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## RECORD AGRI OUTPUT IN 2025 AMID GST CUTS, US TARIFFS; SEED, PESTICIDE BILLS EYED FOR 2026

India's agriculture sector closed 2025 with record foodgrain output projections. GST reforms provided significant input cost relief for farmers. Despite US tariffs impacting exports, market diversification proved effective. Farmers await crucial seed and pesticide bills in 2026 to combat fake inputs.

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## RABI CROP AREA RISES MARGINALLY; WHEAT SOWING FLAT: GOVT DATA

Wheat planting for the 2024-25 rabi season shows little change. Area for pulses and oilseeds has seen a slight increase. Rice sowing is up marginally. Chickpea, lentil, and green gram sowing have exceeded last year's figures. Overall rabi crop area has grown compared to the previous year. Planting is nearing completion.



## STATES TO GAIN RS 17,000 CRORE UNDER VB-G RAM G SCHEME: SBI REPORT

A State Bank of India report indicates states will be net gainers of approximately ₹17,000 crore under the new rural employment law, the VB-G RAM G Act, replacing MGNREGA. The new legislation shifts to a normative funding model, with most states projected to benefit, except for Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh which may see minimal losses.

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## INDIA'S DOMINATION OF GLOBAL RICE TRADE STOKES LOOMING WATER CRISIS

India's booming rice exports are depleting groundwater in key agricultural states, forcing farmers to drill deeper borewells at increasing costs. Government subsidies for water-intensive rice cultivation discourage shifts to less thirsty crops, despite fledgling state efforts to promote alternatives like millets. This unsustainable practice has global implications due to India's significant role in the world rice market. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## CENTRE'S INTERVENTION PUSHED ONION GROWERS INTO LOSSES IN 2025: FARMERS' BODY

Indian onion farmers faced significant financial losses in 2025. The Maharashtra State Onion Growers Farmers' Association alleges government market intervention and buffer stock policies caused prices to fall below production costs. Farmers are demanding compensation through direct subsidies. They warn of widespread protests, including market shutdowns and agitations, if their demands are not met. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## INDIA'S SUGAR OUTPUT UP 23.43 PC IN OCTOBER-DECEMBER: NFCSF

Sugar production stood at 9.56 million tonnes in the year-ago period, while the total output remained 26.18 million tonnes in the entire 2024-25 season (October-September).

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## NABARD SPOTLIGHTS GI STRATEGY TO BOOST RURAL PROSPERITY IN UTTARAKHAND

NABARD's Uttarakhand office held a key meeting on December 30, 2025. The event focused on using Geographical Indication, or GI, to boost rural prosperity. Experts discussed branding, marketing, and value addition for local products. The workshop highlighted how social media and startups can help expand market reach.

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## CENTRE PUSHES STATES TO SPEED UP FARM SCHEME SPENDING, WARNS OF FUND DELAYS

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan urged states to strategically utilize budgets by March to avoid losses and ensure timely central fund release. He stressed prompt verification for PM-KISAN, expanding crop insurance, and timely claim settlements during a review meeting with state ministers.

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## STAMP DUTY WAIVED ON FARM LOANS UP TO RS 2 LAKH IN MAHARASHTRA

The revenue and forest department issued a government gazette notification in this regard on January 1. The waiver has come into effect from that date.

SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## WHEAT SOWING UP 2 PC TO 334.17 LAKH HECTARES TILL JAN 9 OF CURRENT RABI SEASON: GOVT

Wheat sowing has increased by 2 percent to 334.17 lakh hectares as of January 9. This rise in acreage for the rabi season is attributed to better monsoon rains and higher minimum support prices. Other rabi crops like paddy, pulses, Shri Anna, coarse cereals, and oilseeds have also seen increased sowing areas. Overall rabi crop coverage has reached 644. SOURCE- THE TIMES OF INDIA



## Everything Grown On Agricultural Land Must Belong To Farmers”: Sadhguru Urges Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan To Amend British-Era Laws

In Tamil Nadu’s Hosur, over 10,000 farmers gathered on Saturday to learn about creating sustainable income through tree-based agriculture. The initiative by Isha Outreach’s Cauvery Calling, which is working towards the mammoth task of reviving river Cauvery and has enabled the plantation of over 12.8 crore trees so far, saw the presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Sadhguru, Founder-Isha Foundation and a host of dignitaries.



SOURCE - KRISHI JAGARAN

## ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING CROPS': MIZORAM CM LALDUHOMA SHARES UPDATES ON STATE'S BIG RUBBER PLANTATION PUSH

The Chief Minister said that the Chief Minister’s Rubber Mission was launched with the objective of transforming Mizoram into a major rubber-producing region. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## BUDGET 2026: INDIA NEEDS TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO ITS STRUGGLING FARM BACKBONE

Budget 2026: To pave the way for Viksit Bharat, a transformative surge in India's agricultural sector is crucial. The forthcoming budget should prioritize substantial funding for farming initiatives and innovative research. Implementing strategic reforms can significantly boost farmer productivity and incomes. Additionally, fostering growth in agri-allied businesses, processing, and exports will stimulate rural economies and bridge economic gaps. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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## WHEAT OUTPUT LIKELY TO EXCEED LAST YEAR'S RECORD 117.94 MN TONNE: AGRICULTURE MINISTER

India's wheat output is poised to break last year's record, with Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan anticipating a bumper harvest. Higher acreage and favorable weather conditions are credited for the positive outlook. Director General of ICAR, M L Jat, highlighted strong crop conditions and timely sowing, projecting production to potentially reach 120 million tonnes. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



## BUDGET 2026: AGRI SECTOR PITCHES FOR TECH PUSH, CLIMATE-SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

With the Budget 2026 on the horizon, leaders in the agriculture sector are rallying for a substantial increase in investments directed towards digital infrastructure, climate-smart practices, and technological advancements. They argue that these enhancements are crucial for elevating productivity levels and generating new job opportunities. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



