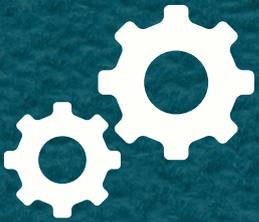


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# GENERAL AGRICULTURE

## Pradhin posts Rs 7.1 crore profit for June quarter

Pradhin Ltd reported a net profit of Rs 7.17 crore for the June quarter, driven by a significant surge in total income to Rs 18.34 crore. This impressive growth, compared to Rs 51.47 lakh in the previous fiscal year, reflects the company's strategic expansion and efficient resource utilization. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## PM Modi to launch National Natural Farming Mission on August 23: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Narendra Modi will inaugurate the National Natural Farming Mission in New Delhi. Shivraj Singh Chouhan shared the news after a meeting with state agriculture ministers. The mission aims to improve soil health and reduce costs for farmers. The government approved the scheme with a significant financial outlay. India has seen record production in wheat and paddy. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## Rice prices in India jump 14% in two days as traders rush to Bangladesh

Rice prices in India have surged up to 14% due to increased exports to Bangladesh, which has temporarily removed its 20% import duty. Traders, anticipating this move, had stocks ready, leading to a supply imbalance and price hikes for varieties like Swarna, Miniket, and Sona Masoori across India. SOURCE -THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## PM Modi vows to stand like a wall to protect interests of farmers from any unfriendly policies

On India's 79th Independence Day, PM Modi vowed from the Red Fort to stand like a wall in protecting farmers, livestock keepers, and fishermen from any policies that threaten their interests, emphasizing that India will not compromise on safeguarding their rights. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## PM Modi says 100 underperforming farm districts will be elevated to match other farming regions

Prime Minister Modi announced the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana, a Rs 24,000 crore initiative, to uplift 100 underperforming agricultural districts. The scheme aims to improve productivity, diversify crops, expand infrastructure, and increase credit access for farmers in these regions. SOURCE - THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## Himachal HC stays recruitment notices for vice chancellors of agriculture universities

Justice Sandeep Sharma passed the interim order while hearing a petition filed by Ajaydeep Bindra, principal (Scientist) at Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur, and another petitioner, principal (Horticulturist) at Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni. The Himachal Pradesh high court on Thursday stayed the recruitment notices issued last month for the appointment of vice-chancellors in two state agriculture universities, observing that the eligibility criteria may have unfairly excluded faculty members holding posts. SOURCE- HINDUSTAN TIMES



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## The benefits of traditional Himalayan agriculture—a nearly forgotten variety of black peas outperforms cash crops

A study published in Science Advances by Stanford researchers has found that black peas, a local variety of black peas, are more ecologically resilient and have higher protein levels than the introduced cash crop green peas. The research, which provided the first whole genome sequencing data for the black peas, suggests that they form distinct genetic clusters, highlighting a complex cultural and environmental selection over thousands of years. The study also found that black peas showed a higher probability of survival and more successful reproductive traits compared to green peas, and were easier and less water-intensive to grow than green peas. Black peas are rich in protein, minerals, fiber, and vitamins C, B1, and B3. SOURCE-PHYS.ORG



## From Gene to Impact: Science and Partnerships to Transform Agriculture

The CIMMYT Sanjaya Rajaram Experimental Station in Mexico has been a hub for agricultural innovation, demonstrating how cutting-edge science, farmers' knowledge, partnerships, and an active innovation network can deliver real and scalable solutions for the Mexican Highlands and producers worldwide. The farm, which has served the world since the days of Dr. Norman Borlaug and Dr. Sanjaya Rajaram, has accelerated genetic improvement and selection of materials resistant to diseases that threaten wheat worldwide. The event showcased advances in genetic improvement, phytopathology, speed-breeding greenhouses, shade mesh, and regenerative agriculture practices. The event was attended by authorities, agribusiness representatives, and 26 students from 14 countries participating in CIMMYT's International Wheat Diseases Course. The event emphasized the importance of collaboration between agribusiness, public and private sector actors, producers, and the scientific community to address the challenges of wheat and staple grain production in the 21st century. SOURCE-CIMMYT.ORG



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## AI for Bharat: How Artificial Intelligence is transforming agriculture, healthcare, and education in India

The use of AI in farming is growing quickly and could reach \$350 million by 2033. These tools are helping farmers use their resources better and deal with not just climate problems, but even get weather predictions and soil pattern. SOURCE- FINANCIAL EXPRESS



## Telangana districts on high alert; heavy rainfall devastates agriculture, infrastructure.

Despite a brief lull in intense rainfall, several districts in Telangana remained on high alert on Friday due to anticipated heavy downpours driven by a strengthening low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and other sources. The State has been severely affected, with districts such as Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar reporting extensive crop losses and infrastructure damage from the recent heavy rains. The IMD has warned of continued heavy rainfall in parts of northern and eastern Telangana. SOURCE- TELAGANATODAY



## Maharashtra BSc Agriculture Second Allotment List 2025 Expected Release Time

The Maharashtra State Common Entrance Test Cell has scheduled the release of the second allotment for BSc Agriculture on August 16, 2025. There's no notification regarding the release time for the seat allotment result; however, per previous trends, students can expect it after 5:30 PM. If delayed, the allotment link will be made available by 8 PM. Candidates will be allocated seats based on their merit rank, filled preferences, seat matrix, and reservation criteria. Those who failed to bag a seat in Round 1 are eligible to participate in the second Round allotment. We have provided the expected release time for Maharashtra BSc Agriculture second allotment list 2025 here. SOURCE- NEWS.GETYM



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## Abandoned Vision: Rs 1-Crore Agriculture Training Centre in Assam Lies in Ruins

A government-built Agriculture Knowledge and Training Centre in Bokakhat, inaugurated on June 2023, now lies abandoned and deteriorating, sparking public outcry over wasted taxpayer money. SOURCE-SENTINELASSAM.COM



## Organic Agriculture Stocks India: Top Farming Stocks 2025

As India accelerates towards sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices, the organic farming sector has visibly emerged as a key growth area poised for substantial expansion in 2025. Mounting awareness around health, climatic, and environmental concerns, supported by innovative government initiatives promoting organic farming, has led to a surge in demand for chemical-free, eco-friendly agricultural produce both domestically and internationally. Indian agriculture stocks tied to organic produce and sustainable methods have now not only attracted significant attention from investors, but have also become vital assets in the portfolios of stakeholders keenly observing the nation's next agricultural transformation for 2025 and beyond. SOURCE- FARMONAUT.COM



## Eswatini and FAO advance climate-resilient agriculture with modern farming technologies.

Eswatini is implementing climate adaptation efforts in agriculture by introducing protected cultivation infrastructure and climate-smart technologies. The initiative, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), aims to increase food system resilience by implementing greenhouse tunnels and shade net structures. The projects have improved water efficiency, created opportunities for farmer training, and benefited around 700 farmers, with women accounting for 60% of participants. SOURCE-FAO.ORG

