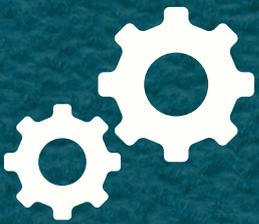


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GENERAL AGRICULTURE

ON DIWALI EVE, HARYANA HIKES SUGARCANE RATES FROM RS 400 TO RS 415 PER QUINTAL

In a generous move ahead of the festive season, the Haryana government has announced a remarkable increase in sugarcane prices for local farmers, bringing the new rate to Rs 415 per quintal. Dubbed a 'Diwali bonus', this initiative is part of a broader strategy to ensure Haryana leads the nation in sugarcane pricing.



BETTER TO DESTROY THAN SELL': ONION TEARS FLOOD MAHARASHTRA, FARMERS' HOPES DASHED

As Maharashtra's fields lie drenched and its granaries half-empty, the despair is palpable. For many farmers, the idea of profit has given way to the hope of mere survival. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



INDIA EXPANDS OIL PALM CULTIVATION TO 52,113 HECTARES THIS FISCAL, LED BY TELANGANA AND ANDHRA PRADESH

India has expanded oil palm cultivation by 52,113 hectares this financial year, primarily in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. This brings the total under the NMEO-OP scheme to 2,41,000 hectares, with a nationwide coverage of 6,00,000 hectares. Farmers are embracing the crop for its high returns, and the government is accelerating seed production to meet ambitious cultivation targets. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



GENERAL AGRICULTURE

INDIA LOOKS TO INCREASE RICE EXPORTS TO 26 MARKETS: APEDA CHAIRMAN

India is embarking on an exciting journey to broaden its rice export horizons, now eyeing 26 new international markets. Key players in this expansion include the Philippines, Indonesia, the UK, and Mexico. With rice exports already experiencing remarkable growth, the Bharat International Rice Conference 2025 will play a pivotal role, gathering industry leaders to explore fresh opportunities and foster connections. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



GOVT RELEASES RS 1.36 CRORE FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN MAHARASHTRA, UTTAR PRADESH VILLAGES

The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has released Rs 1.36 crore to empower local communities in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh to benefit from commercial use of biological resources. The funds will be channelled through State Biodiversity Boards and will be distributed to three Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) each, each receiving Rs 45.50 lakh to undertake biodiversity conservation activities. This aligns with India's commitment to sustainable development and resource sharing. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGARAN



GENERAL AGRICULTURE

DEFORESTATION SLOWS GLOBALLY; INDIA MOVES UP TO 9TH POSITION IN FOREST AREA: REPORT.

The FAO's 2025 Forest Report shows that global deforestation has slowed over the past decade, with forests covering 4.14 billion hectares. However, deforestation continues at a rate of 10.9 million hectares annually, threatening biodiversity, climate stability, and livelihoods. Over half of the world's forests are under formal management plans, and 20% are legally protected. India has also seen progress in afforestation and sustainable management. SOURCE - KRISHI JAGARAN



GST CUT ON FARM EQUIPMENT TO BENEFIT FARMERS DIRECTLY: SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN AT GRAM CHAUPAL

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan emphasized the reduction of GST rates on agricultural machinery, which are providing financial relief to farmers. He discussed initiatives to boost crop production, enhance MSPs, and promote diversified farming during a Gram Chaupal in Gorakhpur. Chouhan emphasized the collaboration between the Central and Uttar Pradesh governments to boost agricultural productivity. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, GST rates on agricultural machinery have been slashed from 12% and 18% to just 5%. SOURCE- KRISHIJAGARAN



GENERAL AGRICULTURE

CENTRE PUSHES FOR QUICK ROLLOUT OF SCHEMES TO BOOST PULSES PRODUCTION, TRANSFORM FARMING IN 100 DISTRICTS

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed officials to accelerate the implementation of the Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission and Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana to boost farm productivity and achieve pulse self-sufficiency by 2030. Chouhan emphasized the time-bound execution of these schemes and plans to convene an inter-ministerial meeting with representatives from 11 ministries to ensure coordinated implementation. The six-year programme aims to provide comprehensive support to farmers in underdeveloped regions. SOURCE-KRISHIJAGARAN



PSA AJAY KUMAR SOOD LAUNCHES AI PLAYBOOKS TO BOOST AGRICULTURE AND SMES ACROSS INDIA

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, has launched three AI playbooks under the AI for India 2030 initiative to accelerate responsible AI adoption in agriculture and SMEs. The playbooks provide actionable roadmaps to improve productivity, market access, and decision-making for farmers and small businesses nationwide. The initiative, developed under the guidance of OPISA and MeitY, draws on inputs from government, industry, startups, academic institutions, and farmer organizations. Sood said the playbooks provide clear strategies to make AI inclusive and impactful, ensuring that technological advancements translate into real benefits for farmers, entrepreneurs, and communities.

