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AGRI GROWTH ESTIMATED TO BE LOWER AT 4% IN FY26: NITI AAYOG MEMBER RAMESH CHAND

India's agriculture sector growth is projected to be around 4% in FY 2025-26, a slight decrease from the 4.6% in the previous fiscal. Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand noted that while overall farm growth has been historically high, achieving 5% is crucial for India's developed nation goal. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN STRESSES ON BALANCED FERTILISER USE TO AVOID SOIL DEGRADATION

India's farm sector is projected to grow 4% in 2025-26. NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand stated higher growth is crucial for achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2042. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan highlighted balanced fertilizer use and integrated farming for small landholders. These efforts aim to ensure soil health and future prosperity. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



INDIA'S RICE OUTPUT MAY HIT RECORD 152 MT IN 2025-26, SAYS US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

India is projected to achieve a historic peak in rice production, hitting 152 million tonnes during the 2025-26 season. Meanwhile, wheat production is also on the rise. Unfortunately, the oilseed sector might face a downturn. Analysts attribute the rice boom to favorable monsoon conditions and expanded planting areas. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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GOVT TO EXTEND FPO SCHEME FOR FIVE YEARS, ADDRESS COMPLIANCE AND CAPITAL HURDLES

The government will extend its central scheme for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) for another five years, from 2026-31, to address operational scaling challenges. The scheme aims to improve capacity building, access to capital, and compliance for FPOs, which have already reached 52 lakh farmers and achieved significant turnover. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



GOVT HIKES COPRA MSP BY UP TO ₹445 FOR 2026 SEASON

The government has raised the minimum support price for milling copra to Rs 12,027 per quintal and for ball copra to Rs 12,500 per quintal for the 2026 season. This move aims to provide better returns to coconut growers and boost production. NAFED and NCCF will continue as nodal agencies for procurement. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



DIGITAL AGRICULTURE GRID CAN CHANGE FARMERS' LIVES: JAGADISH BABU, CO-FOUNDER, OPENAGRINET

Jagadish Babu, the co-founder of OpenAgriNet (OAN), spoke to indianexpress.com on the need for a global digital agriculture grid and the opportunity for farmers, governments and technologists to work together towards such a goal. SOURCE- THE INDIAN EXPRESS



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AP CHAMBERS HIGHLIGHTS AGRICULTURE-LED GROWTH

The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry Federation (AP Chambers) organised two important sectoral sessions on the second day of its Business Expo 2025 on Saturday, highlighting emerging industries and agri-led growth opportunities in the State. The morning session, titled “Emerging Sunrise Sectors in AP – Pathways for Growth & Investments,” focused on new-age industries and investment prospects. Minister for MSME, SERP, NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas, who attended as chief guest, said Andhra Pradesh has one of the best industrial policies in the country with a strong cluster-based approach. SOURCE- THE ALPHA



PM-KISAN 21ST INSTALMENT: PM MODI TO RELEASE PAYMENT ON NOV 19; RS 3.70 LAKH CRORE DISBURSED SO FAR

The latest instalment will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of eligible farming families under the government’s digital DBT system. The scheme continues to expand its reach through upgraded eKYC options, mobile app services and strengthened grievance support for farmers across the country. SOURCE- KRISHI JAGARAN

