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Weekly Status Report on Insects Pests & Diseases of Crops

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Crop	Crop Stage	Location (with GPS)	Major Insect Pests		Major Plant Diseases		Other Pests (Nematodes, Rat, etc.) (Scientific Name)	Pest Advisories
			Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Low, Medium & Severe)	Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Low, Medium & Severe)		
Black pepper	Nursery/ Vegetative/ Spike formation	Idukki, Kozhikode, Wayanad (Kerala), Kodagu (Karnataka), Tamil Nadu	Mealybug (<i>Planococcus</i> sp., <i>Ferrisia</i> <i>virgata</i>) (Nursery) Scale insect (<i>Protopulvinari</i> <i>a longivalvata</i>) (Nursery)	Low	Stunt disease (<i>Cucumber</i> <i>mosaic virus</i> , <i>Piper yellow</i> <i>mottle virus</i>) Slow decline (<i>Meloidogyne</i> <i>incognita.</i> , <i>Radopholus</i> <i>similis</i>) Foliar infection/Foot rot (<i>Phytophthora</i> spp.) Anthracnose (<i>Colletotrichum</i> <i>gloeosporioides</i>) Anthracnose (<i>Colletotrichum</i> <i>gloeosporioides</i>) (Nursery)	Low	Nematodes (<i>Radopholus</i> <i>similis</i> , <i>Meloidogyne</i> <i>incognita</i>) (Nursery)	Field: Stunt disease Regular monitoring. Remove infected vines and destroy by burning or burying deep in soil. Control the vector (mealy bugs) by drenching neem oil (0.5%). Slow decline Remove and destroy severely affected vines. Apply neem cake @ 500g/vine and biocontrol agents like <i>Pochonia chlamydosporia</i> or <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> @ 50 g/vine and metalaxyl-mancozeb (0.125%) may also be applied. Foliar infection/Foot rot Follow strict phytosanitation. After the receipt of few monsoon showers, all the vines are to be drenched at a radius of 45-50 cm with copper oxychloride 0.2% @ 5-10 litres/vine. A foliar spray with
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					Viral infection (Nursery)	Low		<p>Bordeaux mixture 1% is also to be given. Alternatively, drenching and spraying with potassium phosphonate 0.3% @ 5-10 litres/ vine (drench) or potassium phosphonate 0.3% @ 5-10 litres/ vine (drench) also may to be given.</p> <p>Anthracnose Prophylactic spraying with Bordeaux mixture (1%) or carbendazim - mancozeb (0.1%).</p> <p>Nursery: Anthracnose Spray Bordeaux mixture (1%).</p> <p>Viral infections Regular inspection and removal of infected plants. Regular monitoring for insects and spray with neem oil (0.5%) whenever infestation is noticed.</p> <p>Mealy bug and scale insect Spray neem oil (0.5%), once infestation is noticed.</p> <p>Nematodes Apply <i>Pochonia chlamydosporia</i> @ 1g/bag.</p>
Cardamom	Vegetative/ Panicle initiation/ Capsule formation	Idukki, Wayanad (Kerala), Kodagu (Karnataka)	Thrips (<i>Sciothrips cardamomi</i>)	High	Leaf blight (<i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i>) Azhukal/Capsul e rot (<i>Phytophthora nicotianae</i> var. <i>nicotianae</i> and <i>P. meadii</i>)	Low Medium		<p>Leaf blight Maintain optimum shade level by providing 40-60% filtered light.</p> <p>Katte/ Mosaic Prompt inspection of plantation, detection and rouging of virus sources (infected plants/ volunteers) to reduce re-infection. The removed plants may be burnt or buried deep</p>

					<p>Katte/Mosaic (<i>Cardamom mosaic virus</i>)</p> <p>Chlorotic streak (<i>Banana bract mosaic virus</i>)</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>in soil. Removal of natural hosts like <i>Colocasia</i> and <i>Caladium</i> to destroy breeding sites and check population build-up of the vector.</p> <p>Chlorotic streak Prompt inspection of plantation, detection and rouging of virus sources (infected plants/ volunteers) to reduce re-infection. The removed plants may be burnt or buried deep in soil.</p> <p>Azhukal/Capsule rot Trashing and cleaning of the plant basin need to be carried out. Regulate thick shade. Prevent water logging by providing adequate drainage. Destroy disease affected portions and plant debris. Prophylactic sprays with Bordeaux mixture (1%). Alternatively, fosetyl-aluminium (0.2%) or potassium phosphonate (0.3%) can be used. Drench plant basin with copper oxychloride (0.2%).</p> <p>Thrips Spray quinalphos 25%EC (0.075%) after undertaking thrashing.</p>
Vanilla	Vegetative	Karnataka			<p>Leaf spot (<i>Colletotrichum vanillae</i>)</p> <p>Stem rot (<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>vanillae</i>)</p> <p>Viral diseases</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Leaf spot Provide 50% shade in the plantation. Spray Bordeaux mixture (1%) at 15 – 20 days interval.</p> <p>Stem rot Remove and destroy infected plant parts. Apply <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> and <i>Pseudomonas</i></p>

					(<i>Bean common mosaic virus</i> , <i>Bean yellow mosaic virus</i> , <i>Cucumber mosaic virus</i> , <i>Cymbidium mosaic virus</i>)		<i>fluorescens</i> (cfu 10 ⁸) 50 g per vine. Viral diseases Regular inspection and removal of infected plants. The removed plants may be burnt or buried deep in soil. Control of vector (aphids) may be undertaken by spraying neem oil (0.5%).
Ginger	Vegetative	Karnataka, Kerala	Leaf roller (<i>Udaspes folus</i>) Shoot borer (<i>Conogethes punctiferalis</i>)	Low High	Soft rot (<i>Pythium aphanidermatum</i> and <i>P. myriotylum</i>) Bacterial wilt (<i>Ralstonia solanaceraum</i>) Leaf spot (<i>Phyllosticta zingiberi</i>)	Medium Medium Medium	Soft rot Once disease is observed in field, remove affected clumps and drench affected and surrounding beds with mancozeb (0.3%) or metalaxyl mancozeb (0.125%) or copper oxychloride (0.2%). Bacterial wilt Confirm identity of the disease by “ooze test”. After confirming as bacterial wilt, affected clumps shall be removed carefully without spilling the soil in the field and drench surrounding beds of infested areas with copper oxychloride (0.2%). Care should be taken to dispose the removed plants far from the cultivated area or destroyed by burning. Leaf spot Spray Bordeaux mixture (1%) or mancozeb (0.2%) or carbendazim (0.2%) when the initial symptoms appear. Care should be taken that the spray solution should reach lower surface of the leaves also. Leaf roller and shoot borer

								Prune and destroy freshly infested pseudostems and spray neem oil (0.5%) at 21 days interval
Turmeric	Vegetative	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha	Leaf roller (<i>Udaspes folus</i>) Shoot borer (<i>Conogethes punctiferalis</i>)	Low High	Rhizome rot (<i>Pythium aphanidermatum</i>)	Low		Rhizome rot Once noticed in the field, the beds should be drenched with copper oxychloride (0.2%) or metalaxyl - mancozeb (0.125%). Leaf roller and shoot borer Spray neem oil (0.5%) at 21 days interval
Nutmeg	Bearing	Kerala			Leaf fall and fruit rot (<i>Diplodia natalensis</i> and <i>Phytophthora</i> sp.)	Low		Leaf fall and fruit rot In endemic regions, spray Bordeaux mixture (1%) covering both foliage and fruits as a prophylactic measure.