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1. African nations begin to stock up rice on El Nino fears, Ukraine and Iran wars

African nations are increasing rice imports amid concerns over El Niño-related crop losses and disruptions caused by geopolitical conflicts. Importers are looking to secure supplies in advance to manage potential shortages and price volatility.

2. Export Support Extended Amid Trade Disruptions

The government has extended export support measures to help Indian exporters manage disruptions in international trade. The move aims to provide relief amid logistical challenges, rising costs and uncertainty in global markets.

3. Poor monsoon weighs on farm growth outlook: Icra

Below-normal rainfall in several regions has affected agricultural prospects, raising concerns over crop production and rural demand. ICRA expects weaker farm-sector growth due to uneven monsoon distribution.

4. Nizamsagar water levels boost paddy cultivation

Improved water availability at the Nizamsagar project in Telangana has supported irrigation and encouraged paddy cultivation. The reservoir's increased storage is expected to benefit farmers in the region.

5. Paddy at the gates, Mann presses Centre to clear 21 LMT foodgrains

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has urged the Centre to clear pending foodgrain stocks of 21 lakh metric tonnes. The issue concerns procurement, storage capacity and timely movement of foodgrains from the state.

6. 'India has no excess capacity, bans forced-labour imports'

India has highlighted that it does not have excess production capacity to absorb additional demand arising from restrictions on forced-labour-linked imports. The issue was discussed in the context of global trade and supply-chain disruptions.

7. India pushes for supply-chain rejig, G20 defers call on 'overcapacity'

India has called for restructuring global supply chains to make them more resilient and diversified. G20 finance officials deferred a decision on the issue of overcapacity amid differing views among member countries.

8. CM seeks urgent clearance of stocks ahead of paddy arrivals

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has sought urgent clearance of existing foodgrain stocks before the arrival of the new paddy crop. Limited storage space could create difficulties for procurement operations during the upcoming season.

9. Overseas push, state firm ships 24 MT of frozen food to Canada

A state-owned enterprise has exported 24 metric tonnes of frozen food to Canada, reflecting efforts to expand overseas market access. The shipment is expected to support international trade and create opportunities for local producers.

10. Paddy procurement begins in Sirhind mandi

Paddy procurement has commenced at the Sirhind mandi in Punjab, with farmers bringing their produce for sale. Officials have been directed to ensure timely procurement and payment to farmers.

11. Expedite procurement, don't delay payments, officials told

Officials have been instructed to accelerate paddy procurement and ensure timely payments to farmers. The administration has also been asked to address procurement-related arrangements and avoid unnecessary delays.

12. 7,552 MT of paddy arrives in district

A total of 7,552 metric tonnes of paddy has arrived in the district since procurement began. Officials are monitoring arrivals and procurement arrangements to ensure smooth operations during the harvesting season.

13. ₹55 cr dues pending, millers refuse to take up CMR work

Rice millers in Yamunanagar have expressed concerns over pending payments of approximately ₹55 crore related to Custom Milled Rice (CMR) work. Millers have indicated that the outstanding dues are affecting their ability to undertake further milling operations.