Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Tirunelveli district (From 18th May to 22nd May)

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Significant past weather data for the preceding week (13.5.16-16.5.16)

| Rainfall (mm) | 13.5 |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Maximum Temperature (°C) | 27-37 |
| Minimum Temperature (°C) | 24-25 |
| Cloud cover (Octa) | 5-7 |
| RH (%) at 07:00 hrs LMT | 67-83 |
| RH (%) at 14:00 hrs LMT | 47- 84 |
| Wind speed (kmph) | 0 |
| Wind direction (deg) | 0 |

Weather forecast until 08:30 hrs of 22.5.16

| Parameters | Ensemble forecast | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
| | 18.5.16 | 19.5.16 | 20.5.16 | 21.5.16 | 22.5.16 |
| Rainfall (mm) | 20 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| Max. Temperature (°C) | 28 | 28 | 28 | 30 | 31 |
| Min. Temperature (°C) | 24 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| Cloud cover (Octa) | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Relative humidity (%) | 75- 85 | 75- 85 | 75-85 | 70- 80 | 70- 80 |
| Wind (kmph) (dd) | 2/ W | 2/ W | 2/ W | 2/ W | 2/ W |

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Agromet advisories in relation to the anticipated weather having very high cloud cover, heavy rainfall and high humidity

| Crop/ Farming | Stage / | Advisories |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| system | Activities | |
| Vegetable crops | Irrigation | As heavy rainfall is expected in the coming days, avoid |
| | management | irrigation to crops and provide adequate drainage facility. |
| Dryland and | Soil and water | In order to conserve the summer rainfall do summer |
| gardenland | conservation | ploughing when optimum moisture content in the soil. Do |
| cultivation | | cultivator/ tiller ploughing to improve the infiltration. |

SMS: Rain: May 18- 21st: 25, 25, 10& 5 mm respectively. To conserve summer rainfall do summer ploughing followed by cultivator/ tiller ploughing to improve infiltration.

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