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## Do not revoke ban on cotton exports: TEA

Tirupur: The Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA) has requested the Union Government not to revoke its recent announcement imposing ban on cotton exports.

This request was made by the TEA in a memorandum submitted to the Union Minister for Textiles Dayanidhi Maran on Thursday following news coming out that cotton exporters had started vigorously lobbying to lift the ban recently imposed on cotton exports.

### Aim

“The ban on cotton exports has been initiated only with an aim to bring down its domestic prices and help the garment sector to remain price-competitive. Hence, abrogating the decision to impose ban will have a cascading effect on the sustainability of Indian apparel products in the global market,” says TEA president A. Sakthivel.

Once the export of cotton commences again, Mr Sakthivel said, its availability in the local market would become scarce resulting in price increase.

According to him, any abnormal rise in cotton prices will automatically make the yarn prices dearer.

The TEA wanted Mr. Maran to use his good offices to convince the concerned Ministries against the lifting of the ban on cotton exports.

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## Higher mango prices leave a sour taste in the mouth

*Produce is not fetching remunerative prices, say growers*

KARUR: Unusually this mango season has seen lesser arrivals and higher prices, taking the fruit beyond the reach of most of the commoners in Karur district.

With the arrival of summer, several seasonal fruits make their appearance. They include varieties of mangoes, cucumber, watermelon, palm fruit besides coconut from several places. They not only quench the thirst of parched throats but also tickle the taste buds, enticing the people with their everlasting appeal.

Traditional horticulturists say that the yield would be good in alternative years, with one dull year interspersing two good seasons. But this year has fallen in the low ebb as far as yield and consequently arrivals are concerned, pushing up the prices across all varieties from common varieties to exquisite ones.

"This crop season has not been beneficial to us as too hot a climate during the flowering period, windy and rainy germination stage conspired with hot sunny weather conditions during the fruit growth cycle hampered yield," points out working president of Cauvery Delta Farmers' Welfare Association and major mango grower Mahadanapuram V. Rajaram.

There have been very heavy losses in the mango gardens raised at Mahadanapuram, Krishnarayapuram, Karungalapalli, Thanneerpalli and Nadupatti in Karur district. The returns have been poor and the produce is not fetching us remunerative prices either, aver the growers. In fact some growers say that they have been offered only half the regular lease rates, courtesy the lesser yield in the gardens in several areas.

In some other areas of Karur district, the yield has been less than one-third plunging the growers into despair. "What to do we are left to the mercy of nature and it has played truant this year," rues C. Govindasamy of Karur noting that his gardens have got him only half the regular lease prices and that too after much bargaining.

Whatever was left of the gardens was cleaned up by the recent gale and strong winds followed by rain over the past three days.

As for the retail customers and common man, those fruits that were selling at Rs. 20 to 30 a kg have become dearer by another Rs. 20 or more as the arrivals dwindled. Sendura variety sells for Rs. 30 and 40 a kg, Banganapalli Rs. 50 to 60 a kg, Alphonso Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 a kg and Himam Pasant Rs. 100 a kg.

The arrivals even from Salem, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri besides those from Andhra Pradesh have been pretty less and so the price is reigning high, point out retailers who are hit hard and were finding it difficult to to cart sale and head load sales.

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## **Farmers demand loans from co-op societies**

*Ensure prompt disbursement, says Collector Suganthi*



**ACTION-ORIENTED: Collector A. Suganthi interacting with an official at the farmers' grievance day meeting in Pudukottai on Friday.**

PUDUKOTTAI: A cross-section of farmers in the district who participated in the farmers' grievances day meeting held here on Friday, urged the district administration to direct the primary agricultural co-operative credit societies to sanction farm loans. They complained that many officials of these cooperative societies were reluctant to sanction farm loans.

Initiating a discussion, Kamaraj, a farmer, pleaded with the cooperative officials to sanction crop loans to the farmers.

Timely disbursement of loans would help them raise the crop without any hitch.

A number of farmers including K. Manivel, district president of Farmers' Association; Sivasamy Servai and Appavu Balandar, both progressive farmers, were soon up on their feet, raising similar plea with the cooperative officials.

A. Suganthi, Collector, who presided over the meeting, advised T. Ramani Devi, Joint Director of Co-operative Societies, to take immediate action in this regard and ensure prompt disbursement of crop loans to all eligible farmers.

Water position comfortable

The Collector said that the storage position at 25 out of the total 168 irrigational tanks in the Cauvery basin was adequate to irrigate the fields for the next 15 days. About 270 hectares had been brought under paddy cultivation in the district, she added.

The Collector advised the farmers to take to summer ploughing, taking advantage of the summer showers the district experienced in the past few days.

R. Palaniappan, Joint Director of Agriculture; T. Thangavelu, Deputy Director of Agriculture Marketing and Agri Business, were among those who participated in the meeting.

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## **CODISSIA to organise agriculture fair**



**President of the Coimbatore District Small Industries Association K. Ilango (left) exchanging an MoU with Niranjan Deshpande, Managing Director, Kisan Forum Pvt Ltd for promoting 'Agri Intex 2010' in Coimbatore on Wednesday. K.V. Sashidharan (right), Chairman of Agri Intex 2010 is in the picture.**

COIMBATORE: Coimbatore District Small Industries Association (CODISSIA) will organise here Agri Intex 2010, an agricultural fair, from September 30 to October 3.

The association has entered into an agreement with Kisan Forum, a private company, in an effort to create awareness about the exhibition among a larger number of farmers.

CODISSIA president K. Ilango told presspersons here recently that the event usually attracted about 50,000 farmers. With this tie-up at least a lakh farmers were expected to participate.

The exhibition would have 300 stalls. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Government Departments would participate.

Mr. Ilango said the objective of the agreement was to create awareness about the event to farmers across the State and those in Kerala and Southern Karnataka.

Kisan Forum would also be the web partner for the event. It would initiate a direct contact programme with farmers with the help of agricultural input dealers in rural areas. Kisan Forum would also create a data base of farmers and pre-register them for the event, he said.

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## **Quality seeds ready for 'kar' season**



**TIDINGS:Collector M. Jayaraman addressing the farmers' grievance day meeting in Tirunelveli on Friday.**

TIRUNELVELI: Quality seeds and fertilizers have been stocked for the ensuing 'kar' paddy season, for which water would be released from Papanasam dam shortly, District Collector M. Jayaraman has said.

"Since southwest and northeast monsoons had failed last year and hence, storage level in the reservoirs is so insecure, the farmers should use water judiciously," the Collector said during the farmers' grievance day meeting held at the Collectorate on Friday.

Mr. Jayaraman said the district, which received only 776.04 mm rainfall during 2009 against the normal precipitation of 814.80 mm, also received only 125.70 mm between January 2010 and May 2010, which is again 43 per cent lower than the normal rainfall. Of the 2,449 irrigation tanks in the district, including 886 systemized and 1,528 non-systemised tanks, only 35 tanks had water sufficient for 30 days.

"Sensing this situation, the agriculturists should use the water so judiciously," the Collector appealed.

He said 299.56 tonnes of paddy seeds had been kept ready for the 'kar' season and 3,809 tonnes of urea, 721 tonnes of DAP and 569 tonnes of potash had been stocked the first paddy season of the calendar year. District Revenue Officer P. Ramanasaraswathi was present.

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## **Veggie vendors lose Rs 3 crore to Laila**

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Chennai, May 21: The heavy rain caused by Laila has left vendors of Koyambedu vegetables and fruits wholesale market high and dry as they incurred a loss of Rs 3 crore since Tuesday. The absence of cold storage facility is the main reason for the loss, say the vendors.

Already, inadequate supplies during the summer season have pushed up the prices of vegetables. Now the rain that lashed the city in the wake of cyclone Laila pushed up the prices of further in the Koyambedu market.

Mr V.R. Soundararajan, president of Koyambedu MMC licence holders merchants association, said vegetables such as beans and broad beans cost Rs 40-45 per kg. Carrots were priced at Rs 26 a kg in the wholesale market. Tomatoes, selling at Rs 5 per kg in February, have shot up to Rs 18 a kg in the wholesale market. In the open market, they cost Rs 25 per kg. Mr Soundararajan said sales were hit due to the rain. Vegetable arrivals have gone down from 450 truckloads a day to around 300-320 truckloads due to the rain, he said.

“Only way to check fluctuating price of vegetables is to set up cold storage facility in the Koyambedu market. It will help in storing vegetables and fruits and keep prices stable,” he said. “There is no vegetable that costs less than Rs 15 a kg,” rues Ms Sundari Vasudev-an, a housewife. Taking advantage of the situation, many retail outlets were charging in excess, she added.

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## Weather Chennai - INDIA

### Today's Weather



Partly Cloudy

**Saturday, May 22**

Max Min

31.6° | 25.2°

Rain: 0.2mm in 24hrs Sunrise: 05:42

Humidity: 70% Sunset: 18:29

Wind: Normal Barometer: 1008.1mb

### Tomorrow's Forecast



Tstorm

**Sunday, May 23**

Max Min

34° | 28°

### Extended Forecast for a week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

May 24

May 25

May 26

May 27

May 28



35° | 28°

34° | 28°

37° | 29°

37° | 29°

34° | 28°

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### Airport Weather

Delhi

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Rain: 00mm in 24hrs Sunrise: 05:27

Humidity: 09%

Wind: Normal

Sunset: 19:08

Barometer: 1004.1mb

