.

A second-year girl student, under condition of anonymity, told *TNIE* that around 200 girl students stay in the three-storey hostel building on the college campus. "An unknown person trespassed onto the terrace and knocked on the locked terrace door. This has been happening for the past week. This

caused widespread panic among students," she said.

"On Sunday evening, once again there was knocking, following which a student panicked and fainted on the spot. Hostellers then informed the police and called an ambulance. Later, the student was taken to the hospital," she said.

Another student alleged that although CCTV cameras are present in the hostel premises, they are non-functional. She added, "There is no hostel warden and an elderly person has been appointed as security guard. Taking advantage of this, someone has been allegedly roaming around the hostel at night."

Condemning the alleged lack of safety measures, the students staged a protest on the campus on Monday morning. Following the protest, the college administration 'fixed' the CCTV cameras and appointed a hostel warden, students told



TNIE. Meanwhile, a video showing hostel students carrying a fainted student to an ambulance on Sunday night went viral on social media.

When contacted, a college official denied the allegations and said the hostel warden had gone on leave on Sunday. He said some students are spreading baseless rumours that someone was moving around the terrace, and an inquiry is under way.

Man held for cheating store of phones and TV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

A 52-year-old man from Ukkadam was arrested for allegedly cheating an electronics store on 100-feet Road of goods worth lakhs through a WhatsApp-based fraud.

Police said, the suspect M Shaik Abdul Kadhur contacted the shop and expressed interest in buying multiple smartphones in bulk. He requested product details on WhatsApp and provided a fake address of a well-known department store along with a forged GST number for billing purposes.

Once the invoice was prepared, he sent a fake SMS claiming that the full payment had been transferred to the shop's bank account. Believing the amount had been credited, shop staff handed over the phones after the suspect said he could not come in person and arranged a bike service for collection. Using the same method, he obtained a total of seven mobile phones and a smart TV.

When the manager found that no money had been credited and the given address was fake, a complaint was lodged with the cyber crime police. Further investigation is on.



K S Mithilesh, Vice Chairman, Kathir Institutions, has been honoured with the prestigious "Next-Gen Edupreneur Award 2026" by ICT Academy. The award was presented at ICT BRIDGE '26 held in the city on Wednesday, in recognition of his visionary leadership and contribution to advancing innovation and entrepreneurship in the education sector | EXPRESS

TTD serves Annarasadam to 9 cr pilgrims in

TIRUMALA: Driven by a mission to ensure that no visiting pilgrim goes hungry, the Sri Venkateswara Annarasadam wing of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) served over 9 crore free meals between January and September 2026. The scheme began in 1985, under the then CM NT Rama Rao, catering to 2,000 pilgrims daily. Now, the operation averages nearly 1.8 lakh daily meals, frequently exceeding 3 lakh servings during peak festival rush.

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Headmasters asked to create awareness on TRuST

COIMBATORE: The District School Education Department on Wednesday directed headmasters to create awareness among students about the Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search (TRuST) exam. An educational officer in Coimbatore told *TNIE* that the DGE conducts the TRuST examination every year to improve learning skills among Class 9 students of rural government and aided

schools. "Students who clear the examination will receive ₹1,000 per year until they complete Class XII. The examination would be conducted on November 21. The DGE has allowed students to apply from October 7 to 13," he said. "Headmasters have been asked to create awareness about the examination and its scholarship. They should encourage students to apply for it," he said.

Fire personnel, passersby removed boulder from site

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Police and fire and rescue services personnel, along with passersby, removed the boulder from the spot and pushed it to the roadside to clear the traffic congestion. The Mettupalayam police have registered a case and are investigating. Meanwhile, traffic came to a standstill for over ninety minutes on Wednesday morning after a tree fell across the road at Kallar. Similar disruptions occurred at Burliyar and Sholur Mattam due to uprooted trees blocking the roads. Coimbatore district recorded 429.40 mm of rainfall in the 24 hours ending Wednesday, while the Nilgiris recorded 894.5 mm. Kotagiri and Kil Kotagiri received the highest rainfall in the district at 85 mm and 77.6 mm, respectively.

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“APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" "Whatever there is" and "without recourse" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

S. No.	NAME & ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/S / GUARANTOR/S	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCE, IF ANY	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD Amount, 3. Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	M/s AVATHAAR INDUSTRIES (Borrower) , Represented by its partners K.K. KACHARES, V.K. Palayam, Karadivavi (Via), Puliyampatti Village, Palladam Taluk, Tirupur District - 641658. Mrs. P. GAYATHRI (Partner and Guarantor of M/s Avathaar Industries) , W/o Elangovan, Door No.5/129, Ganesh Garden, Kadampadi, Sulur, Coimbatore – 641401. Mr. M. JAGATHESAN (Partner and Guarantor of M/s Avathaar Industries) , S/o Maruthachala Moorthy, 7/42-30, Kumaran Nagar Phase-2, Keeranatham, Saravanampatti Post, Coimbatore- 641035. Mrs. K. PADMAVATHI (Partner, Guarantor and Mortgagor of M/s Avathaar Industries) W/o Kandasamy, Door No. 82/4 (1B), Samappa Layout, Kendayur Village, Mettupalayam, Mahadevapuram, Coimbatore – 641305.	Property of Mrs. K. Padmavathi . In Coimbatore Registration District, Mettupalayam Sub-Registration District, Mettupalayam Taluk, Chikkadasampalayam Village, Mettupalayam Town, in Kendayur Patta No. 531 in S.F. No. 272/1, a land measuring Acre 2.82 within this on northern side Acre 1.79 land was divided as house plots and layout approved in C. No. 2516/81 CNR SL P/R (CN) 137/81 in this Southern Half Share of the Site No. 11 land measuring 1237 ½ Sq. ft. is within the following boundaries: North of : Site No. 12, South of : Northern ½ share of Site No. 11 belongs to A. Phelomena, East of : 30 ft. North South road as per layout plan, West of : House belonging to Makaliappan in Site No. 10. Measuring, East West on North - 41 ½ feet; East West on South - 41 feet; North South on the West - 30 feet; North South on the East - 30 feet. Within this the land totalling 1237 ½ sq. ft. vacant land and the right of pathway to the property from the layout roads etc., & all other appurtenances thereof. Within the above the house built, Door No. 82/4 (1B). The Doors, Windows, its frames, Electricity Service Connection, Water Service Connection Etc. Door No. 82/4 (1B), Property Tax Assessment No. 14515. Water Tax Assessment No. 6799. Electricity Service Connection No. 153-008-445. This property is situated within the limits of Mettupalayam Town Panchayat in Mettupalayam Town Old Ward No. 13, New Ward No. 24, in T.S. No. 26, Block No. 46. The property is owned by Mrs. K. Padmavathi W/o Kandasamy. Latitude: 11.297842 and Longitude: 76.928369	Balance outstanding of all the credit facilities as on 04.10.2026: Rs.1,03,23,114/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Only) and further costs, charges.	30.10.2026 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs.30,00,000/- 2. Rs.3,00,000/- 3. Rs.50,000/-	Physical Possession	29.10.2026 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
2	Mr.S.Arunkumar , S/o. S.P. Sukumar, Parsen Sesh Nestle, Halmark Apartments, Block No. 3, Flat No. 5, Nanjundapuram Road, Coimbatore 641036. Mr. S.P. Sukumar , Parsen Sesh Nestle, Halmark Apartments, Block No. 3, Flat No. 5, Nanjundapuram Road, Coimbatore 641036.	Property of Mr. S.Arunkumar : Schedule A - In Coimbatore Registration District, Madukkarai Sub Registration District, Coimbatore South Taluk, Madukkarai Village, in patta bearing No. 422 in SFD No. 1004/25, out of an extent of 2.79 acres, in north eastern portion of 0.96¼ acres situated:- North of – the landed property of an extent of 0.80 ¾ acres in SF No. 1004/2 belonging to Dhanabal and others, South of – Lands in SF No. 997, West of – the landed property situated in SF No. 1004/3A, East of – the land belonging to Dhanabal in SF No. 1004/2 and 30 feet wide cart track left by Dhanabal. Together with the usual pathway rights and the right over the 30 feet wide cart track left on the western side in the said survey field leading through the portion of the property belonging to Dhanabal and other appurtenances thereto. The property is situated in SF No. 1004/2B and within the Madukkarai Panchayath Limits. Schedule B : An extent of 291.05 sq.ft of undivided share of land out of Schedule A property. Schedule C : Apartment in First Floor with total super built up area of 658.79 sq.ft bearing flat No. B1-1 in B Block with right over the common areas and one vehicle parking in the building called as "SAIDHAAN ENCLAVE". Latitude: 10.930538 and Longitude: 76.928076	Balance outstanding of credit facilities as on 04.10.2026: Rs.40,66,356/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Six Only) and further costs, charges.	30.10.2026 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs.23,00,000/- 2. Rs.2,30,000/- 3. Rs.50,000/-	Physical Possession	29.10.2026 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
3	M/s. INNOVE IMPEX (Borrower) , Represented by its partner Mr. P.Prabhu and Mr. Karthic No.7/1, Puthuran Thottam, Samundipuram, Tirupur 641603. Mr. P. PRABHU (Partner and Guarantor and Mortgagor) , S/o Mr. Palanisamy No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607 Mr. P. KARTHIC (Partner and Guarantor and Mortgagor) , S/o Mr. Palanisamy, No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607 Mr. P. PALANISAMY (Guarantor and Mortgagor) (deceased) Mrs. Poongodi, W/o. Mr. Palanisamy, legal heir of Mr. Palanisamy Mr. Karthic, S/o. Mr. Palanisamy, legal heir of Mr. Palanisamy Mr. Prabhu, S/o. Mr. Palanisamy, legal heir of Mr. Palanisamy No.24/85, Appachi Nagar Main Road, Tirupur-641607	Property of Mr. P. Prabhu and Mr. P. Karthic (partners and guarantors) as per Doc No.1450/2004 In Tirupur Registration District, Thottipalayam Sub Registration District, Tirupur Taluk, presently Tirupur North Taluk, Thottipalayam village, in G.S.No. 203/2, the lands measuring 1.13 acres@Rs. 1.55, in this deducting certain extent of lands provided for thadam by vendor Kumarasamy and Ayyasamy, thus the remaining 0.93 acres of land situated within the following boundaries: South to - 37 links East-West Thadam, North to – Nallaaru Poramboke, East to – 37 links North-South Thadam, West to – the lands in G.S.No. 203/3. Amidst this, the above said land measuring 0.93 acres in entirety along with regular pathway rights in 37 links East West and North South Thadam and mamool pathways and cart track rights pertaining to the above said lands and all easements and right etc.,. Latitude: 11.140316 and Longitude: 77.363263	Balance outstanding of the credit facilities as on 30.09.2026: Rs.1,32,21,913/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen Only) and further costs, charges.	30.10.2026 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs.2,51,10,000/- 2. Rs.25,11,000/- 3. Rs.1,00,000/-	Physical Possession	29.10.2026 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
4	M/s RR Agencies (Borrower) , Represented by its proprietor Mr. S. Raghuraman Door No. 401, Brizo Apartments, Murugan Nagar, Vilankurichi, Coimbatore 641033 . Mr. S. Raghuraman (Proprietor and Mortgagor) , S/o Mr. Stalin TM X4, IUDP Colony, Selvapuram, Coimbatore 641026.	Property in the name of Mr. S.Raghuraman . In Coimbatore Registration District, Mettupalayam Sub-Registration District, Mettupalayam Taluk, Sirumugai Village, Jeevanagar, in S.F.No. 51, and extent of 3.20 acres of land. In this, the house property having the following boundaries and measurements : North of – Remaining property belongs to Subbammal. South of – East-west 8 feet wide common road, East of – Property belongs to Govindaraj, West of – Property belongs to Angamuthu Subramaniam. Within this, East – West on the North - 33'00" East – West on the South 36'0" North- South of the both sides – 7'0" Admeasuring an extent of 2415 sq.ft or 5 cents and 235 sq.ft or 224.36 sq. meters of site with building thereon together with all other appurtenances including the property tax assessment, electricity service connection and its deposits and the common right of access thereto. The building bearing door No. 23D. Property tax assessment No. 2813. The property is situated at Sub-division SF No. 51/2. The property situated within the limits of Sirumugai Town Panchayath belonging to Mr. S. Raghuraman, S/o. Mr. Stalin. Latitude: 11.321580 and Longitude: 77.011231	Balance outstanding of the credit facilities as on 04.10.2026: Rs.75,15,850.26 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty and Twenty Six Paise Only) and further costs, charges.	30.10.2026 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs.47,00,000/- 2. Rs.4,70,000/- 3. Rs.50,000/-	Physical Possession	29.10.2026 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

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