

Printed from

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Text Size: |

Tamil Nadu farmers to benefit from Norway project

Bhama Devi Ravi, TNN, 16 February 2010, 06:24am IST

[Free Personal Horoscope - Love, money, career, family ... discover your year 2010 for Free ! : AboutAstro.com/horoscope](#)

Ads by Google

Topics: [Norway Project](#) [Tamil Nadu Farmers](#)

CHENNAI: Farmers in the delta regions of the Krishna and Cauvery rivers will soon benefit from a project that aims at reducing water consumption in paddy cultivation by 25% without compromising on the quality or quantum of yield.

IIT-Delhi is working on a proposal to collaborate with Bioforsk, the Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research. Other partners in the project include the city-based MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and the [International Water management Institute](#) in Colombo.

"We will employ dry and wet systems of paddy cultivation alternately, and try out a system of rice intensification without compromising on the yield," said Udaya Sekhar Nagothu, India head of Bioforsk.

The first phase of the project, on an outlay of 5,00,000 Norwegian kroners (one kroner is Rs 7.8), began in November 2009. "The main proposal will be submitted in July to the Norwegian embassy in Delhi since the project is funded by the Norwegian ministry of foreign affairs," said Lars Peder Brekk, minister for agriculture and food, Norway. "The project will take off in November," he added.

This is not the first time that Bioforsk and IIT-Delhi have collaborated. Last March, the two began a study on the impact of climate change on the Godavari basins. However, the ongoing project focussing on select areas of the Krishna and Cauvery river basins is a much bigger project. "We will look at the various components and validate the types of cultivation," said Nagothu.

"Bioforsk has undertaken studies with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. We are also working with professor AK Gosain of the Civil Engineering department, IIT-Delhi," said Brekk.

Follow us on Twitter for TOI top stories

- [Is Jesus Really God?](#) : Scholars examine the facts about Jesus' claims to be God : [www.Y-Jesus.com/JesusFacts](#)
- [New Nadi Astrology ?](#) : Did a Seer in India write about you a 1000 years ago? Find out here! : [www.AstroVed.com?Nadi-Secrets](#)

Ads by Google

[Valentine Gifts for Her](#)
[Valentine Gifts same day delivery](#)
[Lowest Valentine Deals](#)

Powered by Indiatimes

[Home](#) | [Sports](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Life & Style](#) | [Hot on the Web](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Blogs](#) | [Photos](#) | [Videos](#)

The Times of India

[Advanced Search](#)
Connect with us: [RSS](#) | [Newsletter](#) | [TOI Mobile](#) | [mPaper](#) | [ePaper](#)
Other Times Group news sites: [Indiatimes](#) | [The Economic Times](#) | [इकॉनॉमिक टाइम्स](#) | [ਓੰਡੀਨੀਅੰਮਿਕ ਟਾਈਮਜ਼](#) | [नवभारत टाइम्स](#) | [महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स](#) | [Mumbai Mirror](#) | [Times Now](#)
Living and entertainment: [iDiva](#) | [Bollywood](#) | [Zoom](#)
Networking: [itimes](#) | [Dating & Chat](#) | [Email](#)
Hot on the Web: [Hotklix](#)
Services: [Book print ads](#) | [Online shopping](#) | [Business solutions](#) | [Book domains](#) | [Web hosting](#) | [Business email](#) | [Free SMS](#) | [Free email](#) | [Website design](#) | [CRM](#) | [Tenders](#) | [Remit](#) | [Cheap air tickets](#) | [Matrimonial](#) | [Ringtones](#) | [Astrology](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Property](#) | [Buy car](#) | [eGreetings](#)
[About us](#) | [Advertise with us](#) | [Terms of use](#) | [Privacy policy](#) | [Feedback](#) | [Sitemap](#)

 Copyright © 2010 Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd. All rights reserved. For reprint rights: [Times Syndication Service](#)

This site is best viewed with Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, or Firefox 2.0 or higher, at a minimum screen resolution of 1024x768.