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### ***1. Crop yields in India lower than in US, Europe, China: Minister, Hindu BusinessLine, November 22, 2016***

The productivity of various crops and legumes in India are lower than those in the US, Europe and China, Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. He said the government was implementing several schemes to address this issue.

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### ***2. Irrigation department releases water for rabi crops, The Times of India, November 24, 2016***

The state irrigation department has started releasing water from the Khadakwasla dam into the Mutha canal for rabi crops.

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### ***3. Pulses import trade needs regulation and monitoring, Hindu Business Line, November 23, 2016***

Exporters in Canada, the US and other origins are upset with Indian importers, many of whom have reneged on contracts, the estimated quantum of which is about five lakh tonnes.

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### ***4. 'Digital technology game changer in agriculture', The Times of India, November 20, 2016***

Digital technology is going to be next game changer in this field of agriculture, said Salil Singhal, co-chair, CII, national council on agriculture, chairman and managing director, PI Industries, India.

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### ***5. amid strained relations, India, Pak legislators talk agriculture in Dubai, the Indian Express, November 23, 2016***

Despite the recent strain in ties between India and Pakistan, an interaction between elected legislators of both the countries took place in Dubai over the weekend amid much bonhomie.

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### ***6. Let farmers buy seeds with old notes, says Agriculture Minister; Finance says no, the Indian Express, November 18, 2016***

While allowing farmers to draw up to Rs 25,000 per week against crop loans, the Finance Ministry has turned down the request of the Agriculture Ministry to permit farmers to purchase seeds using demonetised currencies of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000.

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