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1. Agriculture market in India's richest state crumbles after #NoteBandi, Business Standard, November 26, 2016

A week after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the scrapping of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes — 86 per cent of India's currency notes by value — business in the agricultural market of Pathardi, 350 km east of Mumbai, fell by 60 per cent, indicating how the rural economy of India's richest state, Maharashtra, recovering from two years of drought, is slowing down.

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2. Pakistan suspends import of agriculture commodities from India, Business Standard, November 27, 2016

Pakistan has suspended the import of cotton and other agriculture commodities, including vegetables, from India due to rising tensions between the two countries along the line of control (LoC), a media report here said.

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3. ICAR lifts stay on accreditation of Maharashtra agriculture varsities, The Times of India, November 28, 2016

The state agricultural universities can now receive grants from the Indian Council of Agriculture Research for student welfare schemes.

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4. Helping India's farmers embrace a cashless economy, The Times of India, November 28, 2016

The government has taken a slew of measures to ensure that cash requirements of farmers are not adversely impacted due to the demonetisation exercise, even as it has urged farmers to join the movement for cashless transactions in the ongoing sowing season.

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5. Farmers take to profitable medicinal farming, The Times of India, November 27, 2016

Ever since Sachidanand Rai, a farmer from Khushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, started growing medicinal plants, he has significantly increased his income, while also contributing to preservation of rare medicinal species.

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6. Demonetisation has hit farmers the worst: Sachin Pilot, November 29, 2016

Congress state president Sachin Pilot on Tuesday said the BJP-government was not even buying the "mung" (*vigna radiata*) crop from farmers in Rajasthan, leave aside fixing its minimum support price (MSP) fairly.

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