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GENERAL AGRICULTURE

A high-powered committee in Kerala has given its nod to infrastructure projects worth Rs 1,441 crore. These projects are funded under tranche 31 of NABARD's Rural Infrastructure Development Fund. Approvals cover various departments including Forests, Electricity, Water Resources, and Agriculture. Funds will support solar pumps, irrigation, paddy field development, and waste management initiatives across the state. SOURCE - THE ECONOMICS TIMES



The poultry sector in India is on track for a 4-6% growth in revenue this fiscal year, buoyed by persistent demand from consumers, particularly in rural areas, and a rise in meat consumption. Yet, businesses may see their operating margins tighten, with declines of around 80-100 basis points anticipated. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



An ASSOCHAM report urges India to integrate fragmented agricultural innovation through state-level testing platforms and unified data frameworks. This systemic shift is crucial to reach the 86% of farmers currently untouched by agri-tech, fostering inclusion and impact in the sector. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has released the draft Seeds Bill, 2025, for public consultation, aiming to replace older legislation and modernize seed regulation. The proposed bill focuses on quality, affordability, innovation through liberalized imports, and farmer rights, while decriminalizing minor offenses to ease business compliance. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



Small tea growers in Shillong are demanding fair prices for their green tea leaves. They are urging the government to implement a Minimum Support Price or Fair and Remunerative Price mechanism. This aims to protect them from market volatility. The growers also seek government support through agricultural schemes, including subsidies for machinery and inputs. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 21st instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme on November 19, 2025. This central sector scheme provides eligible farmers Rs 6,000 annually. Over Rs 3.70 lakh crore has been disbursed to more than 11 crore farmer families. The funds support farm inputs and other expenses. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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India has permitted 1.5 million metric tons of sugar exports for the new season, anticipating a larger domestic surplus due to reduced diversion for ethanol. This move aims to lower domestic stocks and bolster local prices, benefiting key sugar producers. The export quota is allocated to mills based on their past production, with all sugar grades eligible for shipment. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



Government has released the Draft Seeds Bill, 2025 for public consultation. Ajai Rana, Chairman of the Federation of Seed Industry of India, states that this bill is crucial for modernizing India's seed regulatory framework, emphasizing the need to replace the outdated Seeds Act, 1966. The draft introduces a system for recognizing research-based companies and aims to improve business operations while ensuring safeguards against violations. FSII plans to review the draft further and submit formal comments by the deadline. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGRAN



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The 21st instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme, set to be released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19, 2025, aims to provide financial support to farming families in India. Launched in February 2019, the scheme has transferred over Rs 3.70 lakh crore to more than 11 crore farmers, with each eligible family receiving Rs 6,000 annually. Technological advancements, including upgraded eKYC options and a mobile app, facilitate hassle-free support delivery, ensuring transparency and eliminating middlemen. Farmers can perform eKYC through various methods and access additional features via the PM-KISAN portal for seamless registration and banking support. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGARAN



The four-day training at ICAR-IARI, held from 3rd to 6th November 2025, focused on Spirulina cultivation, processing, and commercialization. It aimed to equip participants with hands-on practical knowledge and technical skills through scientific sessions and lab demonstrations. Inaugurated by Dr. C. Viswanathan, the program addressed the importance of Spirulina as a sustainable bioresource with applications in food, health, and nutraceutical sectors. Participants learned about critical processes in Spirulina production and explored opportunities for its cultivation, particularly in India's northeastern region, highlighting its potential for rural entrepreneurship. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGARAN



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Colonel Divya Thakur, a retired Indian Army officer from Himachal Pradesh, has transitioned to organic apple farming, emphasizing integrity, sustainability, and transparency. After 37 years of military service, he aims to restore genuine organic practices amid concerns over the misuse of the 'organic' label. Thakur's initiative combines military discipline with eco-friendly methods, promoting farmer empowerment through innovation and collaboration in the scenic foothills of the Himalayas. SOURCE-KRISHI JAGARAN

