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**ERNAKULAM DISTRICT**

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**CURRENT SYNOPTIC SITUATION:** A Low pressure area lies over northwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining north Odisha - West Bengal coasts along with the associated cyclonic circulation extending upto 7.6km above mean sea level tilting southwestwards with height. An offshore trough at mean sea level runs from south Maharashtra to Kerala coasts. An East- west shear zone lies between 3.1 and 5.8 km above mean sea level along 20° N.

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:**

Weather parameters	04.09.2019	05.09.2019	06.09.2019	07.09.2019	08.09.2019
Rainfall (mm)	20	18	20	15	20
Maximum temperature(°C )	29	29	30	30	30
Minimum temperature (°C )	24	24	24	24	24
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	97	97	97	97	97
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	75	75	75	75	75
Wind speed (kmph)	10	16	16	14	14
Wind direction (deg)	290	290	290	290	290
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	7	8	7	8

**According to the forecast of IMD & KAU, as per the current situation, moderate rainfall is expected in coming days in the district.**

**AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL ADVISORIES:**

Crop	Pest/ Disease	Advisories
<b>General Advisories:</b> Proper drainage facilities should be ensured to protect the agricultural crops from crop damage as well as pest & diseases during rainy season.		
Rice( <i>Virippu</i> ) Milky stage	Rice bug	There is a chance of appearance of rice bug in paddy. To control them, spray 2 ml malathion per one litre of water. Pesticides application should be done either before 9 am or after 3 pm. Otherwise, the pesticide application will adversely affect the pollination.
Coconut	Bud rot disease	There is a chance of bud rot in rainy season. Keep three numbers each of perforated Mancozeb sachets (5 gm per packet) around spindle leaves as a prophylactic measure against bud rot.
Nutmeg	Fruit rot & leaf fall	During rainy season, there is a chance of Fruit rot and leaf fall in Nutmeg. As a prophylactic measure, apply <i>Trichoderma</i> mixture. Add 2 kg <i>Trichoderma</i> to a mixture of 90 kg FYM and 10 kg Neemcake and kept for two weeks with sufficient moisture. Basal application of 2.5 kg of this mixture will be followed by foliar spray with pseudomonas (20g/litre) or 1% Bordeaux mixture.
Ginger, Turmeric	Rhizome rot	During rainy season there is a chance of rhizome rot. To control this, dig out the affected plants and drench the soil with copper oxychloride 2g per one litre of water.
Vegetables (cowpea)	Anthraxnose disease	During rainy season, there is a chance of Anthracnose disease in vegetables. As a prophylactic measure, apply 1% Bordeaux mixture.
Animal Husbandry		Avoid water logging in the premises of cattle shed. Take measures for avoid housefly and mosquito breeding. (CAADECCS, KVASU Mannuthy)