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NOTE

Sub: Advisory for the farmers during incidence of COVID-19

Please find enclosed herewith the advisory for the farmers during COVID-19.

Kindly arrange to pass on this information to the farmers pertaining to your Zone

  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Advisory for farmers during the incidence of COVID-19**

Harvesting of paddy, vegetable, pulses, cashew, coconut and other crops has commenced in the state during this period of health emergency posed due to COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by corona virus.

In order to contain the spread of said epidemic, farmers are advised to take following measures while carrying out farm operations.

- During harvesting one person shall operate in unit area so that social distance is maintained. Avoid engaging more number of labours per day.
- During harvesting, threshing and transportation the farmers are advised to take safety measures like social distancing and maintaining personal hygiene by washing the hand with soap at regular interval to prevent spread of COVID-19.
- Safe distance to be maintained (atleast 3-4 feet) while having meals, taking rest, handling/loading/unloading of farm produce.
- As far as possible engage only familiar persons in farm operations so that entry of suspect or likely carrier is avoided during the operation.

- Wash the farm implements, tractors, power tiller, transport vehicles after their use at each time with soap water.
- Ensure adequate safety measures while carrying out post harvest operation like drying, threshing, winnowing and packing. Ensure proper drying of produce before storing to prevent pest infestation. Bags should be sundried for atleast 2-3 hours before used for packing
- Farmers selling paddy to Registered Paddy Procurement agencies/Rice mills shall also take adequate care at all stages so that spread of COVID-19 is avoided.
- Farmers are advised to take short duration vegetable crops during this summer.
- General public are advised to grow vegetable in their kitchen garden. Vegetable seeds are available at Taluka Level Zonal Agricultural Offices on 50% subsidy.