



**Agromet Advisory Service Bulletin for Thane District**  
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Significant past weather for the preceding week (Period –11/04/2020 to 17/04/2020)							Weather Parameters	Weather forecast until 08.30 hrs of 22/04/2020				
11/04	12/04	13/04	14/04	15/04	16/04	17/04		18/04	19/04	20/04	21/04	22/04
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rainfall (mm)	0	0	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Maximum temperature (°C)	37	35	35	35	35
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Minimum temperature (°C)	23	23	22	22	23
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cloud cover (Octa)	2	2	2	1	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Relative Humidity Max. (%)	64	51	52	51	49
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Relative Humidity Min. (%)	25	23	22	25	23
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wind speed (Km/hr)	3	5	3	4	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Wind direction	SSW	S	E	E	SSE

**Agro-met Advisory**

There will be increase in maximum and minimum temperature and sky remain clear from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020.

Crop	Stage	Agro Advise
<b>Precaution to be taken by farmers due to Covid-19</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In case of manual field operations of harvesting/ picking, accomplish the operation in 4-6 feet spaced strips assigning one strip to one person. This will ensure adequate spacing between the engaged labour.</li> <li>All the persons engaged should use masks and ensure hand washing with soap at reasonable intervals.</li> <li>Maintain safe distance of 4-6 feet during rest, taking of meals, transfer of produce at collection point, loading/unloading.</li> <li>All machines should be sanitized at the entry point and at regular intervals. All transport vehicles, gunny bags or other packaging material should also be sanitized.</li> <li>In hotspot areas of Covid-19, it is advise to use spray of 1% Sodium Hypochloride to sanitized the all machineries at the entry point and at regular interval, further it is also advise to sanitize transport vehicles, gunny bags and other packaging materials.</li> <li>While carrying out field operations related to nutrient sprays and crop protection adequate precautions in handling of inputs, mixing, delivery and washing of equipment is to be undertaken.</li> <li>Follow the standard safety measures during the visit to market for the purchase of inputs/sale of produce.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer rice</b>	<b>Flowering to grain filling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rice crop is in grain filling stage hence maintain optimum water level of 5 cm.</li> </ul>
<b>Mango</b>	<b>Fruiting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To protect the mango fruits from the incidence of fruit fly, install “Rakshak fruit fly trap” developed by University @ 4 traps per hectare. Collect and destroy fallen fruits and keep orchard clean.</li> <li>Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to newly planted mango orchard @ 30 liters of water twice in week (1 years old), twice in 15 days interval (2 years old) and twice in month (3 years old).</li> <li>For new plantation of Mango, keep the planting area clean.</li> </ul>
<b>Coconut</b>	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to coconut orchard at 5-6 days interval also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses.</li> </ul>
<b>Sapota</b>	<b>Flowering to fruiting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to forecast for increase in temperature and decrease in humidity, provide irrigation to sapota orchard at 5-6 days interval. also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses.</li> </ul>
<b>Milch animals</b>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is possibility of increase in temperature hence Provide clean, hygienic and plenty amount of drinking water to farm animals</li> <li>To protect animals from heat, sprinkle cold water on animals during the afternoon, it will help to maintain the body temperature.</li> <li>To reduce the stress of heat in farm animals, provide roughages by mixing with solution of 1% gaggery and 0.5% salt separately.</li> <li>There is forecast for increase in temperature, hence protect animals from heat by covering roof of the shed with insulating materials such as paddy straw, dry coconut leaves and make arrangement for sprinkle cold water on the roof of shed during afternoon time. Use wet gunny bags as side curtains to protect animals from direct hot winds.</li> </ul>
<b>Poultry</b>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is possibility of increase in temperature, hence in poultry shed, increase the water pot</li> </ul>

		<p>and provide adequate and clean water for drinking. Also, feed should be given in the morning or evening hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is forecast for increase in temperature, hence protect poultry birds from heat by covering roof of the shed with insulating materials such as paddy straw, dry coconut leaves and make arrangement for sprinkle cold water on the roof of shed during afternoon time. Use wet gunny bags as side curtains to protect poultry birds from direct hot winds.</li></ul>
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