



The Rubber Board NEWS BULLETIN

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*Message from the
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

THE PRODUCTION OF NR INCREASED IN 2024-25

The production of natural rubber (NR) has increased to 875,000 from 857,000 in the previous year. The growth in 2024-25 can be attributed to several key factors, including the measures taken by the Rubber Board to increase tapped area, production, and productivity. Notably, there was a significant increase in tapped area and yield during the period, with around 77% of tappable area, ie, 5,83,300 hectares, contributing to natural rubber production, up from 5,77,300 hectares a year ago. Additionally, the average yield, measured in terms of production per hectare of tapped area, increased to 1,500 kilograms per hectare in 2024-25 from 1,485 kilograms per hectare a year ago. The relatively higher price of natural rubber compared to last year also played a crucial role, coupled with favorable climatic conditions that prevailed during the peak production period.

Furthermore, the adoption of more untapped areas into tapping was a significant development, with 22,160 hectares (32,559 units) of untapped area brought under tapping. The Rubber Board's timely interventions in promoting rain guarding and other appropriate agronomic practices also contributed to the growth in production. Moreover, the Board's massive skill development program, especially in the North-East region, and its efforts to promote



HIGHLIGHTS

- Targeted Research is the priority of RRII
- BPCL releases rubber spray oil in convenient packs
- Official language conference in Rubber Board
- Grower's Corner
Cultural operations - May
- Training Programmes
Training on RSS Processing and Grading from 1-2 May 2025
Training on Planting & upkeeping on 02 May 2025
Training on spraying and maintenance of sprayers on 13 May 2025
Skill development training for DRC testing from 14-16 May 2025
Training on Latex Harvest Technology on 19-20 May 2025
Online training on manuring in rubber on 22 May 2025
- Rubber Price

self-tapping, have been instrumental in enhancing productivity.

In terms of disease management, the Rubber Board supported spraying incentives to growers for the control of leaf diseases, and promoted biodegradable, eco-friendly spray oil in 26-liter small cans for small growers. The Board also extended timely support to rubber growers in controlling major diseases, thereby enhancing productivity. The Rubber Board is on the verge of introducing new technologies, such as agri-drones for controlling major leaf diseases, which has shown promising results in trials, saving labour and time. Additionally, the promotion of crown budding for sustainable plantation development, using clones like FX 516 that are tolerant to all leaf diseases, is expected to have a positive impact on the industry.

On the consumption front, the total natural rubber consumption in 2024-25 stood at 1.41 million tonnes, reflecting a marginal decline of 0.4% over 2023-24. While the tyre sector, which constitutes the major share of natural rubber consumption, registered a marginal decline of 0.7% over 2023-24, the non-tyre sector demonstrated resilience, recording a 0.1% growth over 2023-24 and a notable 15.5% increase compared to 2022-23, reflecting expanding industrial and manufacturing applications of natural rubber in India.

EUDR SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME FOR RUBBER PRODUCT MANUFACTURES

The Rubber Board has conducted EUDR sensitization programme for the rubber product manufactures in Kerala at Ernakulam. This program is arranging for making awareness among the manufacturing fraternity on supply chain mapping, development of traceability systems and geo mapping of the plantations which are pre-requisites for complying with EU regulations and issue of due diligence certificate. Regulation on deforestation-free products (EUDR) will be implemented by the European Union with effect from 1 January 2026. Under the Regulation, any operator or trader who places commodities on the EU market must be able to prove that the products

do not originate from land that are deforested after December 31, 2020 and they must also comply with the laws in the country where they were produced. As rubber and rubber products fall under EUDR listed commodities, Board has initiated actions for geo mapping of plantations for facilitating the issue of Due Diligence Certificate to NR/NR products exporters who are exporting to EU countries. At the juncture, it is highly advised that the rubber product manufacturers may attend this sensitization programme with utmost priority. The data collected will be stored in centralised data hosted by the Rubber Board and confidentiality of the data is ensured.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT CIRAD

Applications are invited for Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), France. The research project is 'Multi-omics approach to decipher the immune responses controlling *Corynespora* Leaf Fall disease of rubber tree'. The duration of the fellowship will be for a period of 12 months from 1 September 2025. The principal investigators of this project are Dr. Bindu Roy of the Rubber Research Institute of India and Dr.

Valerie Pujeda of CIRAD (France).

Applicants should have a Ph. D. degree or be in the process of obtaining one. Candidates can be all nationalities except French. Proficiency in French is not mandatory. Applications should be submitted before 15 July 2025. For details, contact on phone 9446375352 or visit the Rubber Board website (www.rubberboard.gov.in).

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN RUBBER PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING

The Rubber Board is conducting a three month Certificate Course in Rubber Products Manufacturing at the National Institute for Rubber Training, Kottayam. The Course will commence on 07 August 2025.

Certificate Course in Rubber Products Manufacture is designed for graduates, diploma holders, engineers, research scholars, students and technical personnel from the rubber industry. This Course will help them to refresh/update their theoretical and practical knowledge in rubber processing, product manufacture, quality control and other areas related to rubber industry. Basic knowledge and skills in entrepreneurship including finance management are also included. The Course will equip the participants for advancing in their academic/industrial careers and also for entrepreneurship. E-mail: [training@](mailto:training@rubberboard.org.in)

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Group insurance for rubber tappers can be renewed till July 15. Rubber tappers who have joined the Group Insurance Cum Terminal Benefit Scheme launched by the Rubber Board in 2011-12 should renew their policy before 15 July 2025. They can pay their current year's contribution to the Rubber Board Regional Office in their respective area. Under this scheme, each member will get insurance cover of Rs. 1 lakh in case of natural death and up to Rs. 5 lakh in case of accidental death. A letter regarding the renewal of the policy has been sent to all members from the Rubber Board. Those who have not received the letter may consider this as a notice and contact the Rubber Board Regional Office to make the payment.

CULTURAL OPERATIONS DURING IN THE MONTH OF JULY

Planting distances

Spacing varies according to the type of planting material to be raised in the nursery. If the nurseries are laid for brown budded stumps, the common spacings adopted are 30' 30cm (12" '12") or staggered pairs of rows 60cm apart and 23cm between plants (24" '9"). To provide green-budded stumps 23 x 23 cm spacing is ideal. For bud wood nurseries a planting distance of 60' 90cm (24" '36") or 60' 120cm (24" '48") with wider spacing between rows is to be adopted.

Field Planting

If weather is favourable, planting can be carried out during this month also. The lateral roots of the budded stumps should not be trimmed too close to the tap root since these roots are vital for the early establishment and growth of young rubber plants. Lateral roots may be trimmed about 7.5 to 10cm from the tap root. The stumps having more than one or twisted tap roots should not be used for field planting.

Covercrop



For the proper growth and establishment of cover crops in plantations, monthly removal of weeds in and around the patches for four to five months is necessary. Application of 150 kg of powdered-rock phosphate per hectare in two equal installments is recommended. In areas where the soils are deficient in potassium, application of a mixture of 150 kg of rock phosphate and 50 kg of Muriate of potash may be used. The wild legume, *Mucuna bracteata*, which grows very fast and is not eaten by cattle can also be used as cover crop.

Weed control

Weeding should be carried out by adopting either manual methods or by use of herbicides in the rubber plantations. The weeds removed manually may be kept in plant rows which when dried can be used for mulching the plant base. Cover crop should not be allowed to grow in a circle of about 6 feet diameter around the plants or along the terraces for 3-4 years to prevent competition with the young rubber.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES OF THE RUBBER BOARD

1. Regional training on Rubber cultivation for growers NE and NT regions from 1-3 July 2025

The course content includes modern planting materials, planting techniques, manuring, pest and disease control, tapping and latex processing. Fees prescribed for this training in Rs.1000/- + GST 18%

2. Training on bee keeping in rubber plantations on 8 July 2025

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 training in Rs.600/- + GST 18%

3. Training on Laboratory Accreditation (NABL) from 8-10 July 2025

It serves to meet the pre-requisites of NABL accreditation. This course will be applicable to all organizations performing tests and/or calibrations including, first-, second- and third-party laboratories, and laboratories where testing and/or calibration forms part of inspection and product certification. The fee prescribed for the course is Rs.3000/day + 18% GST

4. Training on RSS Processing and Grading from 14-15 July 2025

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.1500/-(Non-residential) + GST 18%.

5. Online training on manuring in rubber on 17 July 2025

This online 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%.

6. Training on Production of planting materials and characteristics of different clones on 21 July 2025

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. 600/- + 18% GST

7. Online training on Intercropping in Rubber on 24 July 2025

This course content includes different intercrops practiced in rubber plantations, guidelines for their planting and maintenance. 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%.

DAILY NATURAL RUBBER PRICE JUNE 2025 [Price/Rs/Qtl]

DATE	DOMESTIC					INTERNATIONAL	
	Kottayam			Kochi		Bangkok	
	RSS-4	RSS-5	60% LATEX	RSS-4	RSS-5	RSS-3	RSS-4
01-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
02-06-2025	20000	19600	14690	20000	19600	NA	NA
03-06-2025	19900	19500	14580	19900	19500	NA	NA
04-06-2025	19800	19400	14370	19800	19400	18873	18795
05-06-2025	19750	19350	14265	19750	19350	19245	19166
06-06-2025	19750	19350	14055	19750	19350	19461	19382
07-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
08-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
09-06-2025	19700	19300	14055	19700	19300	19638	19559
10-06-2025	19700	19300	14160	19700	19300	19840	19762
11-06-2025	19700	19350	14160	19700	19350	20164	20086
12-06-2025	19700	19400	14160	19700	19400	20135	20056
13-06-2025	19700	19400	14265	19700	19400	19978	19899
14-06-2025	19750	19450	HOLIDAY	19750	19450	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
15-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
16-06-2025	19750	19500	14265	19750	19500	19972	19892
17-06-2025	19800	19500	14265	19800	19500	19832	19753
18-06-2025	19900	19600	14265	19900	19600	20075	19995
19-06-2025	20000	19700	14265	20000	19700	20353	20274
20-06-2025	20000	19700	14160	20000	19700	19739	19659
21-06-2025	20050	19750	HOLIDAY	20050	19750	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
22-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
23-06-2025	20050	19750	14160	20050	19750	19573	19494
24-06-2025	20050	19750	14160	20050	19750	19404	19325
25-06-2025	20050	19750	14160	20050	19750	19400	19321
26-06-2025	20050	19750	14215	20050	19750	19404	19325
27-06-2025	20100	19800	14265	20100	19800	19797	19717
28-06-2025	20100	19800	HOLIDAY	20100	19800	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
29-06-2025	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
30-06-2025	20100	19800	14265	20100	19800	19533	19454
Average	19894	19565	14248	19894	19565	19706	19627