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	District :	Dindigul	Forecast Period :	17/07/2024 to 21/04/2024	
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Significant past weather	From 12/04/2024 to 15/04/2024
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Parameters	Past Weather
Rainfall (mm)	11.2
Maximum Temperature (°C)	35-38
Minimum Temperature (°C)	25-28
Sky Condition (Octas)	4-7
Relative Humidity (%)	41-84
Wind Speed (kmph)	5-10

Ensemble Weather Forecast
until **08:30Hrs of 21-04-2024**

Parameters	17-04-2024	18-04-2024	19-04-2024	20-04-2024	21-04-2024
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rainfall (mm)	0	1	5	2	1
Maximum Temperature (°C)	37	37	36	36	35
Minimum Temperature (°C)	26	25	25	24	24
Sky Condition (Octa)	5	6	5	8	7
Max. Relative Humidity (%)	80	70	70	70	70
Min. Relative Humidity (%)	30	30	30	30	20
Wind Speed (Kmph)	6	8	8	6	8
Wind Direction	SE	SE	SE	NW	SE

SMS Advisory	Chances of light rain on 19 Apr. Maximum temperature would be in the range of 35°C to 37°C and the minimum temperature would be between 24°C - 26°C. Generally cloudy sky will appear for the next five days. Wind is expected with the speed of 6-8 Kmph from, Southeast & Northwest directions.
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General Advisory:

There is a rise in maximum temperature for the forthcoming days, and due to this the soil moisture content may be reduced.

Hence, the horticultural farmers are advised to take up mulching around the root basin of the crop with dried leaves, grass and other farm wastes to retain the soil moisture content.

Livestock:

For livestock, the heat stress can be managed by spraying/ sprinkling water directly on the body of animals for a period of 1 to 5 minutes at an interval of 30-60 minutes. Cover the sides of the cow shed with wet gunny bags. Ensure the increased mineral supplementation to the animals

during hot weather to meet the increased demand for minerals. The potassium-rich mineral mixture should be preferred for your cattle.

Agriculture:

Due to hot and humid conditions, discomfort weather is likely at isolated pockets over the district during next five days (17.04.2024 to 21.04.2024). Hence farmers are advised to plan their field activities during morning and evening hours and avoid working in the field during 12 noon to 4 Pm. Stay safe and take care. Drink adequate water.

Weather Based Agro-Advisories: (Banana, Jasmine & Animal Husbandry).

Banana:

Due to the dry weather, Banana Thrips are likely to appear. Management Mix 0.5ml of thiamethoxam for 0.5ml of imdacloprid per liter of water and spray.

Jasmine:

Manganese deficiency is widely seen in Jasmine. The symptoms are leaves show yellowish-green background with fine nature of green veins and leaves become thicker.

To rectify this, soil application of 10gm of MnSO₄ per plant or Foliar spray of 0.5% MnSO₄ at fortnightly intervals is recommended.

Animal Husbandry:

Proper maintenance of cattle sheds is essential during the prevailing hot weather conditions.

The direction of the sheds should be arranged in such a way that good air is available and at the same time, the heat of the sun does not directly affect the animals.

It is better if the length of the sheds is east-west. Growing trees in areas where there is strong wind will help in reducing wind speed to some extent.