

scattered rains were general in the South East Madras during the first week of February. Later there occasioned general rainfall in the South East of Madras.

Skies were moderately to heavily clouded during 2nd and 3rd week and lightly to moderately clouded in the 1st and last week of this month in the Peninsula.

Humidity was generally in excess in the Madras Presidency. The minimum temperatures in general, were above normal in the Peninsula.

Rainfall was in large excess in the Circars and in moderate excess in the Central and Southern districts and in Deccan and nearly normal elsewhere.

Weather Report for Research Institute Observatory:

Report 2/36.

Absolute Maximum in shade	93.5°F.
Absolute Minimum in shade	57.5°F.
Mean Maximum in shade	91.0°F.
Departure from normal	+ 0.4°F.
Mean Minimum in shade	67.9°F.
Departure from normal	+ 2.4
Total Rainfall	1.21"
Departure from normal	+ 0.81
Heaviest fall in 24 hours	1.14" recorded on 10th.
Total number of rainy days	1
Mean daily wind velocity	2.2 M. P. H.
Mean Humidity at 8 hours	75.4%
Departure from normal	+ 3.9

Summary. The maximum and minimum temperatures were above normal during this month. Humidity was in excess of the normal by 3.9%. A rainfall of 1.14" was recorded on 10th. The skies were moderately to heavily clouded during this month

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Departmental Notifications.

Gazette Notifications. 1. Mr. Butcher permitted to retire from 26-2-'36. 2. Mr. P. Abishekanathan Pillay appointed as curator, Govt. Botanic Gardens, Vice 1. 3. Mr. C. Ramaswami, A. D. A., Cuddalore, l. a. p. for eight months, outside India. Mr. S. Narayaniah to officiate as A. D. A., Vice 3, posted to Tinnevely. 4. Mr. R. N. K. Sundaram, A. D. A., Tinnevely to be A. D. A., Cuddalore.

Subordinate Service. Promotions. Mr. V. Ratnaji Rao, Agricultural section from III grade to II grade (Rs. 225), with effect from 26-2-'36. Mr. C. S. Gopalaswami Rao, Mycology section—IV grade to III grade (Rs 200) from 26-2-'36.

Transfer. Consequent on the winding up of soil survey work in the Tungabadra project, Messrs. G. K. Chidambaram and C. Raghavendrachar to revert to their posts as Assistants in Chemistry under the G.A.C. Mr. K. Raghunatha Reddy to Agricultural Section, IV circle. Mr. K. Tejappa Shetty to Agricultural Section, III circle. Mr. M. Subba Reddy to Agricultural Section, Fruit Station, Kodur. Mr. M. Rama Reddy to Agricultural Section, II circle. Mr. V. V. Jaganatha Rao, Agricultural Section, I circle. Mr. M. Sitharama Raju, Agricultural Section, A. R. S., Anakapalle. Mr. W. Tirumal Rao to be offg. Assistant in Chemistry. Mr. A. B. Adiseha Reddy to be officiating Assistant in Chemistry. Mr. Bennet P. Masilamony to Agricultural Section, III circle. Mr. K. Venkataswami to Agricultural Section, IV circle.

Mr. M. C. Menon, F. M., Live Stock, R. S. Hosur to be F.M.A.R.S., Taliparamba, Mr. K. Krishnan, F.M.A.R.S., Taliparamba to Live Stock Section, Hosur.

Leave. Mr. V. Kumaraswami, A. D., Madanapalle, 1. a. p. for 3 months from 15-4-'36. P. N. Muthuswami, A. D. Tiruppur (Co₂ Scheme) leave for two months from 19-2-'36. Mr. K. Veerabadra Rao, Assistant in Chemistry leave for 2 months and 17 days from 26-2-'36.

Termination of Appointments. Upper Subordinates, Messrs. P. C. Sahadevan, V. V. Rajagopalan, K. Minakshisundaram, K. M. Narayanan, B. G. Narayana Menon, K. Venkatadri Reddy, M. Srinivasa Rao, K. Krishnamurthi, C. Vadamalai with effect from 1-1-'36

The Ramasastrulu—Munagala Prize, 1936.

1. The prize will be awarded in July 1936.
2. The prize will be in the form of a Medal and will be awarded to the member of the Union who submits the best account of original research or enquiry, carried out by him on any agricultural subject.
3. The subject matter shall not exceed in length twelve foolscap pages, type-written on one side.
4. Intending competitors should notify the President or Vice-President of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union not later than the 15th May the subject of the paper which they propose to submit, and the paper should be sent in so as to reach the President or Vice-President, Madras Agricultural Students' Union not later than the 1st June 1936, with a covering letter showing full name and address of the sender. The author's name should not be shown on the paper, but should be entered under a nom-de-plume.
5. Four type-written copies of the essay should be sent in.
6. The name of the successful competitor will be announced and the prize awarded at the time of the Conference.
7. Papers submitted will become the property of the Union, and the Union reserves to itself the right of publishing all or any of the papers.
8. All references in the paper to published books, reports or papers by other workers must be acknowledged.
9. Any further particulars may be obtained from the President or Vice-President, Madras Agricultural Students' Union, Lawley Road, P. O., Coimbatore.

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