



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Declaration of additional 53 taluks as drought affected for the Kharif 2026 season (assessment period 1st June 2026 to 16th September 2026).

- Ref:**
1. Integrated Drought Assessment by KSNDMC for the Period from 1st June to 16th September 2026.
 2. Notification for undertaking Ground Truthing for additional 53 taluks, dated: 17-09-2026.
 3. Notification of even number dated 27th August reg. declaration of 101 taluks as drought affected.
 4. Notification of even number dated: 17th September reg. declaration of additional 23 taluks as drought affected.
 5. Manual for Drought Management 2020.

Preamble:

Pursuant to the Ground Truthing Notification of even number dated 14th August 2026, Ground Truthing (GT) was undertaken in respect of 102 taluks that had qualified under Stage-II assessment. Subsequently, based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing, 101 taluks were declared drought-affected vide notification dated: 27.08.2026 of which 89 taluks were categorized as severely affected and 12 taluks as moderately affected.

Further, KSNDMC carried out a scientific assessment of the drought parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management 2020 for the period from 1st June to 2nd September 2026 in respect of the remaining 139 taluks. Based on the KSNDMC Integrated Drought Assessment, comprising Trigger-1 (Mandatory Indicators) and Trigger-2 (Impact Indicators), 24 taluks qualified for Step-3: Ground Truthing. Consequently, Ground Truthing of these 24 taluks was undertaken. Subsequently, based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing, 23 taluks were declared drought-affected vide notification dated: 17.09.2026, of which 21 taluks were categorized as severely affected and 2 taluks as moderately affected.

As stated in the earlier notification, drought assessment is a continuous process and is required to continue until the end of the South-West Monsoon period.

Accordingly, KSNDMC has carried out a further scientific assessment of the drought parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management 2020 for the period from 1st June to 16th September 2026 in respect of the remaining 115 taluks. Based on the KSNDMC Integrated Drought Assessment, comprising Trigger-1 (Mandatory Indicators) and Trigger-2 (Impact Indicators), 53 taluks across 17 districts have qualified for Step-3: Ground Truthing.

Consequently, as per the notification referred to at Sl. No.2 above, GT was undertaken using Mobile application. GT covered 574 villages covering 53 taluks. The findings of the Ground Truthing exercise were shared with KSNDMC and incorporated into the Integrated Drought Assessment in accordance with the three-stage methodology prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, comprising Stage 1 – Mandatory Indicators, Stage 2 – Impact Indicators and Stage 3 – Ground Truthing.

Based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing exercise, 53 taluks have qualified for declaration as drought-affected, out of which 51 has been categorized as severely affected and rest of the 2 taluks as moderately affected. As per Clause 3.4 of the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, the State Government shall declare drought through a notification clearly specifying the geographical extent and administrative units, such as taluks, and indicating the intensity of drought, i.e., Moderate or Severe. Hence, the following order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. RD 586 TNR 2026 (PART 1),
BENGALURU, DATED: 22-09-2026.

In the circumstances explained above, and based on the scientific assessment undertaken in accordance with the parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for the declaration of additional 53 taluks, as detailed in the **Annexure**, as drought-affected for Kharif 2026. Of these 53 additional taluks, 51 taluks are categorised as severely drought-affected and 2 taluks as moderately drought-affected, as per the assessed severity of drought. The declaration shall take effect immediately from the date of this order and remain in force for a period of six months, unless revoked earlier by the State Government.

The Deputy Commissioners-cum-Chairpersons of the District Disaster Management Authorities of declared taluks are authorised to undertake necessary drought relief and response measures in accordance with the prevailing SDRF items and norms of assistance.

Further, the Commissioner Agriculture, Director Horticulture and the concerned Deputy Commissioners are directed to undertake a joint survey of crop loss in the drought-affected taluks and submit the assessment reports to the Government in the prescribed format forthwith.

It is reiterated that KSNDMC shall continue to undertake weekly assessment of drought conditions until the end of the Kharif 2026 season. Accordingly, notifications for declaration of additional taluks as drought-affected will be issued from time to time during the Kharif 2026 season, as and when the taluks qualify based on the prescribed assessment process and Ground Truthing.

By Order and in the name of the
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka



(Manoj Kumar Meena, IAS)
Relief Commissioner and
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
(Disaster Management, SSP and S&R).

To:

- 1) Deputy Commissioners Cum Chairpersons District Disaster Management Authorities of drought declared taluks.

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-for kind information.
2. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi-for kind information
3. Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru- for kind information
4. Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (DM Division) New Delhi- for kind information
5. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-for kind information
6. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to Government of Karnataka-for information.
7. Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (M & T, DM, O & M/PG, RTI), New Delhi- for kind information
8. PS to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister – with a request to bring the matter to the kind notice of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.

List of Taluks Declared Drought-Affected, Categorised by Drought Severity

Sl. No	District	Taluk	Drought Category
1	Bagalkot	Badami	Severe
2	Bagalkot	Hungund	Severe
3	Bagalkot	Mudhol	Severe
4	Bagalkot	Rabakavi banahatti	Severe
5	Bagalkot	Teradala	Severe
6	Ballari	Siruguppa	Severe
7	Belagavi	Athani	Severe
8	Belagavi	Bailhongal	Severe
9	Belagavi	Belagavi	Severe
10	Belagavi	Chikkodi	Severe
11	Belagavi	Kittura	Severe
12	Belagavi	Mudalagi	Severe
13	Belagavi	Nippani	Severe
14	Belagavi	Raibag	Severe
15	Belagavi	Yaragatti	Severe
16	Bengaluru Rural	Doddaballapura	Severe
17	Bengaluru Urban	Bangalore South	Moderate
18	Bidar	Hulasura	Severe
19	Bidar	Kamalanagara	Severe
20	Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Severe
21	Chitradurga	Holalkere	Severe
22	Chitradurga	Molakalmur	Severe
23	Davangere	Harihar	Severe
24	Gadag	Laxmeshwar	Severe
25	Gadag	Naragund	Severe
26	Gadag	Shirahatti	Severe
27	Hasan	Alur	Severe
28	Hasan	Belur	Severe
29	Haveri	Byadagi	Severe
30	Haveri	Hangal	Severe
31	Haveri	Haveri	Severe
32	Haveri	Ranebennur	Severe
33	Haveri	Savanur	Severe
34	Haveri	Shiggaon	Severe
35	Kalaburgi	Chincholi	Severe
36	Kalaburgi	Jevargi	Severe
37	Kalaburgi	Kalagi	Severe

38	Kalaburgi	Kamalapura	Severe
39	Kalaburgi	Sedam	Severe
40	Koppal	Koppal	Severe
41	Koppal	Yelburga	Severe
Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Drought Category
42	Vijayanagara	Kotturu	Severe
43	Vijayanagara	Kudligi	Severe
44	Vijayapura	Alamela	Severe
45	Vijayapura	Devara hipparagi	Severe
46	Vijayapura	Muddebihal	Severe
47	Vijayapura	Sindagi	Severe
48	Yadgiri	Gurumitakala	Severe
49	Yadgiri	Hunisigi	Severe
50	Yadgiri	Shorapur	Severe
51	Yadgiri	Vadagera	Severe
52	Yadgiri	Yadgir	Severe
53	Udupi	Bramhavara	Moderate

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