

India Agri News & Policy Update, August 25 - August 31, 2016



1. PM Modi to inaugurate irrigation project, address rally in Gujarat today, Hindustan Times, August 30, 2016

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Tuesday inaugurate the first phase of Saurashtra Narmada Avataran for Irrigation (SAUNI) project -- in which nearly 10 dams and reservoirs of Rajkot, Jamnagar and Morbi would be filled up with the water of Narmada river.

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2. World's largest drip irrigation project in Bagalkot, The Times of India, August 30, 2016

The government has given the green signal for work to start on the second stage of the Ramthal Marol Drip Irrigation project in Hungund taluk of Bagalkot district, from October this year. The scheme is being seen as a boon for farmers in the arid region, who depend almost exclusively on scanty rainfall for cultivation during the rabi season.

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3. Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan farmers to exchange ideas to boost agriculture, The Indian Express, August 26, 2016

In a move to promote innovation in agriculture sector, farmers of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh will exchange experiences based on new experiments being done in the field of farming in both the states.

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4. Maharashtra to get a new agriculture policy, The Indian Express, August 25, 2016

The Maharashtra government is all set to draft a new agriculture policy which will take into account the new challenges in the field.

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5. Government to talk to all stakeholders for GM seed policy: Agriculture Ministry, The Economic Times, August 27, 2016

The agriculture ministry said it will review all petition and consult all stakeholders before taking a final call on the proposed genetically modified (GM) seed licensing policy even as global seed companies including Monsanto and formed a new body on Friday.

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6. India Holding Talks With Brazil To Grow Pulses, Business World, August 30, 2016

There would be no shortage of pulses from next year as the government is taking several steps to boost the production, including talks with Brazil to produce pulses for India, Union Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said.

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