






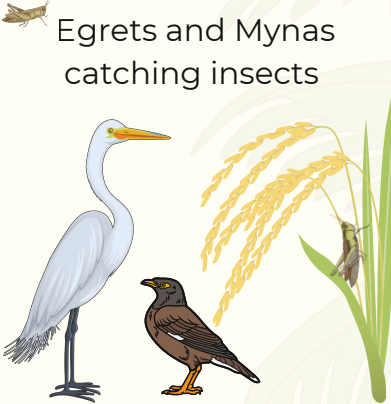



Paddy Bingo

Ready to go on a paddy field adventure? It's time to have some fun exploring the world of paddy during harvesting season! Find any three down or across and say **BINGO!**

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| <p>Birds feeding on paddy</p>  |  <p>Paddy decorations - "Door toran"</p> | <p>Farmers threshing paddy stalks</p>  | <p>My Observations</p> <p>Colors I notice in the paddy fields this season:</p> |
| <p>A hooked bamboo stick</p>  |  <p>An ox cart filled with paddy</p> | <p>Insects flying and hopping in paddy fields</p>  | <p>Something that was once common but is now rare in paddy fields:</p> |
| <p>Winnowing using the natural wind</p>  |  <p>Egrets and Mynas catching insects</p> |  <p>Rolls of paddy straws</p> | <p>A local dish made from freshly harvested rice:</p> |



Did you know?

A hooked bamboo stick is a traditional tool used during threshing to separate grain from straw. The curved shape helps lift and pull apart the harvested crop, making it easier to collect the grains. This tool is not just used for paddy but can also be used for processing other crops.



Activities!



Be an egret for a day!

Imagine you are an egret flying high in the sky. You see farmers harvesting paddy and you swoop down for a quick visit. Can you write a story or a poem about your day as an egret in the paddy fields? You can add your own drawings and sketches as well!

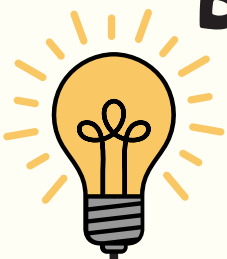
Be a rice farmer!

Imagine you are a farmer getting ready to sow paddy. Ask your elders about the local rice varieties they know. What makes each variety special? Which one would you choose to grow, and why?

Ajja! Which rice variety should I choose?



Did you know?



Did you know, that there is a community in Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, who are famous for growing rice? They are known as 'Halakki Gowdas'. Can you find out why they are called that?

Do you any other rice growing community in Karnataka?

