



Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Declaration of additional 9 taluks as drought affected for the Kharif 2026 season (assessment period 1st June 2026 to 30th September 2026).

- Ref:**
1. Integrated Drought Assessment by KSNDMC for the Period from 1st June to 30th September 2026
 2. Notification for undertaking Ground Truthing for additional 9 taluks dated 8th October 2026
 3. Notification of even number dated 27th August 2026 reg. declaration of 101 taluks as drought affected.
 4. Notification of even number dated 17th September 2026 reg. declaration of additional 23 taluks as drought affected.
 5. Notification of even number dated 22nd September 2026 reg. declaration of additional 53 taluks as drought affected
 6. Notification of even Number dated 7th October 2026 reg. declaration of additional 40 taluks as drought affected.
 7. Manual for Drought Management 2020

Preamble:

First Phase Assessment: 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.

Second Phase Assessment: 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.

Third Phase Assessment: 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 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 qualified for Step-3: Ground Truthing. Consequently, Ground Truthing of these 53 taluks was undertaken. Subsequently, based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing, 53 taluks were declared drought-affected vide notification referred at No.2 above, of which 51 taluks were categorized as severely affected and 2 taluks as moderately affected.

Fourth Phase Assessment: As stated in the earlier notification, drought assessment is a continuous process and is required to be undertaken until the end of the South-West Monsoon period. Accordingly, KSNDMC has undertaken a further scientific assessment of the drought parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020.

The assessment was carried out for the period from 1st June to 21st September and 1st June to 23rd September, in respect of the remaining 62 taluks. Based on the KSNDMC Integrated Drought Assessment, comprising Trigger-1 (Mandatory Indicators) and Trigger-2 (Impact Indicators), additional 11 taluks have qualified for further assessment for the period from 1st June to 21st September, while additional 29 taluks have qualified for further assessment for the period from 1st June to 23rd September. Consequently, Ground Truthing of these 40 taluks was undertaken. Subsequently, based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing, 40 taluks were declared drought-affected vide notification referred at No.6 above, of which 24 taluks were categorized as severely affected and 16 taluks as moderately affected.

Fifth Phase Assessment: Consequent to the notifications referred to at Sl. No. 2 above, Ground Truthing (GT) was undertaken through the prescribed mobile application, covering 108 villages across 9 taluks. The findings of the Ground Truthing exercise were shared with KSNDMC and duly 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 Drought Assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing exercise, 9 taluks have qualified for declaration as drought affected, of which 1 taluk has been categorized as severely affected and 8 taluks as moderately affected.

As per Clause 3.4 of the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, the State Government is required to declare drought through a notification clearly specifying the geographical extent and the administrative units affected, such as taluks, along with the intensity of drought, categorized as Moderate or Severe.

Accordingly, having considered the Integrated Drought Assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing exercise, the State Government hereby issues the following Order.

Government Order No. RD 586 TNR 2026 (Part 1); Bengaluru,
dated: 14-10-2026

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 9 taluks, as detailed in the Annexure, as drought-affected for Kharif 2026 season. Of these 9 additional taluks, 1 taluk is categorised as severely drought-affected and 8 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.

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) The Compiler, Karnataka Gazette, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru for publication in the next issue of gazette.
- 2) 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.

Annexure to Government Order No: RD 586 TNR 2026 (Part 1);

Dated: 14-10-2026

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

Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Drought Category
1	Belagavi	Khanapur	Moderate
2	Shivamogga	Hosanagara	Moderate
3	Shivamogga	Sagara	Moderate
4	Hassan	Sakaleshpura	Severe
5	Dakshina Kannada	Puttur	Moderate
6	Dakshina Kannada	Mudabidri	Moderate
7	Dakshina Kannada	Mulki	Moderate
8	Uttara Kannada	Supa (Joida)	Moderate
9	Uttara Kannada	Dandelli	Moderate

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