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Budget Expectation: With more incentives for agriculture schemes, KCC may see changes

Ahead of the Union Budget 2023-24, in a report by SBI Research said that the government should focus on agriculture and rural economy and review some of the schemes like Kisan Credit Card.

Read more at:

<https://www.livemint.com/budget/expectations/budget-expectation-more-incentives-for-agriculture-schemes-kcc-may-see-changes-11675094030407.html>

Government should hike assistance under PM-KISAN, give tax sops for agritech startups: Industry

Edible oil industry body SEA has demanded that a national mission should be launched to increase oilseeds production and reduce imports of cooking oils.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/government-should-hike-assistance-under-pm-kisan-give-tax-sops-for-agritech-startups-industry/articleshow/97419761.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=ppst

New agriculture policy by March 31, says Dhaliwal

Punjab Agriculture Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal on Tuesday said the state government has constituted an 11-member committee of agriculture experts for framing a new agricultural policy.

Read more at:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/new-agriculture-policy-by-march-31-says-dhaliwal-8388235/>

Transfer of Rythu Bandhu amount for current Rabi season

The disbursement of investment support given under the Rythu Bandhu scheme at ₹5,000 per acre for the 10th crop season in a row, beginning from the Kharif 2018-19, will begin from December 28.

Read more at:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/transfer-of-rythu-bandhu-amount-for-current-rabi-season-from-today/article66310605.ece>

Farmers of Barmer district, Rajasthan to get full claim of crop insurance scheme

Farmers of the Barmer district of Rajasthan will get the full claim of crop insurance scheme following a decision taken at a high-level meeting chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi.

Read more at:

<https://newsonair.com/2023/01/12/farmers-of-barmer-district-rajasthan-to-get-full-claim-of-crop-insurance-scheme/>

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana: Punjab set to adopt centre's crop insurance scheme

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab is working on the options to adopt Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

Read more at:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/pradhan-mantri-fasal-bima-yojana-punjab-set-to-adopt-centre-s-crop-insurance-scheme-101673803191148.html>

Agriculture Department to launch scheme to curb wild animal incursions into farms

'The Nedumangad agricultural block will be sanctioned ₹40 lakh for preventing wild animal incursions,' said Minister for Agriculture P. Prasad.

Read more at:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/agriculture-department-to-launch-scheme-to-curb-wild-animal-incursions-into-farms/article66444406.ece>



Union Budget 2023: Abolition of GST & mandi tax among requests from the agritech sector

The agritech sector wants the Union Finance minister to abolish the GST and mandi tax on agricultural produce brought from Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) and provide incentives or schemes for new crop and technology adoption by farmers.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/union-budget-2023-abolition-of-gst-mandi-tax-among-requests-from-the-agritech-sector/articleshow/97394140.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

FCI to start e-auction of 25 lakh tonne wheat to bulk buyers from Feb 1

State-owned FCI, which plans to sell 25 lakh tonne of wheat to bulk consumers, on Friday said that it will start a weekly e-auctioning from February 1 at a reserve price of Rs 2,350 per quintal plus freight cost.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/fci-to-start-e-auction-of-25-lakh-tonne-wheat-to-bulk-buyers-from-feb-1/articleshow/97381723.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Walmart Foundation announces three new grants in the states of Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal

By extending its support with additional funding to support ACCESS Development Services, SRIJAN, and ASA, Walmart Foundation hopes to help further strengthen the FPO ecosystem and transform the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/walmart-foundation-announces-three-new-grants-in-the-states-of-madhya-pradesh-and-westbengal/articleshow/97281460.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Economic Survey 2023: Centre's MSP Boost For Crops Powered Agriculture Sector To Robust Growth

The agriculture sector grew 4.6% annually in the last 6 years. Key factors boosting the sector include higher MSP, growing agri-related credit, income support schemes, and insurances.

Read more at:

<https://news.abplive.com/business/budget/economic-survey-2023-highlights-nirmala-sitharaman-centre-boost-msp-crops-powered-agriculture-sector-economic-survey-key-takeaways-1579088>

Garuda Aerospace, Rallis India sign MoU for drone use in agriculture

As per the MoU, Rallis India will supply pesticides and crop nutrients to Garuda Aerospace for a pilot demonstration and spraying of pesticides over farms through drones mainly in the state of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

Read more at:

<https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/aviation/garuda-aerospace-rallis-india-sign-mou-for-drone-use-in-agriculture/96857808>

Govt. announces relief of ₹10,000 per hectare for toor farmers

In the light of extensive damage to red gram (toor) crop in Bidar, Kalaburagi, and Yadgir districts, the State government has announced a compensation of ₹10,000 per hectare but has limited it to a maximum of two hectares per farmer as per the NDRF/SDRF guidelines.

Read more at:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/govt-announces-relief-of-10000-per-hectare-for-toor-farmers/article66429463.ece>

Countdown to Davos 2023: 120 countries consider agritech most strategically important in the next decade

In over 120 countries, investments in agritech, edtech and energy-related technologies are considered the most strategically important over the next 10 years.



Read more at:

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/cou-ntdown-to-davos-2023-120-countries-consider-agritech-most-strategically-important-in-next-decade-87103>

Cultivated idea: Urban farming in India requires holistic policy support; here is why

In India, urban farming has seen some traction across states; but rapid development and the need to make urban agriculture viable mean the contours of official policy on it must be shaped.

Read more at:

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/cult-ivated-idea-urban-farming-in-india-requires-holistic-policy-support-here-is-why-85450>

Digital India Awards: e-NAM initiative of Agriculture Ministry wins Platinum award in Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category

At the end of 2022, more than 1.74 crore farmers and 2.39 lakhs traders have been registered on the e-NAM portal.

Read more at:

<https://www.aninews.in/news/business/digital-india-awards-e-nam-initiative-of-agriculture-ministry-wins-platinum-award-in-digital-empowerment-of-citizens-category20230108011900/>

Manipur farmers draw President Droupadi Murmu's attention to fulfill demands

The Manipur Loumi Lup demanded the Union government to provide complete debt relief, crop insurance and farmers pension fulfilled at the earliest.

Read more at:

<https://www.ifp.co.in/manipur/manipur-farmers-draw-president-droupadi-murmus-attention-to-fulfill-demands>

Govt approves Rs 146 cr project for promotion of niche crops in J&K

The project aims at diversifying and expanding the area of niche crops over an area of 11,100 hectare thus ensuring livelihood security for 111,000 targeted beneficiaries with a revenue realization of Rs. 2,238 Crores.

Read more at:

<https://kashmirreader.com/2023/01/30/govt-approves-rs-146-cr-project-for-promotion-of-niche-crops-in-jk/>

Rajasthan govt to rent out drones to farmers to help spray fertilisers, insecticides

Low income group farmers in Rajasthan will be provided drones on rent that will help them monitor crops and spray chemicals in a wide agricultural area with less cost and time. Around 1,500 drones will be made available at custom hiring centres by the state government in two years.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/rajasthan-govt-to-rent-out-drones-to-farmers-to-help-spray-fertilisers-insecticides/articleshow/97220218.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Guyana, India to create a regional agri-tech campus to expand agriculture sector

Guyana's President Irfaan Ali has announced the creation of a regional agri-tech campus between the country and India during his recent address at the 74th anniversary of the Republic of India hosted by the Indian High Commission in Guyana.

Read more at:

<https://www.caribbeannationalweekly.com/news/caribbean-news/guyana-india-to-create-a-regional-agri-tech-campus-to-expand-agriculture-sector/>

Google invests in agritech firm Cropin

The funds will aid in expanding Cropin Cloud, the company's recently launched intelligent agriculture cloud platform, to cater to the growing demand for digitisation and predictive intelligence in the global agriculture sector.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/small-biz/entrepreneurship/google-invests-in-agritech-firm-cropin/articleshow/96847312.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst



How prepared is the agriculture sector in carbon trading?

Farming communities now have opportunities to sequester and sell carbon credits.

Read more at:

<https://www.drishtias.com/daily-updates/daily-news-editorials/carbon-trading-in-the-agriculture-sector>

India's wheat yield in 2023 is likely to break a record and touch 112 million tonnes

A bumper crop is good news but the climate challenge to food security will need a more long-term response.

Read more at:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/editorials/some-good-news-on-the-agriculture-front-101675001922379.html>

North Indian cold wave impacts two major Rabi crops in different ways

The cold wave in northern India in the second week of January has impacted the two major Rabi crops - mustard and wheat in different ways. It will increase the production of wheat this Rabi season by 5 million tonnes to 112 million tonnes, experts said.

Read more at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/north-indian-cold-wave-impacts-two-major-rabi-crops-in-different-ways/articleshow/97281602.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

World Bank to get Sub-Saharan farm officials to Karnataka to learn from its watershed model

World Bank team impressed with the State's science-based watershed model that has focused on climate-resilient agriculture, among other things.

Read more at:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/world-bank-to-get-sub-saharan-farm-officials-to-karnataka-to-learn-from-its-watershed-model/article66365874.ece>

Climate change: Crop yields in Punjab will fall by up to 13% in next 30 years

A study by Punjab Agricultural University used rainfall & temperature data from 35 years to project the impact of climate change on 5 major crops — rice, maize, cotton, wheat and potato.

Read more at:

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/climate-change-crop-yields-in-punjab-will-fall-by-up-to-13-in-next-30-years-87317>

Climate crisis, impact on farmers to be focus of G20 meet: Tomar

“Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's interest will be protected,” Tomar said when asked if India will succumb to the pressure from the developed world to end subsidies in the farm sector.

Read more at:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/climate-crisis-impact-on-farmers-to-be-focus-of-g20-meet-tomar-101675101958060.html>

Budget 2023: Loosen purse strings for MGNREGA. It aids in climate change adaptation

Intensity of extreme climate events has increased by almost 200 percent since 2005 and three out of four districts of India are extreme event hotspots.

Read more at:

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/opinion/budget-2023-loosen-purse-strings-for-mgnrega-it-aids-in-climate-change-adaptation-9963371.html>

Dip in UP rainfall since 2001 may hit farm sector

Despite being located in the fertile zone of the Ganga-Yamuna river basins, monsoon rainfall has been below normal in Uttar Pradesh (UP) for the 20-year period except during 2003 (24% excess) and 2008 (12% excess) with the highest negative departure recorded in 2014 (-47%).

Read more at:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/dip-in-up-rainfall-since-2001-may-hit-farm-sector-report-101675101837065.html>



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