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CENTRE APPROVES PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR PULSES, OILSEEDS IN 4 STATES AT RS 15,000 CR

The Central government has approved a significant procurement plan for pulses and oilseeds. Farmers in Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh will benefit from this initiative. Over Rs 15,000 crore will be spent to purchase crops for the Kharif 2025-26 season. This move aims to ensure better returns for farmers and boost agricultural production.



INDIAN FARMERS' BUMPER CROP DREAMS END IN HEARTBREAK

After an initially hopeful monsoon, Indian farmers find themselves grappling with the fallout of unprecedented rains that have wreaked havoc on their crops. Once ambitious projections for cotton and soybean have fallen flat, casting a shadow over the agricultural sector and pushing farmers deeper into financial strain.



CABINET APPROVES RS 37,952 CR SUBSIDY FOR P&K FERTILISER FOR 2025 RABI SEASON

The Union Cabinet has sanctioned a substantial Rs 37,952 crore subsidy for phosphorous and potassic fertilisers. This financial support is designated for the upcoming 2025-26 rabi season. The approved rates aim to bolster agricultural productivity during the crucial winter cropping period.



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GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO FARMERS' WELFARE: PM MODI ON NON-UREA FERTILISER SUBSIDY HIKE FOR RABI SEASON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Cabinet's approval of nutrient-based subsidy rates for phosphatic and potassic fertilizers for the 2025-26 Rabi season. This decision, aimed at farmer welfare, includes increased subsidies for phosphorus and sulphur, ensuring affordable fertilizers and potentially boosting farmer incomes. Subsidy rates for nitrogen and potash remain unchanged.



UP GOVT HIKES SUGARCANE PRICE FOR 2025-26 TO ₹30/QUINTAL ; ₹2.90 LAKH CR PAID TO FARMERS IN 8 YRS

Uttar Pradesh's Yogi Adityanath government has announced a significant hike of ₹30 per quintal in sugarcane prices for the 2025-26 season, setting rates at ₹400 for early and ₹390 for general varieties. This move is expected to inject an additional ₹3,000 crore directly to farmers, underscoring the government's commitment to their welfare and the revival of the sugar industry.



INDIA'S SOYBEAN MEAL EXPORTS FALL BY 11% DUE TO HIGH PRICES

Indian soybean meal exports have experienced a notable decline, with international demand waning by 11 percent during the oil marketing year 2024-25. The primary contributor to this downturn is the elevated pricing compared to global rivals. Germany, France, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Kenya led the charge in imports, showcasing shifting dynamics that could affect India's standing in the international market.



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AT RS 1.92 LAKH CRORE, FERTILISER SUBSIDY BILL FOR FY26 MAY BE 15% MORE THAN BE

India's fertilizer subsidy bill is projected to reach ₹1.92 lakh crore this financial year. This increase stems from higher global prices for urea and diammonium phosphate, coupled with a dip in domestic production. The government aims to ensure farmers receive adequate fertilizer, shielding them from international price hikes.



CENTRE IMPOSES 10% IMPORT DUTY, 20% ADDITIONAL CESS ON YELLOW PEA IMPORTS AHEAD OF KHARIF SEASON

The Centre has imposed a 30% total levy on yellow pea imports, comprising a 10% import duty and a 20% AIDC, effective November 1. This policy shift aims to support domestic pulse growers ahead of the kharif season, responding to farmer group concerns about cheap imports depressing local market prices.



GOVT TO INTRODUCE STRINGENT SEED LAW IN BUDGET SESSION, SAYS AGRICULTURE MINISTER

The government plans to introduce a new Seed Law during the upcoming budget session of Parliament in early 2026. This legislation will feature stringent provisions to regulate seed quality, ensuring farmers receive high-quality inputs and curbing the sale of substandard or counterfeit seeds. The move aims to improve farmer income and support the agricultural sector.



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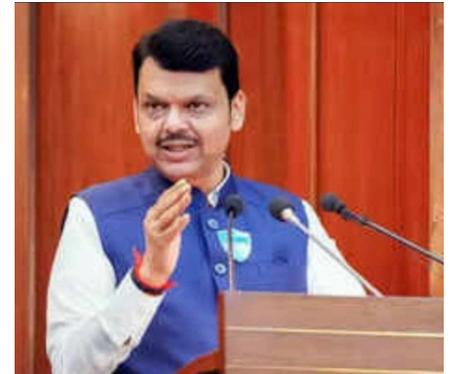
AGRICULTURE MUST DOUBLE TO \$1 TRILLION FOR INDIA'S \$10-TRILLION DREAM: EXPERTS

India's goal of reaching a USD 10 trillion economy by 2047 hinges on a robust agricultural sector that needs to expand its economic contribution to USD 1 trillion. To facilitate this, experts call for innovative policy reforms and a surge in private investment. A science-based approach to policy-making, supported by streamlined regulations, is essential.



AMID FARMER STIR, MAHARASHTRA GOVT FORMS COMMITTEE ON FARM LOAN WAIVER NORMS

Maharashtra government forms a committee under MITRA CEO Praveen Pardeshi to finalize farm loan waiver criteria and long-term debt solutions. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis assured a waiver by June 30 next year, following the committee's report due in April 2026. This move comes amidst farmer protests and widespread crop damage due to natural calamities.



POLICY PUSH TARIFF HIKE ON PEAS MAY BOOST PULSES SOWING IN RABI

New import duties on yellow peas are expected to boost winter pulse sowing. This move aims to support Indian farmers and increase domestic production. Previously, low-cost imports had depressed local prices. The government is working towards self-sufficiency in pulses, a key step after facing shortages and high inflation.

