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Sirsa looks to Rajasthan to make up for wheat losses

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Even as there was widespread damage to the wheat crop due to the recent hailstorm and untimely rains here, the procurement agencies are expecting more arrivals due to the expected arrival of the crop from neighbouring Rajasthan.

The authorities have set a target of procuring 10.63 lakh metric tons (MT) of wheat this year against the last year's target of 9.66 lakh MT. State procurement agencies, Hafed and the Food and Supplies department will purchase a major share of the crop this year.

Hafed will purchase 40 per cent and the department 33 per cent of wheat coming to 13 grain markets and 44 purchase centres in the district. Besides, Haryana Warehousing Corporation and the Haryana Agro will purchase 12 per cent each while Confed will procure the rest. DC Nikhil Gajraj, who presided over a meeting today, said officially the purchase will begin tomorrow but it may take 7 to 10 days more for arrivals because of the inclement weather.

"The Rajasthan government has withdrawn the bonus on wheat this year. On the other hand, Haryana has a history of announcing a bonus every year. Hence, we are expecting good arrivals from there this year," said Hans Raj Bhadu, District Food and Supplies Controller, Sirsa.

He further said that it has been the practice to set their targets 10 per cent higher than the last year's arrivals.

The authorities have set up a control room for procurement operations and farmers can call 01666-248422 for any information.

The SDM of Ellenabad, Dabwali and Sirsa, Dhirender Khadgata, Suresh Kaswan and Paramjit Chahal, respectively, and district managers of all procurement agencies attended the meeting.

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CHANDIGARH: In a bid to "impress" new UT Adviser Vijay Kumar Dev, officials of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation have bypassed former UT Adviser KK Sharma's directions issued in 2013 in which he had discouraged the installation of paver blocks in the city.

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Sirsa: Rajiv Ranjan, Commissioner, Rohtak and Hisar Divisions, today visited fields in this district's Jhorarnali, Dhanur, Kelnia, Ottu and other villages to take stock of the damage to crops due to hailstorm and rain on Sunday. The Commissioner, along with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Nikhil Gajraj, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Paramjit Chahal and other officials, met farmers and assured them that the Haryana Government would provide every possible help to them. The wheat crop spread over 5,000 acres and 4,500 acres was completely destroyed in Rania and Jhoranrnali villages, respectively, a spokesperson for the district administration said. Similarly, crops on 2,700 acres was destroyed in Dhanoor village. — TNS

INLD MLA, Jind Farmers meet DC

Jind: INLD's Julana legislator Parminder Dhull, along with farmers whose crops were damaged following rain and hailstorm, met Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ajit Balaji Joshi here on Tuesday, demanding compensation for the crop loss. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar have claimed to compensate affected farmers, but so far words have not translated into action. Affected farmers have been running from pillar to post to get compensation," the MLA alleged. Before meeting the DC, Dhull and other leaders of his party visited villages in his constituency, including Nandgarh, Sirsa Kheri, Fatehgarh, Gatauli, Biroli, Shamlo and Akalgarh. Dhull urged the DC to conduct a special 'girdawari' in his constituency. — TNS



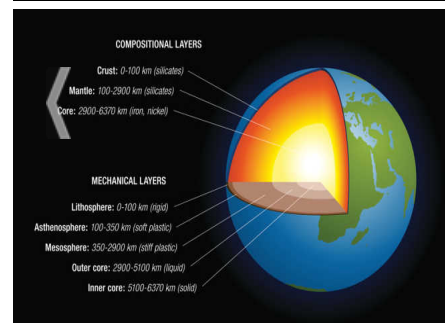
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