



AIREA News – 5th October 2026

1. Surveillance strengthened on paddy movement in Tiruvallur

Tiruvallur administration has tightened checks on paddy movement after allegations that traders were using farmers' documents to sell paddy at procurement centres. A truck carrying 16 tonnes of paddy from Andhra Pradesh was also seized, while digital crop surveys and border inspections have been strengthened.

2. APPCB warns rice mills of heavy fine for dust emissions

The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board has warned 64 rice mills in Nellore to comply with pollution-control norms or face heavy fines/closure for repeated violations. Only 33 mills have installed required dust-control equipment so far, while the remaining mills have been asked to take corrective measures.

3. Kharif failure puts Maha in fodder crunch

Poor Kharif output in drought-hit Marathwada has caused an acute shortage of crop residue and fodder. Several districts have limited stocks, raising concerns over livestock health, milk production and nutrition; the Maharashtra government is distributing improved fodder seeds with full subsidy.

4. 25p/kg wheat MSP hike an 'insult': SKM

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha has rejected the government's Rabi MSP increases, calling the ₹25-per-quintal wheat hike—equivalent to 25 paise/kg—an "insult." It has demanded an immediate revision of MSPs and greater freedom for States to provide bonuses.

5. How effective is Efta trade deal thus far

India and EFTA are reviewing the first year of their Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement as Swiss President Guy Parmelin visits India. While India's exports to EFTA have declined overall, some sectors have grown and Swiss investment in India has increased; discussions are also focused on agriculture, food processing, marine products and other sectors.

6. India's small businesses chase a new dawn

Recent MSME reforms, improved financing mechanisms and wider use of TReDS are expected to improve access to working capital for small businesses. However, global trade uncertainty, rising costs and uneven credit access continue to pose challenges for MSMEs.

7. MORE TRANSACTIONS TO QUALIFY AS EXPORTS, GET ZERO-RATING BENEFIT

The GST Council is expected to consider measures to simplify export refunds, unlock working capital and expand the transactions eligible for zero-rating. Proposed changes could cover supplies through foreign branches and certain job-work transactions, potentially reducing exporters' tax and cost burden.

8. Minister assures paddy farmers of hassle-free procurement, fair price

Punjab's Food and Civil Supplies Minister reviewed paddy procurement arrangements at Tarn Taran and assured farmers of hassle-free procurement and timely payments. The State has set a target of procuring 180 lakh tonnes for the central pool, with payments being made directly into farmers' bank accounts.



9. Farmers block Y'nagar highway over 'tardy' paddy procurement

Farmers in Yamunanagar blocked NH-344 over delays in paddy procurement, while farmers in Gharaunda also protested slow purchases. Their demands include faster procurement, raising permissible moisture limits and resolving issues affecting farmers at procurement centres.

10. Paddy procurement delay sparks protest in Gharaunda

Farmers locked the Gharaunda market committee office and protested alleged delays in paddy procurement, crop verification and gate-pass issuance. They claimed some farmers were being forced to sell ₹200–300 per quintal below MSP and demanded immediate action.

11 36,360 metric tonne paddy reaches mandis

A total of 36,360 tonnes of paddy had reached Amritsar district mandis, of which 35,766 tonnes had been procured by October 3. Procurement is being carried out by PUNGRAIN, Markfed, PUNSUP and PSWC, while lifting of procured paddy has also begun.

12. Phagwara DC urges farmers to bring dry paddy to mandis

The Phagwara Deputy Commissioner has asked farmers to bring paddy with moisture content of **17% or below** to ensure smooth procurement. Farmers were also advised to follow harvesting timings and quality norms, with the district expecting around 7.88 lakh tonnes of paddy this season.

13. Market Trade Insight – 5th Oct

USD/INR: Mildly bullish bias; elevated crude, FPI outflows and strong global yields may keep INR under pressure. RBI intervention and the upcoming policy decision may limit sharp moves.

EUR/INR: Mildly bullish bias; higher Eurozone inflation supports EUR, while INR weakness remains a key upside factor. RBI intervention may cap gains.