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1. **Agri Minister opens another round of consultations on draft Seed Bill**

   The Agriculture Minister has started another round of consultations after receiving around 18,000 suggestions on the draft Seeds Bill. The proposed law aims to ensure quality seeds, protect farmers, liberalise imports and reduce compliance burdens while retaining penalties for serious violations.

2. **Farmer-driven rice and millet factory proposed; aim to build a global brand**

   Odisha plans to establish a farmer-driven Rice & Millet factory owned by FPOs and SHGs, focusing on traditional, low-GI, black and specialty rice varieties. The facility will also produce value-added millet and rice products for domestic and export markets.

3. **Central Govt enhances paddy acceptance target to 59.62 LMT**

   The Centre has increased Haryana's paddy acceptance target from 55 LMT to 59.62 LMT and extended custom-milled rice delivery until September 30, 2026. The move provides relief to millers, while the state has been asked to strengthen procurement checks and implement AgriStack.

4. **AgriStack alone won't close rural credit gap: Nabard chief**

   NABARD Chairman Shaji Krishnan said AgriStack can make agricultural lending more targeted, but credit guarantees, insurance and better risk assessment are also needed. A major challenge is fragmented agricultural data and inadequate digital records linking farmers with their land and activities.

5. **Bracing for a dull sparkle**

   Food inflation may remain elevated through the festival season due to uneven monsoon conditions, kharif crop uncertainties and El Niño risks. Rice and several other food commodities have already recorded higher prices, while delayed or uneven sowing could affect future yields and inflation.

6. **India & Russia fast-tracking talks for new bilateral investment treaty**

   India and Russia are accelerating negotiations for a new bilateral investment treaty to provide greater legal certainty to investors. Both sides are also targeting $100 billion in bilateral trade and $50 billion in two-way investment by 2030, with opportunities in food products, pharmaceuticals, engineering and other sectors.

7. **Farmers set deadline for paddy procurement at MSP**

   Haryana farmer organisations have set September 15 as the deadline for the state government to begin procurement of Parmal paddy at MSP. They have also demanded an increase in the permissible paddy moisture limit from 17% to 20%.

8. **Your bowl of rice is warming your planet: IISER-led study — Paddy Fields Emit 9.7mn Tonnes Of Methane Annually**

   An IISER Bhopal–IRRI study estimates that India's paddy fields emit around 9.7 million tonnes of methane annually, with Kharif rice accounting for nearly three-fourths of rice-related methane emissions. The study warns emissions could rise by 25% by mid-century, while alternate wetting and drying could reduce methane emissions by 30–50%.

9. **Philippines looks beyond rice, eyes Telangana seeds and meat products**

   The Philippines is exploring wider agricultural trade opportunities with Telangana beyond rice, particularly in seeds and meat products. Telangana's competitive rice production and strong seed sector could create opportunities for increased exports and agricultural cooperation.

10. **FIEO prez says easier market access, investment flows vital**

    India's trade with BRICS nations has more than doubled to $417.5 billion over five years, but imports have grown much faster than exports, widening the trade deficit sharply. FIEO has called for easier market access, reduced non-tariff barriers, better logistics and greater Indian participation in BRICS supply chains.

Market Update 11th Sep

USDINR

- Mildly bullish USD/INR as higher crude and import-cost pressures weigh on INR.
- RBI intervention is providing support, but upside pressure remains.
- US CPI is key: stronger data may support USD/INR, while softer data could aid INR recovery.

EURINR

- Mildly bullish EUR/INR, supported by ECB policy and persistent inflation concerns.
- Elevated crude continues to pressure INR and support EUR/INR.
- US CPI remains the key trigger; stronger US inflation could limit EUR/INR upside.