

Wheat acreage up 5.4%, highest since 2017-18

Strong harvest expected if weather remains favourable for next few months

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New Delhi, 2 December

Wheat sowing continued at a brisk pace during the week ended December 2, and so far around 21.16 million hectares have been brought under the crop, which is 5.38 per cent more than during the same period last year and the best since 2017-18.

In 2017-18, during the same period, it was 19.06 million hectares till December 2, which is the last available comparable data period.

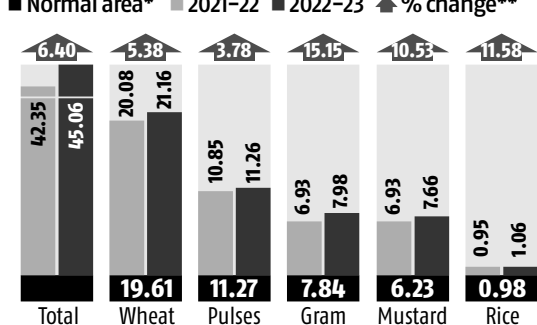
Apart from wheat, the sowing of other rabi crops such as mustard and chana continued at a steady pace during the week, which has raised hopes of a strong harvest if the weather remains favourable during the next few months.

For crops like mustard, the area till December 2 is higher than the normal for the full season even as sowing is nearing its end. The data shows so far mustard accounts for around 7.66 million hectares while the normal area (which is the full-season average area) is 6.3 million hectares. For chana (gram), the crop has been planted in around 7.98 million hectares, which is 15.15 per cent higher than the area covered during the same period last year. Overall, rabi crops were planted in around 45.06 million hectares till Friday — 6.40 per cent higher than the area covered during the same period last year. Meanwhile, there is some concern about the weather and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in its winter season

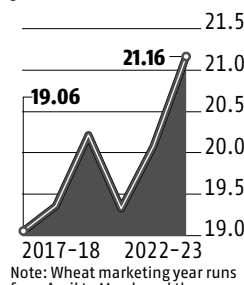


STEADY PACE

Rabi sowing as on Dec 2 (in million hectares)



Area covered under wheat till Dec 2 of each year (in million hectares)



Note: Total might not match as all crops haven't been included
*Average area covered during corresponding period of last 5 years
**% change from 2021-22
Source: Ministry of Agriculture

Note: Wheat marketing year runs from April to March and the crop sown in one year is marketed the year after
Source: Government of India

forecast has said in the core rabi regions of North-West India, winter may be slightly warmer than usual this year. If there are wild fluctuations in day temperatures and they are unusually higher than normal, the germination of crops may be hindered and that may affect yields.

The Met said the minimum and maximum temperatures could remain "nor-

mal" to "above normal" over most parts of North-West and North-East India. But, it could remain below normal in the Southern Peninsular and Central India in winter months. On the impact of a warm winter on the standing rabi crops, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said it would depend on the stage of the crop and could not be guessed as of now.

Fertiliser firms, states told to promote Nano urea use

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The Centre has directed heads of all major fertiliser companies along with state governments to actively promote the use of Nano urea among farmers.

It has also said that its earlier directive, which prohibited tagging of one product with another by fertiliser companies, would not be applicable to promotion of Nano urea.

And, farmers should be encouraged to use Nano urea along with conventional urea. Urea is a major crop nutrient used during the rabi sowing season. Sources said that the government — in a directive issued a few days back — said as Nano urea has emerged as a powerful alternative to conventional urea, the increased use of Nano may result in economic savings to farmers. It would also increase crop pro-

ductivity and reduce India's dependence on urea imports. It may also lower the subsidy burden of the Centre, the directive said.

According to government reports, the commercial production of Nano urea started on August 1, 2021 by IFFCO and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF).

Thereafter, a plan has been drawn to scale up Nano urea production in eight plants of IFFCO and RCF in various phases starting from August 2021. This together will produce around 440 million bottles of 500 ml Nano urea. It will be equivalent to around 20 million tonnes of urea.

Since the launch of Nano urea, the government has dispatched around 39 million bottles to be sold through various outlets of IFFCO and RCF. Of this, around 28.7 million bottles have been sold. This is equivalent to around

1.3 million tonnes of conventional urea.

According to a ministry official, the government will save foreign exchange of about ₹40,000 crore per annum due to a reduction in imports. One bottle of Nano urea is equivalent to one bag of urea. At present, the capacity of Nano urea is 50 million bottles per year.

IFFCO has introduced innovative Nano urea in the market. Commercial production had started on August 1, 2021, from its Kalol unit in Gujarat.

Seven more Nano urea plants are being set up by IFFCO as well as two state-owned firms RCF and NFL. IFFCO has transferred Nano urea technology to these two public sector undertakings free of cost. It is estimated that an average ₹4,000 per acre increase is possible in farmer income by using Nano urea.

Nafed buys 24K tonnes moong under PSS

Cooperative Nafed, on behalf of the central government, has procured 24,000 tonnes of green gram (moong) under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) so far this crop year, according to a senior agriculture ministry official. PSS, which is under the agriculture ministry, is operationalised only when prices of agri-produce fall below the minimum support price (MSP). The ministry has approved procurement of 400,000 tonnes of kharif moong in 10 states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and Odisha.

'ATM interchange fee of ₹17 not viable'

The deployment of ATMs has peaked of late and stands a shade under 260,000 units after a lull, post-demonetisation. But operational costs continue to affect deployment with the interchange being a sticking point. NAVROZE DASTUR, regional vice-president (Asia Pacific) and managing director (India) of NCR Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of ATMs, spoke with Raghu Mohan on issues facing the industry. Edited excerpts.

There was not much by way of ATM deployment during the past five years. But of late, they have picked up. How do you view the plot at this point in time?

We have close to about 258,000 ATMs, and are seeing an uptick in deployment. It's largely coming from white-label deployers and a few government banks that have come out of their rationalisation mode — due to the mergers and acquisitions which have happened. So, rationalisation has taken place on branches and the ATM network as well.

Do you see banks revisiting their ATM strategies, since digital has picked up in a big way? As in, a trade-off between the ATM and digital channels?

While I think digital is very much here to stay, cash is not going out. If you see the total cash in circulation in the economy today, it's going up and up despite digital volumes having really shot up. We are seeing more ATM deployment happening in tier-3, tier-4, and tier-5 cities; it will not grow in the metros where we have reached a sizeable number.

A sticking point has been the interchange. It's now at ₹17, but still a rupee lower than what it was in 2012. Is this good enough? Definitely not, especially if you look at the

additional investments ATM deployers have to make. A lot of regulatory guidelines have come from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Reserve Bank of India — like on security guidelines and cassette swaps. All of these have added to costs for deployers. So, to be honest, I don't think the ₹17 price-point (for the interchange) is valid from that point of view. Because unless and until you get on an average, of say, about 140-250 transactions on an ATM, you will not be able to break at the price-point that's being paid today. On an average, I think our costs today are in excess of ₹20 because the national average for transactions is just at about 120-225 for an ATM. That's why a lot of private deployers are not very excited about going out and deploying ATMs on behalf of banks, whose transactions per day are low. We would be happy to do it, you know, on a fixed-fee model rather than a transaction model because at the current interchange, we don't make any money.

If the ATM channel isn't ready to absorb costs, given the recently introduced UPI-ATM linkage, won't cash (deployment) charges go up? I think the initiative from the National Payments Corporation of India is welcome as you can do cardless UPI transactions on the ATM channel. While we have not yet seen it happening in large numbers, I am pretty sure we would all be looking forward to this happening. Currently, only a few banks have started enabling UPI-cardless transactions on their ATMs. In the current context, with costs having gone up from a regulatory perspective — following the MHA guidelines and cassette swaps — it doesn't make commercial sense at ₹17 (interchange). Definitely, it's a challenge. It's an uphill task for deployers; it's so even for banks.



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Do you see a noticeable shift to recyclers coming up, given the cost-benefits to be had? Yes. Today, we have 50,000 recyclers in the country, and most have got deployed in the branches. There's a good business case for deploying recyclers in branches, as you can move cash from the teller to self-service technology, and you can offer it 24x7. However, in off-site locations, the business case doesn't stack up. The interoperability of these 50,000 recyclers is not operational yet. So, there are some challenges currently, and we have not seen the numbers really going up.

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NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM (No. 21 of 2022-23)

THIS NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM SETS OUT THE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ("SAI"), SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT ("SID") AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ("KIM") OF ALL THE SCHEMES OF NAVI MUTUAL FUND (FUND)

1. Changes to Key Personnel-ApPOINTment of Compliance Officer of Navi AMC Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that Ms. Sweta Shah has been appointed as the Compliance Officer and Key Personnel of Navi AMC Limited with effect from Thursday, December 01, 2022 and is designated as Chief Compliance Officer.

Consequently, the following details of Ms. Sweta Shah shall be added under the paragraph on "INFORMATION ON KEY PERSONNEL" in the SAI of the Fund:

Name & Designation	Age/ Qualification	Brief Experience
Ms. Sweta Shah (Chief Compliance Officer)	Age: 30 years Qualification: B.Com, M.com, CS, LLB	Ms. Sweta is qualified member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India. She is also LLB graduate from Mumbai University. She has more than 5 years of experience in Mutual Fund Industry. She also has rich experience in profile of Compliance and Secretarial. Prior to joining Navi, she was associated with Quantum Mutual Fund and Union Mutual Fund. Recently she was associated as the Company Secretary of IL&FS Mutual Fund (IDF).

Mr. Nishank Jain has ceased to be the Chief Compliance Officer and thus is not Key Personnel of Navi AMC Limited with effect from November 30, 2022, end of business hours.

This Notice cum Addendum forms an integral part of the SAI, SID(s) and KIM(s) of the Schemes of Navi Mutual Fund, as amended from time to time. All the other terms and conditions of SAI, SIDs and KIMs of the Schemes of the Fund except as specifically modified herein above remain unchanged.

For Navi AMC Limited
(Formerly Essel Finance AMC Limited)
(Investment Manager to Navi Mutual Fund)
(Formerly Essel Mutual Fund)

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 01 December, 2022

Sd/-
Authorized Signatory

MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISKS, READ ALL SCHEME RELATED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY.

Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
(A Government of India Enterprise)

Regd. Add.: 21, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700001.
CIN: L15492WB1924GOI004835
Phone No.: 9007062135

Interested bidders are invited for participation in online Forward Auction at MSTC's website for disposal of various capital items from Balmer Lawrie's plant at Kolkata:

Location	Auction Catalogue No. & Date	Description
Kolkata	MSTC/ERO/Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd/ Bid/22-23/30004, Date referred Auction Catalogue on AS IS WHERE IS 03.12.2022	Disposal of various Capital Items, as per the said Equity Shares have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Share Certificate(s). Any person who has a claim in respect of the said Shares should lodge the same with the Company at its Registered Office within 21 days from this date else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) to the aforesaid applicants without any further intimation.

Kindly visit <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auCTIONhome/index> for further details. All the revisions, clarifications, corrigenda, addenda, time extensions etc. to the above online auction shall be hosted on MSTC's website. Bidders should regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated. For any query, please contact MSTC : Shri K. Kranthi Kumar, Contact No - 9174009882, Email - kkkumar@mstcindia.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Certificate(s) for the under mentioned Equity Shares of the Company have been lost / misplaced and the holder(s) / purchaser(s) of the said Equity Shares have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Share Certificate(s). Any person who has a claim in respect of the said Shares should lodge the same with the Company at its Registered Office within 21 days from this date else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) to the aforesaid applicants without any further intimation.

Folio	Name of Shareholder	No. of Shares	Distinctive Nos. From To	Certificate From To
A0000191	Late Madangopal Agrawal	54	1350056 to 1350109	4242

Dated: [Name of the Claimant / Legal Heir] Mukesh Agrawal Mahendra Agrawal

Name and Registered Address of Company: Procter and Gamble Hygiene and Health Care Ltd P&G Plaza, Cardinal Gracias Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400099.

MEGHALAYA POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION Ltd
O/o CHIEF ENGINEER (PROJECTS)
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CIN : U40101ML2009SC008394

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No. MePDC/CE(P)/T-226(RDSS-LR)/2022-23/01 Dated : 02-12-2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited invites tenders from interested Contractors/Firms through online (e-tendering) submission for 10 (Ten) Packages to implement the Loss Reduction works in Meghalaya under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

The detailed Package wise Bidding Documents etc. may be downloaded from the website <http://www.meghalayatenders.gov.in> from 06th December, 2022. The last date for submission / uploading of bids is fixed upto 12:00 hours (IST) of 06th January, 2023. Opening of Bids shall be held at 15:00 Hours (IST) on the same day in the MeECL Conference Room, Lumjingshai, Shillong.

M.I.P.R. No : 1431 Sd/-
Dated : 02-12-2022 Chief Engineer (Projects)

APPOINTMENTS

MECON LIMITED
(A PSU under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India)
H.O: Doranda, Ranchi-834002;
CIN No.: U74140JH1973GOI001199

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

MECON Limited requires:

- 1) Experienced Rajbhasha Adhikari in the regular scale of pay (Advt. No. 11.73.4.3/2022/Reg/04 dated 03/12/2022).
- 2) Experienced Professionals for Contractual Engagement on Full Time Fixed Tenure (FTFT) Basis (Advt. No. 11.73.4.1/2022/Cont/01 dated 03/12/2022).

For further details please visit the link 'Careers' of our website: www.meconlimited.co.in.

THE INDIAN PERFORMING RIGHT SOCIETY LIMITED
CIN: U92140MH1969GAP014359
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Rules made thereunder and General Circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, that the 1st/2022-23 Extra-ordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the members of the Indian Performing Right Society Limited ("the Company") will be held on **Thursday, 29th December, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. IST**, to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice convening the EGM.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars, Notice of the EGM will be sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company, no physical copies of Notice of EGM will be sent to any Member. Members may note that the Notice will also be available on the our website www.iprs.org and of CDLS <https://www.evotingindia.com/>. The Members who have still not registered their email addresses with the Company can register their email ID and other details by sending an e-mail to egm.response@iprs.org mentioning their name, contact details and other details, if any, from their email-ID and to receive the Notice of EGM through electronic mode.

The Company has made arrangements for its members to exercise their right to vote on the resolutions set forth in the Notice of EGM by electronic voting system of Central Depository Services (India) Limited through remote e-voting prior to the EGM and e-voting during the EGM. Kindly refer the Notice regarding the instructions on e-voting.

For The Indian Performing Right Society Limited
Sd/-
JAVED AKHTAR
CHAIRMAN
DIN: 00112984

Place: Mumbai
Date: 2nd December, 2022

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT & E-VOTING

Members of SecureKloud Technologies Limited ("the Company") are hereby informed that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 108, 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with Rule 20 and Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the "Rules"), Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 and General Circular No. 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, General Circular No. 02/2022 dated May 05, 2022 (the "MCA Circulars") and any other applicable laws and regulations, the Company seeks approval of members through postal ballot in respect of the special business as set out in the Notice.

Members are hereby informed that, the Company has sent the postal ballot notice on Friday, December 02, 2022 through electronic mode to the members of the Company whose names appeared on the Register of Members as received from the depositories i.e., CDLS and NSDL as on Friday, **November 25, 2022 ('Cut-off Date')**. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat the postal ballot notice for the purpose of information only.

Pursuant to the relaxation granted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide circular dated May 05, 2022, the postal ballot notice will be sent only in electronic form. The Company has engaged the services of CDLS for the purpose of providing remote e-voting facility to all its members. Remote e-voting shall commence from **Saturday, December 03, 2022, 9:00 AM (IST) and ends on Sunday, January 01, 2023, 5:00 PM (IST)**. Members holding shares either in dematerialised form or physical form, as on the cut-off date, may cast their votes electronically, on the business set forth in the Notice of Postal Ballot through the electronic voting system of CDLS (remote e-voting).

The Board of Directors have appointed Ms. Nithya Pasupathy (CoP No - 22562) of M/s. SPNP & Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, as the scrutiner for conducting the Postal Ballot e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutiniser will submit her report to the director as authorised by the Board of Directors, after completion of scrutiny of e-voting but not later than two working days from the conclusion of the postal ballot process. The result of the postal ballot along with the Scrutiniser's Report will be declared on or before Tuesday, January 03, 2023, at any time before 5:00 PM (IST). The same shall be communicated to the stock exchanges where the shares of the company are listed and will also be posted on the website of the Company.

The detailed procedure for remote e-voting is given in the Postal Ballot Notice. The Postal Ballot Notice can be downloaded from the website of the Company www.securekcloud.com and on CDLS website (www.evotingindia.com). Further, the Notice will also be uploaded on the stock exchange's website.

In case of any queries or grievances relating to e-voting procedure, shareholders may contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager (CDLS), A - Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400 013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdsindia.com or call 1800225533.

By order of the Board of Directors of
For SecureKloud Technologies Limited
Sd/-
Roshini Selvakumar
Company Secretary

Place: Chennai
Date: December 02, 2022

NSE
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
'Exchange Plaza', Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400 051

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Trading Member of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (Exchange) has requested for the surrender of its trading membership of the Exchange:

Sl. No.	Name of the Trading Member	SEBI Regn. No.	Last Date for filing complaints
1.	Dhyan Securities Pvt Ltd	INB231290835/ INF231290835	December 17, 2022

The constituents of the above-mentioned Trading Member are hereby advised to lodge immediately complaints, if any, against the above-mentioned Trading Member on or before the last date for filing complaints as mentioned above and no such complaints filed beyond this period will be entertained by the Exchange against the above-mentioned Trading Member and it shall be deemed that no such complaints exist against the above-mentioned Trading Member or such complaints, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived. The complaints filed against the above-mentioned Trading Member will be dealt with in accordance with the Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange / NCL. The complaints can be filed online at <https://www.nseindia.com/invest/file-a-complaint-online>. Alternatively, the complaint forms can be downloaded from <https://www.nseindia.com/invest/download-complaint-form-for-offline-registration> or may be obtained from the Exchange office at Mumbai and also at the Regional Offices.

For National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
Sd/-
Vice President
Regulatory

Place: Mumbai
Date: December 03, 2022

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