





#### Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Ernakulam District (Valid from 20.09.2023 to 24.09.2023)

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### A. Medium range weather forecast of IMD for next five days

Weather parameters	20.09.2023	21.09.2023	22.09.2023	23.09.2023	24.09.2023
Rainfall (mm)	4	3	2	2	6
Maximum temperature (°C)	29	31	31	31	31
Minimum temperature (°C)	24	25	25	25	25
Maximum Relative Humidity (%)	93	93	93	93	93
Minimum Relative Humidity (%)	81	81	81	81	81
Wind speed (kmph)	2	4	4	4	4
Wind direction (deg)	270	270	290	320	320
Total cloud cover (octa)	8	8	8	8	8

Weather summary / Alert: As per the forecast of IMD, there is a chance of light rainfall in the district. Above normal rainfall is expected in Kerala.

# B. Agrometeorological Advisories for crop protection & management

## C. General and Agrometeorological Advisories for Ernakulum District (RRS Vyttila)

Prophylactic measures to control crop pest & diseases can be taken to avoid their spread. Proper mulching can be followed to conserve soil moisture.

Crop	Pest/ Disease	Crop/ Animal Advisory	
Paddy (Pokkali)	Stem borer	Release of egg parasitoids <i>Trichogramma japonicum</i> (5cc / Ha) at weekly intervals from 15-30 days after transplantation immediately after noticing stem borer activity.	
Paddy (Virippu)	Rice bug	Fish amino acid @ 20 ml /L water or Azadirachtin (3000 ppm) 10 ml / L water can be sprayed. Farmers those who cultivates for second crop can initiate preparations for nursey.	
Coconut	Bud rot	Ensure drainage. Prophylatic management practices against bud rot to be taken	
Ginger	Soft rot & Stem borer	Spray <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> and <i>Pseudomonas</i> @ 20g in a litre of water in alternate weeks	