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Parched Paddy Fields Survive on Tanker Water

Farmers spend ₹1,000 per tanker to save their crops

Shabad, Rangareddy District, Oct 14: With no rains and groundwater levels dropping sharply, farmers are facing severe difficulties to protect their paddy crops. As there is no water in the fields and the crop is drying up, farmers are bringing water through tankers to irrigate their lands. They are paying ₹1,000 per tanker and struggling to keep the crop alive. This situation in Thimmareddiguda village of Shabad mandal reflects the hardships faced by farmers.

Power supply reduced

Farmer Raju said that borewells have dried up due to lack of rains and irregular power supply, making it impossible to irrigate the crop.

10 to 15 tankers every day

For the past week, he is bringing 10 to 15 tankers daily. If water is supplied for another 20 days, there is a chance to harvest the crop, otherwise heavy losses are certain. Already, half an acre of paddy has completely dried up.

No response from officials

Farmers allege that agriculture and other department officials have not responded despite repeated requests.

Appeal to the government

Farmers urge the government to ensure timely power supply and provide necessary support in water-scarce areas.



Manyam Coffee Marketing Begins

Tribal growers hopeful as season starts; price fixed at ₹200 per kg in weekly markets

Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Oct 14: The Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) has begun preparations for the coffee cherry collection in its plantations. This year, due to early rains, coffee cherries have ripened in some areas ahead of schedule.

APFDC manages coffee plantations over 4,000 hectares across several mandals in the district. Due to changing climate conditions and pests, yields have been lower than expected. Last year, the corporation produced 175 metric tonnes of clean coffee through Chintapalli, Araku (R. Veeraghattam) and Paderu divisions.

The collection price of coffee cherries last year was ₹6.66 per kg and the daily wage for labourers was ₹350.82, the same rates continue this season. R. Veeraghattam Division Manager Satyam said sample berries are being collected under the 'berry count' process to estimate this year's yield.

International recognition

Manyam coffee, known for its quality and unique taste, has gained international fame. Traders in weekly markets have fixed the price at ₹200 per kg.

Every year, the coffee harvest starts during Dussehra and marketing continues till Sankranti.



Key Highlights

- Coffee cultivated in 2.5 lakh acres in the district
- Target: 18,000 tonnes this year (as per Coffee Board)
- Marketing by ITDA, GCC and private companies like Tata, Nandi and Wipro
- Consumed across India and exported to foreign countries

Power Cuts and Drought Deepen Farmers' Struggle

Hyderabad, Oct 14: Unannounced power cuts, along with scorching heat, have turned into a nightmare for farmers. They allege they are getting only 6–7 hours of power in a day, and even that is with low voltage, leading to frequent motor burnouts.

Farmers say transformers are getting damaged but not repaired in time. Despite repeated complaints, officials are not responding. Protests are being held across the state, with farmers staging dharnas and surrounding substations, demanding uninterrupted power supply. However, the government is yet to take concrete action.

