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**Significant past weather for the preceding week**  
(Peiod –19/02/2020 to 25/02/2020)

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**Agro-met Advisory**

There is possibility of increase in maximum and minimum temperature and sky remain mainly clear from 26th February to 1st March, 2020.

**Crop**  
**Stage**  
**Agro Advise**

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**Summer rice**  
**Tilling**  
• Maintain optimum water level of 5 cm in rice field.

**Lablab bean**  
**Harvesting**  
• Harvest mature lablab bean pod and dry it for 4 to 5 days in sunlight and then follow threshing or harvest the pods along with plant and dry for 3 to 4 days in sunlight. After drying follow threshing of pods. Stored dried grain in proper manner.

**Mango**  
**Fruiting**  
• To protect the pea size fruits of mango from hoppers, thrips and powdery mildew disease, as per blossom protection schedule for mango crop, take a fourth spray of Thiometoxam 25%WG @ 1 gm per 10 liter of water (15 days after 3rd spray) Also add Hexaconazole 5% @ 5 ml or wettable Sulphur 80% @ 20 gm per 10 liter in water for control of powdery mildew.

• There is forecast for decrease in humidity and increase in temperature in during next five days, hence to minimize the pre-mature fruit drop of mango, apply 150 to 200 liter of water per tree after fruit setting at 15 days interval for 3 to 4 times also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses.

• To improve production and quality of mango fruits, spray 1 % Potassium nitrate at pea, marble and egg fruit stages.

**Coconut**  
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• Due to forecast for decrease in humidity and increase in temperature may leads to accelerate evaporation, hence provide irrigation to coconut orchard also use straw mulch to reduce evaporation losses.

• There is forecast for increase in temperature, hence provide shed to the newly planted coconut orchard to protect from sun scorching.

**Areca nut**  
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• Due to forecast for decrease in humidity and increase in temperature may leads to accelerate evaporation, hence provide irrigation to arecanut orchard.

**Banana**  
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• Due to forecast for decrease in humidity and increase in temperature may leads to accelerate evaporation, hence provide irrigation to banana orchard and use straw mulch to reduce evaporation.

**Okra**  
**Flowering**  
• There is possibility of incidence of aphids on okra crop which develop into growth of black fungus on leaves and inflorescence. If incidence is noticed, collect and destroy all infected shoots and leaves, spray Dimethoate 30%EC@10 ml per 10 liter of water. Also use yellow sticky cards in field to attract sucking pest.

**Water melon**  
**Flowering**  
• Install cue lure ‘Rakshak’ trap @ 4nos. per hectare at the time of initiation of flowering in watermelon crop for effective control of fruit fly. Collect and destroy all infected fruits.

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