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GOVT PERMITS EXPORTS OF 5 LAKH TONNES OF WHEAT FLOUR

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



INDIA'S SUGAR OUTPUT JUMPS 22% TO 15.9 MILLION TONNES BY MID JANUARY: ISMA

India's sugar production has seen a significant jump of 22 percent by mid-January in the 2025-26 season. Higher cane supplies and improved yields are supporting this growth. Mills are operating at a higher capacity. However, falling sugar prices are impacting mill finances and farmer payments. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



161 AGRI EXHIBITORS FROM INDIA AT GULFOOD 2026

India will be the partner country at Gulfood 2026 in Dubai. Over 160 exhibitors from 25 states will showcase Indian agri-exports. This participation aims to boost India's processed foods, frozen products, and pulses trade. The event highlights region-specific agri-products and GI-tagged items. India's presence spans a large exhibition space, doubling last year's footprint. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN CLEARS PROCUREMENT OF 3.37 LAKH TONNES OF TUR IN MAHARASHTRA

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the procurement of 3.37 lakh metric tons of tur in Maharashtra. This decision under the Price Support Scheme will benefit farmers. The procurement will be done at a Minimum Support Price of approximately Rs 2696 crore. Chouhan instructed officials to ensure direct procurement from farmers and transparency through modern technology. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



DIRECTOR AGRICULTURE ASSESSES GUSTY WIND DAMAGE AT LALMANDI

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, today visited the Floriculture Development Scheme, kitchen garden, and entomology sections at Lalmandi, Srinagar, to assess the damage caused by severe gusty winds during the intervening night of January 22-23, 2026. The strong winds, triggered by a broader weather disturbance across the Kashmir Valley, led to uprooting of plants, damage to poly-houses and disruption of ongoing cultivation activities at the site. The Director conducted a comprehensive on-site inspection of the affected areas, including floriculture nurseries, entomology unit, and kitchen garden demonstration plots managed by the Agriculture Department. SOURCE- THE KASHMIR FLIES



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CM SAINI PUSHES FOR SMART AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES IN HARYANA

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday said the state will soon develop one smart agriculture zone and one smart industrial zone, where farmers and industrialists will be provided with a range of special facilities and modern infrastructure. SOURCE- HINDUSTAN TIMES



BUDGET 2026: BUILDING A UNIFIED, OUTCOME-DRIVEN ARCHITECTURE FOR INDIAN AGRICULTURE

India approaches Union Budget 2026, agriculture stands at a defining crossroads. The sector contributes approximately 17.8% to national GDP and provides livelihoods to over 46% of the workforce, yet it continues to face deep-rooted structural inefficiencies. Persistent challenges such as low farm productivity, inefficient water use, fragmented landholdings, and limited market integration have constrained growth despite decades of policy interventions. SOURCE-THE BUISNESSLINE



CPI(M)-AIKS MARCH IN NASHIK TO ADDRESS AGRICULTURAL AND LABOUR ISSUES

After four days of a protest march, where nearly 50,000 farmers and tribals participated in Palghar, the tribals' long march began in Nashik on Sunday. Over 40,000 farmers and workers began a massive protest march led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the All India Kisan Sabha. The protest was led by CPI(M) Polit Bureau member and AIKS National President Dr. Ashok Dhawale. SOURCE- THE HINDU



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INDIA SECURES DUTY CONCESSIONS FOR VARIOUS AGRI PRODUCTS UNDER FTA WITH EU

India has secured duty concessions for agricultural exports like processed foods, tea, coffee, and spices under a new EU free trade agreement. This move aims to boost competitiveness and capture higher value in European markets. Strategic safeguards are in place for sensitive domestic sectors, while the pact also benefits marine products and traditional medicine services. SOURCE-THE ECONOMIC TIMES



AGRICULTURE SECTOR FACES CLIMATE, WATER CHALLENGES DESPITE GROWTH: ECONOMIC SURVEY 2026

India's agriculture sector is vital for national development. While growth is evident, challenges like climate change and productivity gaps persist. Reforms in fertilizers, research, irrigation, and crop diversification are essential. Strengthening farmer groups and digital platforms will boost transparency and access. Expanding high-growth areas like horticulture and dairy will drive inclusive economic development and job creation. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



ECONOMIC SURVEY CALLS FOR UREA PRICE HIKE, DIRECT CASH TRANSFER TO FARMERS

Economic Survey: The proposed shift from input subsidy to income support aims to correct a three-decade-old imbalance in fertiliser use that is degrading soil quality and undermining crop yields, the document, tabled in Parliament on Thursday, stated. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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ECONOMIC SURVEY BACKS VOLUNTARY CROP DIVERSIFICATION OVER MSP TWEAKS

The Economic Survey proposes voluntary crop diversification instead of changing minimum support prices or reducing procurement. This strategy aims to align farm support with consumption patterns and national self-reliance. Savings from better stock management can fund attractive alternatives for farmers to grow crops like pulses, oilseeds, and maize. This approach protects food security and boosts farmer incomes. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



ECONOMIC SURVEY 2026: LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES DRIVE NEW GROWTH STORY IN AGRICULTURE

India's agriculture sector is central to future growth. The Economic Survey shows a shift towards value addition in livestock, fisheries, and horticulture. These allied activities are driving farm incomes and rural livelihoods. Foodgrain production continues to rise, ensuring food security. Horticulture is a bright spot, with India leading in several global productions. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



ECONOMIC SURVEY FLAGS RISKS OF BIOFUEL INCENTIVES ON CROPPING PATTERNS

The Economic Survey warns that India's biofuel mandates, particularly for ethanol, risk distorting cropping patterns and food prices. While the program has saved foreign exchange and boosted farmer income, administered pricing favors maize, leading to its sharp rise while pulses and oilseeds stagnate. This shift threatens agricultural diversity and food security. SOURCE- THE ECONOMIC TIMES



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