



1. Niti aayog drawing up blueprint for reforms in the farming sector, The Economic Times, October 20, 2016

India is readying a raft of far-reaching reforms in the neglected agriculture sector, often seen as a politically sensitive subject, by trying to pitch the Niti Aayog's blueprint directly with the states.

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2. Farmers should expect bumper crop: Official, The Times of India, October 24, 2016

Going by the perception of the agriculture department, farmers of the state could rely on harvesting a bumper Kharif crop, as the area coverage of paddy and maize alone is around 93.97% of the estimated target of 38.75 lakh hectare.

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3. Charting a road map for climate-smart agriculture, October 24, 2016

The city will host the 13th Agricultural Science Congress, which will focus on strategies for climate-smart agriculture, from February 21 to 24. The biennial event, being held for the first time in the State, is being organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru in collaboration with the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

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4. Government launches organic farming scheme, The Times of India October 24, 2016

In an effort to reduce the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and to promote organic farming in Goa, the state department of agriculture has launched a state sector scheme titled assistance for use of organic inputs by the farmer.

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5. Centre: Will not release GM mustard seed without Supreme Court nod, The Financial Express, October 25, 2016

Assuring the Supreme Court that it will not release genetically modified (GM) mustard without its nod, the government on Monday said that the strengthening of plant breeding programmes with the use of new technologies like genetic engineering is critical for meeting emerging challenges in Indian agriculture and for attaining self-sufficiency.

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6. Agriculture has a poor share in state's economy, The Times of India, October 22, 2016

Gujarat ranks down there at the bottom with less than 15% share of agriculture and allied sector in (Gross State Domestic Product) GSDP. The state is ranked at the bottom with states Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu.

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