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BKU seeks early purchase of paddy

KURUKSHETRA, SEPTEMBER 21

The paddy produce has started arriving in the mandis in heavy quantities, but agencies are yet to start procurement. The BKU (Charuni) has asked the state government to start the procurement early or else the union would launch an agitation and block the national highway in Shahabad on September 23.

The union held a meeting at the Kisan Rest House in Shahabad and decided to wait till the evening of September 22 for procurement to begin.

BKU (Charuni) chief Gurnam Singh said: "The crop has matured and the farmers don't have space to store the harvested produce. There is no space in the grain markets to dry the crop. Moreover, the weather has been unfavourable. We fail to understand the reason behind the delay in procurement."

The BKU activists took out a token protest march on Barara road and raised slogans against the state government to mark their resentment.

Threatens to block NH in Shahabad tomorrow



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Activists of the BKU (Charuni) protest in Shahabad on Wednesday.

NO SPACE TO STORE PRODUCE

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Meanwhile, hundreds of quintal paddy stock got drenched in the grain markets in Ambala, resulting in an increase in the moisture content of the produce.

An official of the market

committee said: "Owing to the strike of commission agents, the produce was lying in open. Though the farmers and labourers tried to cover the produce, the stocks still got drenched." — TNS

Arhtiyas on strike, sale hit

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KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 21

Farmers are at the receiving end due to a strike by the arhtiyas. Even after harvesting their crops, they are reluctant to bring their produce to the grain markets for sale. Those who have already brought their produce to the grain markets have been waiting for procurement for the past three days as arhtiyas are on strike.

Farmers alleged that the arhtiyas went on strike at the start of season every year, leaving the farmers in the lurch. They say the produce could not be kept in tractor-trailers for long or taken back home since they had no space to store it.

Farmer Sandeep Kumar said, "The demands of the arhtiyas are genuine and should be considered, but they should not stop procurement."

Rice output may fall by 6%

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

India's rice production is expected to decline by 6 per cent to 104.99 million tonnes in the kharif season this year due to a fall in paddy acreage amid rainfall deficit in key producing states like Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

Rice production stood at 111.76 million tonnes in the 2021-22 kharif season.

According to the first advance estimates for the 2022-23 season, the food-grain production is estimated at 149.92 million tonnes as against 156.04 million tonnes in the previous season. However, it is higher by 6.98 million tonnes than the average foodgrain production of previous five years' (2016-17 to 2020-21), officials said.

Sowing of paddy, the main kharif crop, declined by nearly 19 lakh hectares to 399.03 lakh hectares as compared to 417.93 lakh hectares mid-september year-ago period.

The paddy acreage declined in Jharkhand by 9.37 lakh hectares, followed by Madhya Pradesh (6.32 lakh hectares), West Bengal (3.65 lakh hectares), Uttar Pradesh (2.48 lakh hectares) and Bihar (1.97 lakh hectares).

Centre estimates 6% drop in kharif rice output this season

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NEW DELHI: Total foodgrain output from summer-sown crops is projected to be 149.92 million tonnes and rice output will be 104.99 million tonne, a decline of 6% over the corresponding period last year, the farm ministry's first of the four quarterly advance estimates of crop output for 2022-23 showed on Wednesday.

In the summer-sown season 2021-22, the country produced a record 111 million tonnes of rice. The agriculture ministry said the total foodgrain estimate is higher by 6.98 million tonne than the average foodgrain production of previous five years' (2016-17 to 2020-21) during the corresponding period.

The kharif rice estimate for 2022-23 too is higher by 4.40 million tonne than the previous five years' average of 100.59 mil-



India banned wheat export in May after a heatwave. ANI

lion tonne.

Patchy summer rains hit paddy sowing in Uttar Pradesh,

West Bengal and Jharkhand, which have large rice-growing belts.

Acreage under paddy, the main summer staple, declined by nearly 190,000 hectare to 39.9 million hectares, compared to 41.7 million hectares the previous year, data as on September 16 showed.

India banned wheat export in May after a heatwave trimmed output and curbed overseas rice shipments this month to bolster

domestic availability amid a global food crisis

The output of summer-sown pulses has been projected at 8.37 million tonne, with marginal declines in tur (pigeon pea) and urad (black gram). Output of coarse cereals or millets is projected to be 36.56 million tonne, compared to 35.91 million tonne the previous year.

Maize output is forecast to be 23.10 million tonne compared to 22.63 million tonne last year.

'India key partner in fintech, food and energy security'

NEW DELHI: Trust is necessary to defuse tensions on the India-China border and across the Taiwan Strait, and any miscalculation will upend decades of regional peace and stability, Singapore's deputy prime minister Lawrence Wong has said. In an interview with **Rezaul H Laskar**, Wong, who is set to take over as PM under the city state's leadership transition, said Singapore sees India as a key strategic partner, especially in emerging areas such as fintech, payments connectivity and digitalisation. Edited excerpts:



Pillars of trade?

Singapore welcomes IPEF as a forward-looking initiative to significantly deepen economic engagement within the region. This is in line with our longstanding approach to upholding an open, inclusive and rules-based global order. Although India has not joined the trade pillar at this juncture, our understanding is the door remains open for it to do so when it is ready. Meanwhile, we welcome India's active participation in the other three IPEF cooperation pillars together with all other IPEF partners. This is a testament to countries' recognition of IPEF's potential to advance economic cooperation in the region.

Is Chinese economy's slowdown a concern for global and regional economies?

The global economic outlook has dimmed, due in part to rising interest rates and the continued high cost of energy and food. With growth slowing, global trade will inevitably be affected. Specifically, China is a large export market and a major trading partner to over 120 countries.

Developments in China will therefore impact the economies of its trading partners, especially those in the Asia-Pacific region. Another worrying issue is the rising tensions between China and the US, which could exacerbate ongoing supply chain disruptions and contribute to growing headwinds to global trade and economic growth.

With India positioning itself as a major manufacturing destination, do you think India can be an alternative to China as an investment destination or manufacturing base for global MNCs?

India is an important manufac-

turing centre in its own right and remains an alternative option for companies looking to diversify their supply chain. With the right investments, I believe India can meet its ambition to boost its manufacturing sector's GDP contribution to 25% by 2025.

How do Singapore view tensions on the India-China border and the flare-up in the Taiwan Strait?

Tensions are not ideal for the region's development and prosperity. We, therefore, welcome the recent disengagement of Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh and hope both sides keep up dialogue to find a peaceful resolution to border issues. In addition to dialogue, trust also remains necessary to defuse tensions on the India-China border and across the Taiwan Strait.

Singapore is among guest countries for the G20 Summit to be hosted by India in 2023. How can Singapore contribute to achieving India's G20 priorities?

Singapore is honoured to be invited by India to participate in the G20 during India's G20 Presidency. Singapore will do its part to support India in facilitating inclusive and sustainable recovery for all countries. This includes strengthening global health resilience and improving pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Is there a timeframe for the DPM to take over as the prime minister under Singapore's leadership transition? What will your priorities be for the future relationship with India?

We are still discussing the options for leadership transition and the timing of when I would take over as prime minister.

For now, I am focused on my expanded responsibilities as well as our national priorities to secure Singapore's future. That is why I have come to India. There is great scope for further cooperation between our two countries, including in fintech and innovation, food and energy security, digitalisation, green technology, and skills development.

Eat walnuts regularly for healthy ageing: Study reveals

In a new study, researchers reviewed 20 years of diet history and 30 years of physical and clinical measurements, and found that those who consumed walnuts regularly, early in their life were more likely to be physically active, had a higher quality diet and

experienced a better heart disease risk profile as they aged into middle adulthood. These findings from the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults Study (CARDIA), reinforce that walnuts can keep a variety of health diseases at bay.





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National logistics policy gets Cabinet approval

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NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the national logistics policy which aims to remove gridlocks in the movement of goods, lower logistics costs and bring in a tech-enabled unified system across supply chains.

The prime minister had on September 18 announced the policy that will cut across sectors and will complement the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, a multi-modal connectivity infrastructure development programme.

The national logistics policy aims to reduce cost of logistics

in India to be comparable to global benchmarks by 2030. The country's costs in transport, storage and material handling are estimated to be around 14% of GDP, higher than advanced economies' average of 8-10%, according to data from the World Bank.

The policy also envisages to improve the country's Logistics Performance Index ranking and figure among top 25 countries by 2030, aside from creating data-driven decision-making for an "efficient logistics ecosystem", as per a Cabinet statement.

"The policy has been developed through a consultative process held between several ministries, industry representatives and economists," the state-

ment said. It will utilize the existing institutional frameworks such as the empowered group of Union secretaries that oversees the PM GatiShakti plan. "The vision is to develop a technologically enabled, integrated, cost-efficient, resilient, sustainable and trusted logistics ecosystem for accelerated and inclusive growth," the statement said.

The policy lays down an "action agenda" for immediate on-ground implementation of initiatives such as a unified logistics interface platform (ULIP), which will be basically a large secure network which shippers, consignees as well as government agencies can access for real-time information.