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Harshil Agrotech profit jumps seven-fold in June quarter on strong revenue growth

Harshil Agrotech reported a significant surge in net profit, reaching Rs 6.52 crore in the June quarter, a sevenfold increase driven by robust revenue growth. The agri commodity trader's revenue from operations soared to Rs 59.89 crore compared to Rs 11.36 crore in the same period last year. This strong performance follows the company's recent approval to raise Rs 49.



Area under soybean cultivation shrinks on-year owing to rain impact, shift to other crops

Soybean cultivation in India has decreased by 2.63% this year due to crop shifts and heavy rains during sowing. While Maharashtra and parts of Madhya Pradesh report generally healthy crops, some areas in Washim, Akola, and Rajasthan face delayed sowing and waterlogging. Continued monitoring and management are crucial for optimal growth in affected regions.



Facing Trump tariffs, India's shrimp farmers consider switching to other businesses

India's shrimp industry, especially in Andhra Pradesh, is struggling due to U.S. President Donald Trump's steep 50% tariff threat, with a 25% levy already in place and another 25% to follow. Shrimp farmers are seeing a 20% drop in rates from exporters, wiping out profits and prompting many to consider switching to fish farming or other work.



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BVFCL signs five-year fertilizer export agreement with Bhutan's National Seed Centre

BVFCL has entered into a five-year B2B agreement with Bhutan's National Seed Centre to export fertilizers like Urea, Suphala (NPK), and others. This collaboration aims to ensure Bhutanese farmers have timely access to essential agricultural inputs, bolstering the country's food security and agricultural productivity. The agreement signifies strengthened India-Bhutan bilateral ties in the agriculture sector.



Heavy rains damage vegetable, pulses crops

Heavy rains in central and south India are expected to cause losses for farmers due to widespread damage to key kharif crops like urad, tur, soyabean, and cotton. Vegetable prices in Mumbai have crashed due to buyers staying home, but are expected to rise soon. Ample availability of imported pulses should keep their prices stable.



Raw tea leaf prices crash 50% amid surging imports and weak export demand

Raw tea leaf prices dropped nearly 50% year-on-year in August to ₹14/kg due to rising low-cost imports from Kenya and Nepal and export uncertainty. Retail tea prices also fell 10–15%. This has hurt 24 million small growers across India. Oversupply, weak exports, and softening auction prices suggest continued pressure on prices through 2025, say industry leaders.



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Onion growers allege financial loss due to non-transparent procurement

Onion farmers in Maharashtra are protesting against NAFED, alleging non-transparent procurement practices that lead to financial losses. The State Onion Growers' Association demands fair prices and transparency in the procurement process. A farmer in Nashik even staged a protest with his bullocks, highlighting the plight of onion growers facing corruption and unfair pricing.



Space science brought miraculous changes in agriculture: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Space science has significantly transformed the agriculture sector, according to Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. He called space scientists the "modern sages" and emphasized the importance of technology and science in agriculture. Space applications are now central to agriculture, from crop yield estimation to weather information. Technologies have been developed to detect pests and monitor wheat, and accurate estimates of soil moisture and crop health are now possible.



Delhi High Court Eases Rules for Biostimulant Companies, Ensures Supply for Farmers

The Delhi High Court has granted relief to biostimulant manufacturers and importers, allowing them to continue business operations while their approval applications are being processed under the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. The court ruled that approved applications must be submitted within three weeks, and rejected applications will not be allowed until approved.



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Brand 'Athirappilly': Kerala panchayat's tribal farmers eye European market after crossing Rs 40 lakh

It focuses on crop collection, processing and marketing under a common identity. On July 23, 2022, the Athirappilly Tribal Valley Farmers Producer Company was set up, with local farmers as its members. Since then, sales worth Rs 41 lakh have been achieved through the company website and e-commerce platforms.



Agriculture Minister Hails Space Science Role In Farm Transformation

Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has praised space science for its role in transforming farming practices, improving crop loss assessments, and ensuring record food production. He highlighted the role of the Indian Space Research Organisation's Geo Portal in providing farmers with accurate rainfall and drought data. Satellite-based technology has helped correct flaws in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana crop insurance scheme, enabling rightful compensation. Chouhan also called for solutions to boost productivity in pulses, oilseeds, soybeans, and address virus attacks in sugarcane and cotton.



Delhi Cong seeks revision of agriculture land circle rates

Delhi Congress spokesperson Naresh Kumar has met with Divisional Commissioner Neeraj Semwal to discuss the outdated circle rates for agricultural land in Delhi. Kumar argues that the current rates, which were revised in 2008, are unjust and discriminatory against farmers and landowners. He also highlights the lack of action taken by the committee, indicating a lack of seriousness from the BJP Government in Delhi.



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Urea, DAP availability at comfortable levels for kharif season, says govt

The Indian government has confirmed that despite global challenges, the availability of major fertilizers has remained comfortable during the kharif season. The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers reported total availability of 18.3 million tonnes of urea for the 2025 kharif season, with sales at 15.5 million tonnes. The Department of Fertilisers ensured uninterrupted availability by maximizing domestic production and procurement through global tenders. The government has also secured supply arrangements between Indian fertiliser companies and Morocco and signed a Long-Term Agreement with Saudi Arabia.



Act tough on urea misuse, says Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu

Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has ordered strict action against irregularities in urea distribution, urging farmers to procure fertiliser only for immediate Kharif crop needs and avoid stockpiling for the upcoming Rabi season. The directive aims to curb misuse for non-agricultural purposes and ensure equitable access, especially amid localized supply disruptions. The Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Department reaffirmed abundant urea supplies, with vigilance squads conducting district-wise oversight to prevent black-marketing and ensure timely delivery.



