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## The Rubber Board NEWS BULLETIN

# International Technical Committee meet on rubber disease control

Rubber Research Institute of India hosted the fifth Technical Committee on Plant Protection in Rubber of Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) at Kottayam. Sri. M. Vasanthagesan, I.R.S., Executive Director, Rubber Board, inaugurated the meet. In his opening address, Executive Director emphasized the urgent need for disease control measures, citing the adverse impact of rubber diseases on growers' income and national economies. The three-day meet was jointly organized by the ANRPC and the International Rubber Research and Development Board (IRRDB) from 24-26 September 2024. Scientists from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Philippines, India, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam participated in the meeting.

Dr. Jessy M.D. (Director Research in Charge, RRII), Dr. Lakshmi S. Nair (Senior Economist, ANRPC), Dr. Kuruvila Jacob (IRRDB Fellow), Dr. Tri Rapani Febbiyanti (Liaison Officer, IRRDB) Dr. Shaji Philip (Principal Scientist, RRII) and Lam Soon Jin (ANRPC) spoke on the occasion.

The meeting discussed climate

change, leaf diseases and their derivatives, clone resilience, plant protection strategies, innovative disease management techniques, drone spraying and crown budding techniques. The conference also featured an interactive session with small growers and experts at Central Experimental Station, Chethakkal, Ranni .



## The Rubber Research Institute of India signs MoU with IOCL

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). Dr. Jessy MD, Director in charge, RRII and Mr. Anil Vasu, DGM (Lubes), IOCL signed this MoU on behalf of respective organizations. This partnership aims to enhance the research on using Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in different tyre and non-tyre rubber products. The focus of this project is to improve the product performance and rubber processing in these products. This collaboration reflects both organizations' commitment to foster innovations in rubber processing along with addressing growing global demand for environmentally

sustainable industrial products. The research will examine the impact of various Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL, on tyre and non-tyre performance, seeking to optimize the efficiency and durability of various rubber products. By incorporating sustainable oils, environmental impact can be reduced and will contribute to the

development of safer materials for industrial use. Rubber product manufacturing trials and other matters related to this will be done in the Technical Consultancy Division of RRII. Through this collaboration, RRII and IOCL aim to pioneer the next generation of rubber compounds and promote responsible manufacturing practices.



## Rubber Board invites application for rubber planting subsidy

The Rubber Board invites applications for financial assistance from rubber growers who have re-planted or new-planted in 2020 and 2021. Growers whose total area under rubber does not exceed two hectares are eligible for planting grants for an area up to one hectare, subject to conditions. Growers can submit their applications online through the 'service plus' web portal of the Central Government, on or before 31 October 2022.

The growers should upload the certificate for the proof of ownership of the rubber planted area, rough sketch of the area planted, copy of the bank pass book (account linked with adhar), nomination for joint ownership/ minor applicants etc., along with the application. The growers should submit the applications within the stipulated date. Eligible subsidy at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- per hectare and an additional assistance of Rs.

5000/- for the growers who have used polybag plants or root trainer plants as planting materials will be credited to their accounts after the inspection of the holdings. Details can be had on the Rubber Board's website [www.rubberboard.org.in](http://www.rubberboard.org.in). For further details, growers may contact the nearest Rubber Board regional offices, field offices and Rubber Board Call Centre (Phone: 0481 – 2576622).

## Rubber Board observes 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2024'

The Rubber Board observed 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2024' with various activities. Mrs Molikutty Sebastian, Councilor of Ward 14 of Kottayam Municipality, inaugurated the cleaning activities in the public premises of Kottayam town. The officials of the Rubber Board offices in Kottayam, including the staff of



the Head Office, Rubber Research Institute of India and National Institute for Rubber Training, participated in the programme. The volunteers of the National Service Scheme of C.M.S. College, Kottayam, also made a significant contribution to the cleanliness programme.

Alongside the cleaning

programmes, the Rubber Board undertook a diverse range of activities, ensuring there was something for everyone. These included a plantation drive, human chain, awareness campaigns in Rubber Producers' Societies, painting competitions for school and college students, health

camp, Swachhata pledges and quiz competitions for employees as part of Swachhata Hi Seva. These initiatives reflect the Rubber Board's commitment to the Swachh Bharat Mission, a nationwide cleanliness campaign initiated by the Central Government in connection with Gandhi Jayanti in 2014.

## OCTOBER TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### **Training in bee keeping in rubber plantations on 4 October 2024**

This one day course imparts training on beekeeping to farmers/SHG members for additional income generation. Rubber growers, farmers, RPS, SHG members can apply for this course. Fees prescribed for this course is Rs.500/- + GST 18%.

### **Online training on manuring in rubber on 8 October 2024**

This one day course content imparts knowledge on fertilizer recommendation, discriminatory fertilizer application and manuring in rubber. Farmers, Estate managers, nursery owners, interested persons from plantation sector can apply for this course. Fees prescribed for this course is Rs.100/- + GST 18%.

### **Training in RSS Processing and Grading from 9-10 October 2024 (Technology)**

Rubber dealers, rubber growers, processors and consumers in non-tyre sector can apply for this course. The course content includes latex collection, processing into sheet rubber, smoke houses, grading as per Green Book standards etc. The fee prescribed for this course is Rs.1000/- (Non-residential) + GST 18%.

### **Short term training in Rubber Cultivation for Small Growers from**

### **14-18 October 2024**

The course content includes modern planting materials, planting techniques, manuring, pest and disease control, tapping and latex processing. The medium of instruction is in Malayalam. The training fee is Rs.2000/- + 18% GST. Medium of instruction is Malayalam.

### **Short term training on Latex products manufacturing from 14-18 October 2024**

Entrepreneurs/interested persons from latex product manufacturing industries can apply for this course. The course content includes latex collection, preservation and concentration, compounding ingredients, latex compounding, product design, production of rubber band, gloves, foam rubber, adhesives and balloons and its quality control aspects. The fee prescribed for the course is Rs.3750/- (Non-residential) + 18% GST. Medium of instruction is English

### **Training in Latex Harvest Technology from 21-22 October 2024**

Topics include latex harvesting, different types of tapping knives, modern tapping methods, application of stimulating agents, LHT and CUT. Rubber growers and interested persons from plantation sector can apply. The fee prescribed

for this course is Rs.1000/- + 18% GST

### **Skill development training for DRC testing from 23-25 October 2024**

This 3 day training is on testing of DRC of field latex/concentrated latex as per standards. The fee prescribed for this course is Rs.3000/- + GST 18%. Medium of instruction is Malayalam. Those who are interested may register in the link <https://bit.ly/3feCcVj>

### **Online training on Production of planting materials and characteristics of different clones on 24 October 2024**

This training is to impart training on Modern clones and good quality planting materials. Farmers and interested persons from plantation sector can apply for this course. The fee prescribed for this course is Rs. 100/- + 18% GST

### **Training in Nursery Management from 28-29 October 2024**

The objective of this two day programme is to impart scientific knowledge on different propagation methods for production of quality planting materials, nursery practices and maintenance. Farmers, nursery owners, and other interested persons can participate in this training. The fee prescribed for this course is Rs.1000/- + 18% GST

## DAILY NATURAL RUBBER PRICE SEPTEMBER 2024

[Price/Rs/Qt]							
DATE	Domestic					International	
	Kottayam			Kochi		Bangkok	
	RSS-4	RSS-5	60%LATEX	RSS-4	RSS-5	RSS-3	RSS-4
1/9/2024	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
2/9/2024	23500	23100	14265	23500	23100	22962	22888
3/9/2024	23400	23000	14055	23400	23000	22448	22374
4/9/2024	23200	22900	13845	23200	22900	22186	22112
5/9/2024	23000	22700	13630	23000	22700	22466	22392
6/9/2024	23000	22700	13630	23000	22700	22437	22363
7/9/2024	22900	22600	HOLIDAY	22900	22600	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
8/9/2024	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
9/9/2024	22900	22600	13630	22900	22600	22910	22835
10/9/2024	22900	22600	13630	22900	22600	22615	22540
11/9/2024	22900	22600	13630	22900	22600	22730	22656
12/9/2024	22900	22600	13735	22900	22600	22967	22892
13/9/2024	22900	22600	13735	22900	22600	22970	22896
14/9/2024	22900	22600	HOLIDAY	22900	22600	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
15/9/2024	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
16/9/2024	22900	22600	13735	22900	22600	23542	23466
17/9/2024	22900	22600	13735	22900	22600	23867	23791
18/9/2024	23000	22700	13845	23000	22700	24085	24009
19/9/2024	23000	22700	14055	23000	22700	24240	24165
20/9/2024	23100	22800	14265	23100	22800	24391	24316
21/9/2024	23100	22800	HOLIDAY	23100	22800	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
22/9/2024	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
23/9/2024	22900	22600	14265	22900	22600	24106	24030
24/9/2024	22800	22500	14265	22800	22500	24010	23934
25/9/2024	22800	22500	14265	22800	22500	24494	24418
26/9/2024	22700	22400	14265	22700	22400	24653	24576
27/9/2024	22600	22300	14265	22600	22300	24588	24511
28/9/2024	22500	22200	HOLIDAY	22500	22200	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
29/9/2024	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
30/9/2024	22400	22100	14265	22400	22100	25043	24965
Average	22924	22616	13953	22924	22616	23510	23435

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