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1. Punjab urges Centre to raise paddy procurement limit to 200-lakh tonnes

Punjab has requested the Centre to increase its paddy procurement target from 180 lakh tonnes to 200 lakh tonnes following higher-than-expected arrivals of 187.5 lakh tonnes. The state has also sought an increase in its Cash Credit Limit (CCL) to meet additional procurement requirements.

2. As paddy purchases cross target, state seeks addl ₹9,000-crore funding

Punjab's paddy procurement has reached 188.07 lakh metric tonnes, exceeding the approved target of 180 lakh tonnes. The state has sought an additional ₹9,000 crore in cash credit limit, taking the total requirement to ₹57,000 crore, to finance further procurement.

3. Paddy quality checks trigger row, rice millers allege harassment

A joint FCI and central government team has started physical verification of rice mills across Haryana to assess paddy quality. Rice millers have alleged harassment during inspections and demanded a reduction in the Custom Milled Rice (CMR) out-turn ratio from 67% to 64%, citing rain-related damage and increased moisture in paddy.

4. Discrepancies

Kaithal Deputy Commissioner has constituted a five-member committee to investigate alleged irregularities in paddy procurement involving fake farmer registrations on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal. The committee will verify farmer records, land ownership, gate passes, procurement entries and CCTV footage within five days.

5. 'Paddy purchase delay to deny bonus'

Former Telangana Minister T. Harish Rao has accused the state government of delaying paddy procurement, allegedly affecting farmers' eligibility for the fine-rice bonus. He highlighted farmers' difficulties in selling coarse paddy and demanded an official order regarding bonus payments.

6. India on track to achieve USD 1 trillion exports target in FY27: Commerce Secy

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal stated that India is on track to achieve its USD 1 trillion export target in FY27, with exports growing 16.6% year-on-year to USD 568.84 billion during April–October. He also indicated that India-US trade deal negotiations are in their final stages, although signing and implementation will take time due to the US tariff framework.

7. Trade Deal with US to Take Some Time: Commerce Secy

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said that the India-US trade deal may take time to be signed as the US is still finalising its new tariff structure and conducting Section 301 investigations. Although the legal agreement has been negotiated and is in its final stages, formal signing will depend on these developments.

8. LT Foods to acquire USA's Maya Kaimal

LT Foods, owner of Daawat and Royal basmati rice brands, has announced the acquisition of US-based MK Foods Holdings Inc., which owns the premium Indian-inspired food brand Maya Kaimal, for an enterprise value of USD 5.8 million (approximately ₹54.2 crore).

9. Paddy saplings not the responsibility of taluk administration alone

Due to inadequate rainfall and water shortages, farmers in Vijayanagara have been advised against paddy transplantation, as irrigation water is being prioritised for drinking purposes.

10. Market Update – 19th Nov

USD/INR: Strong FII inflows and softer crude are supporting the rupee, while dollar strength and hawkish Fed expectations may limit gains.

EUR/INR: Persistent Eurozone inflation supports the euro, while dollar strength and rupee fundamentals may restrict further appreciation.