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1. **Paddy purchase delay to deny bonus**

BRS leader T Harish Rao accused the Telangana government of delaying paddy procurement to avoid paying the bonus on fine rice. He highlighted farmers' difficulties due to delayed purchases and demanded immediate relief.

2. **Slams govt over Aarogyasri dues**

BRS leader T Harish Rao criticised the Telangana government for failing to clear around ₹800 crore in pending Aarogyasri dues to government hospitals, affecting healthcare services and poor patients.

3. **HARYANA PADDY ARRIVALS IN MANDIS AT 10-YEAR LOW**

Haryana recorded 51.95 lakh metric tonnes of paddy arrivals up to November 15, the lowest in ten years and 12.8% lower than the corresponding period last year. Lower sowing area and pending lifting of procured paddy remain key concerns.

4. **Why traceability is no longer a luxury in food exports**

Food traceability is becoming essential for accessing international markets, with countries such as the US, UK, EU and Australia tightening requirements. The article highlights the need for a government-led national traceability platform in India to connect existing systems, improve transparency and strengthen export competitiveness.

5. **Rice exports up 4.6%, sea foods 13% in FY27 so far**

India's rice exports increased 4.6% to USD 6.81 billion during April–October 2026-27, while October shipments rose over 18% year-on-year to USD 1.02 billion. Despite strong performance, Indian rice exporters continue to face stiff global competition.

6. **Apeda plans State-specific strategies to boost North-East agri exports**

APEDA plans to develop state-specific export strategies for North-Eastern States, identifying products such as rice, ginger, citrus fruits, pineapple, cardamom and organic products. The initiative aims to strengthen export infrastructure, value chains and market opportunities.

7. **Centre urged to launch traditional rice mission in FY28 Budget**

The Centre has been urged to launch a National Traditional Rice Mission under a public-private-farmer model to promote traditional Indian rice varieties. The proposed mission would support seed development, FPO-level processing infrastructure, farmer income and international market promotion.

Market Trade Insight – 18th November

- **USD/INR:** Strong FII inflows and softer crude are supporting rupee sentiment. However, dollar strength, elevated US yields and potential RBI intervention may limit further appreciation.
- **EUR/INR:** Strong rupee fundamentals and lower crude prices are weighing on the euro. Eurozone inflation data and hawkish Fed expectations remain key factors influencing currency movement.