

Govt to use tech for accuracy in Agri Census

Field work in August; digital land records and apps to be used for data collection

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New Delhi, July 28

The nationwide Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched on Thursday by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. Field work will start next month. For the first time, the government is using technology and also taking into account digitised land records to ensure better accuracy in data. The computation of data will bring huge benefits in a vast and agricultural country like India, said Tomar, while urging officials to carry out the census with full dedication. Agriculture Census, started in 1970-71, is conducted once in five years. The last one was

done in 2015-16. Data collection could not be started in time for the 11th round following outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

Key challenge
A major challenge for the Census will be to estimate the number of farmers in the country correctly as all the policies and financial allocation depend on it. As per the last Census, the number of farmers was estimated at 14.65 crore based on operational land holdings. In several States, the number of farmers estimated was found to be far below the actual number, which came to light after launch of PM-Kisan scheme that is based on Aadhaar-linked verification of land owning farmers. For instance, the Census has put the operational holdings at 10.93 lakh whereas PM-Kisan data show there was 23.76 lakh, which excluded in-



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eligible farmers. The government has maintained that the basis of data collection will continue to be on operational holdings and not on ownership holding. "As the technology infusion in crop insurance has yielded better results, the government has decided to use it in Census operation, too. Using drone and validation with the digitised land records will help reduce manual discrepancies in data as well as foolproof the statistical methodology," said an official. **Increasing income**
The agricultural census is the main source of information on a variety of parameters, such as the number and area, operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern. "The use of digitised land records and the use of mobile

apps for data collection will enable the creation of a database of operational holdings in the country," the statement said. The minister said that the government is focusing on increasing farmers' income. "Besides, there is a need to change their standard of living, organise small farmers in order to empower them, attract them towards remunerative crops and ensure the quality of the produce at par with global standards," he said, adding the country is rapidly moving towards digital agriculture.

Tomar said the agriculture census should be thought of in a broader perspective as it can also contribute to the mapping of crops. He released the "Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census" for the use of States and Union Territories while launching the "Data Collection Portal/App".

Centre approves additional 10-12 lt sugar for export

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New Delhi, July 28

A committee of ministers headed by Home Minister Amit Shah has reportedly cleared an additional 10-12 lakh tonnes (lt) of sugar for exports. This is over and above the 100 lt cap fixed in May when the Centre decided to restrict shipments from June 1. While the sugar industry had sought 10 lt of additional export quota, the government is said to have agreed to about 11 more since some export-oriented high-value refined sugar also got struck after the ban, sources said. This time, there will be a quota for each mill which have declared to the government their stock position of raw sugar, either at the mill or at the port, estimated at 7-8 lt, sources said. Besides, the refined and white sugar already des-



patched from mills for export would be given permits, the sources said. The approval of additional quantity also includes some sugar for neighbouring countries on diplomatic grounds, they added.

Availability next season
As reported by BusinessLine earlier, the committee of secretaries, headed by the Cabinet Secretary, on July 19 had "in principle" agreed to allow about 12 lt of additional sugar export quota to the mills, after considering its possible impact on the domestic market. In a

letter to the Food Secretary, Aditya Jhunjhunwala, the President of the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), conveyed the industry's demand for releasing additional 10 lt quota for mills, citing better sugarcane availability in the next season (October-September). Jhunjhunwala had said sugar mills had applied for 17 lt of export quota based on the contracts they had already signed but the government had granted only 8 lt. Industry sources said while mills have around 4 lt of raw sugar lying at factories, a similar quantity has got stuck at ports due to export restrictions. The country is believed to have already exported 100 lt of sugar since October 1. Exports of sugar (raw, refined, and white sugar) were placed under a restricted category between June 1 and October 31.

Wedding, festival buying lifts gold demand by 43% in June quarter

Imports up 34% to 170 tonnes, while recycling increased 18% to 23 tonnes

SURESH P IYENGAR
Mumbai, July 28

Gold demand in the June-ended quarter was up 43 per cent to 171 tonnes against 120 tonnes reported in the same period a year ago on the back of buying for wedding and festival seasons. Similarly, jewellery demand increased 49 per cent to 140 tonnes (94 tonnes) on a lower base as the demand was affected by the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic last year. Investment in the yellow

metal was up 20 per cent to 30 tonnes (25 tonnes). In value terms, demand increased 54 per cent to ₹79,270 crore (₹51,540 crore) while that of jewellery was up 60 per cent to ₹65,140 crore (₹40,610 crore). Investments rose 29 per cent to ₹14,140 crore (₹10,930 crore). Gold imports jumped 34 per cent to 170 tonnes (132 tonnes) and recycling increased 18 per cent to 23 tonnes (20 tonnes). Prices were up 8 per cent at ₹46,403 per 10 grams against ₹43,077 recorded in the year-ago period. On a sequential basis, it rose two per cent from ₹45,434 per 10 gram registered in March quarter. According to Somasundaram PR, Regional CEO-India, World Gold Council,



Akshaya Tritiya and wedding season boosted sales that were dented by the Covid pandemic in March quarter. He said a volatile equity market and expectation of inflation surging and, thus, spooking economic growth resulted in haven investment in gold. However, the demand for gold in second half of this year faces downside risks due to uncertainty over the economic outlook, higher import duty

and the possibility of additional curbs on gold buying in the wake of fall in rupee value against the dollar. **Demand forecast**
The WGC has retained its demand forecast at 750-800 tonnes for this year despite the demand hovering at 306 tonnes in the first half of 2022. "We are not revising our outlook for the entire year as there too many moving parts. We expect the demand to be more tilted to lower end of the forecast than the upper end," he said. The introduction of India Bullion Exchange at International Financial Centre will boost India's image globally, he added.

Weather vagaries to hit tea production in northern estates, push prices up

Estates in North India likely to see a 15% dip in output of premium second flush crop

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Kolkata, July 28

North India tea estates, including Assam and West Bengal, are likely to witness a 15-20 per cent decline in the prized second flush crop due to unfavourable weather conditions this year. Production of tea is likely to be lower in the peak producing months of June and July this year both in Assam, which has been facing the brunt of heavy rains, and West Bengal, where the crop has been impacted due to lack of adequate rainfall. The cumulative production of



tea in North India estates in June-July 2021 was 304.26 million kg (145.69 mkg in June and 158.57 mkg in July). A 15 per cent decline in production during these two months would mean a loss of close to 45 mkg. This is likely to impact the demand-supply balance and may push up prices, which are already ruling firm. Tea production during Janu-

ary-May is up by 25 per cent at 225.39 mkg against 179.62 mkg in the same period last year, Tea Board data suggest. According to Kaushik Das, Vice-President and Sector Head, Corporate Sector Ratings, ICRA, tea prices are ruling around ₹10-15 a kg higher this year compared with last year. The demand is steady and exports, particularly of orthodox teas, is picking up. "Exports have been picking up steadily and a decline in the crop may bring down the availability of tea in domestic markets and affect the demand-supply balance. We expect prices to sustain," Das told BusinessLine. If the weather condition does not improve then it may impact tea production during the remaining months of August,

September and October, said Bijoy Gopal Chakraborty, President, CISTA (Confederation of Indian Small Tea Growers' Association). **Orthodox tea prices up**
Prices of orthodox tea in sale 30 this year is up by nearly 45 per cent at ₹348.84 a kg against ₹240.85 in the same period a year ago. CTC prices are up by around 15 per cent in sale 30 at ₹246.39 this year against ₹214.02 a kg last year. "Production of tea has been impacted both in June and July this year. The quality of crop, particularly that of CTC, has suffered as there is absenteeism in gardens due to rains. So plucking suffers and this, in turn, impacts quality," Atul Asthana, MD and CEO, Goodricke Group, said.

Accumulate shorts in MCX zinc futures at ₹290

COMMODITY CALL
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The Zinc Futures contract on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) is currently on a corrective bounce within its broad downtrend. Charts show that the contract has been in a strong downtrend since April this year. The recent corrective rise has room to move up further from current levels. The MCX Zinc futures contract is currently trading at ₹284 per

tonne. Strong resistance is in the ₹287-₹290 region. The contract can rise in the next couple of days to test this resistance zone. We expect the corrective rally to halt anywhere in the ₹287-₹290 region and reverse lower. The region around ₹290 is the neckline support level of the head and shoulder reversal pattern visible on the chart. So, a break above ₹290 might not be easy and would need some strong trigger. So, a reversal will mark the beginning of a fresh leg of down move. That move can take the contract down to ₹280 initially. A break below ₹280 will have the potential to drag the MCX Zinc futures contract lower to ₹270 and ₹260 over the next two-three weeks. Since the broader trend is down, it is preferable to be on the sell side of the market rather

than going long at current levels. **Trading strategy**
Traders can wait for a rise and go short at ₹287 and accumulate shorts at ₹290. Keep the stop-

loss at ₹294. Trail the stop-loss down to ₹285 as soon as the contract falls to ₹281. Move the stop-loss further down to ₹282 as soon as the contract touches ₹278. Exit the short positions at ₹276.

Global coal demand to match record high this year, says IEA

REUTERS
London, July 28

Global coal demand is set to rise slightly this year to match a record high reached nearly a decade ago, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Thursday, as gas prices have soared. In a coal market update report, the IEA said global coal consumption is forecast to edge up by 0.7 per cent in 2022 to 8 billion tonnes, assuming the Chinese economy recovers as expected in the second half of the year. That would match a record high set in 2013 and coal demand is likely to increase further next year to an all-time high. Global coal demand is being propped up this year by rising natural gas prices, which have increased gas-to-coal switching in many countries, as well as economic growth in India, the report said.

NOTICE

Unitholders are hereby informed about the declaration of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal under the Monthly Payout / Reinvestment of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option * of the following schemes. The record date for the same is 03 August, 2022.

Schemes - Plan / Option Name	Gross Income distribution cum capital withdrawal amount per unit (₹)**	Face value per unit (₹)	NAV (₹) as on 27 July, 22
Tata Hybrid Equity Fund - Regular Plan*	0.29	10.00	69.5210
Tata Hybrid Equity Fund - Direct Plan*	0.29	10.00	78.3391
Tata Equity Savings Fund - Regular Plan*	0.050	10.00	14.7739
Tata Equity Savings Fund - Direct Plan*	0.050	10.00	17.3573

* (Monthly Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal is not assured & is subject to the availability of distributable surplus).

Pursuant to payment of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal, the NAV of the scheme would fall to the extent of the payout & statutory levy (if applicable).

Unitholders kindly note that amounts are distributed out of investors capital (i.e., Equalisation Reserve), which is part of sale price of the unit that represents realized gains.

** Payment of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal is subject to Tax deducted at source (TDS) at applicable rates and other statutory levies if any. Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal is subject to availability & adequacy of distributable surplus on the record date.

All unitholders holding units under the above-mentioned option of the scheme as at close of business hours, on the record date shall be eligible for dividend.

Considering the volatile nature of markets, the Trustees reserves the right to restrict the quantum of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal upto the per unit distributable surplus available on the record date in case of fall in the market.

Applicable for units held in non-demat form: Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal will be paid to those Unitholders whose names appear in the Register of Unitholders under the Payout / Reinvestment of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option of the aforesaid plan as on record date. These payouts would be done to the last bank/address details updated in our records.

Applicable for units held in demat form: Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal will be paid to those Unitholders/Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories under the Payout/Reinvestment of Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option of the aforesaid plan as on record date. These payouts would be done to the last bank/address details updated in Depository Participant(s) records.

Mutual Fund Investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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NOTICE OF 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE.

Notice is hereby given that Thirty Fifth (35th) Annual General Meeting ("AGM/eAGM") of 3M India Limited ("the Company") will be held at 10.30 A.M. IST on Thursday, August 25, 2022 through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"), without physical presence of the Members in compliance with General Circular number 02/2022 read along with the General Circular numbers 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020, 02/2021 and 19/2021 and all other applicable laws and circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and Circular dated May 13, 2022 read with circulars dated January 15, 2021 and May 12, 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Circulars"), to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM. The proceedings of the AGM will be deemed to be conducted at the Registered Office of the Company which shall be the deemed venue of the AGM.

In compliance with the above circulars, only electronic copies of the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2021-22 has been sent through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The dispatch of electronic copies of the Annual Report 2021-22 have been completed on Thursday, July 28, 2022. The Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2021-22 will also be made available on the website of the Company at <https://www.3m.com/in/3m/en/in/company-in/about-3m/financial-facts-local/>, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of e-voting agency National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Members holding shares in physical or dematerialised form, as on the cut-off date, i.e. Thursday, August 18, 2022 may cast their vote electronically on the business set forth in the Notice of the AGM through e-voting platform of NSDL by login in to <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. The detailed procedure/instructions for e-voting are contained in the Notice of the Meeting.

In this regard, the Members are hereby further notified that:

- The Company has appointed NSDL to provide the Video Conferencing facility for the AGM and the attendant enablers for conducting of the AGM;
- The Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of the AGM, will be transacted through voting by electronic means;
- Remote e-voting shall commence at 9.00 A.M. IST on Monday, August 22, 2022 and shall end at 5.00 P.M. IST on Wednesday, August 24, 2022;
- Date of Book Closure/ Cutoff date for eligibility for e-voting is Thursday, August 18, 2022;
- The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, August 19, 2022 to Thursday, August 25, 2022 (both days inclusive);
- Persons who have acquired shares and become Member of the Company after the dispatch of Notice and who are eligible shareholder as on the cut-off date i.e. Thursday, August 18, 2022 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote;
- Members may note that: a) the remote e-voting module shall be disabled, by NSDL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently; b) Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM Facility but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again through the e-voting system during the AGM; c) Members participating in the AGM and who had not cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be entitled to cast their vote through e-voting system during the AGM; and d) a person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting, participating in the AGM through VC/OAVM Facility and e-voting during the AGM;
- In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800-1020-990 or 1800-22-44-30 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager, email ID: pallavid@nsdl.co.in, correspondence address: National Securities Depository Ltd., Trade Floor, F Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Panel, Mumbai - 400 013, who will also address the grievances connected with the voting by electronic means. Members may also visit the Company's email address investorhelpdesk.in@mnm.com;
- Those Members holding shares in physical form, whose email addresses are not registered with the Company, may register their e-mail address with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent KFin Technologies Limited, at enwardr.ris@kfinetech.com. Members holding shares in demat form can update their email address with their Depository Participant; and
- The Company has appointed Mr. Vijayakrishna K. T. Practising Company Secretary, who in the opinion of the Board is a duly qualified person, as a Scrutinizer who will collate the electronic voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: July 28, 2022

For 3M India Limited
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NOTICE

In compliance with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") circulars dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, January 13, 2021 and May 5, 2022 and Circular no. 02/2021 and 21/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and December 14, 2021 respectively and Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") vide its circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020, circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022 respectively the notice convening the AGM, Standalone and Consolidated financial statements for the year 2021-22, along with Board's Report and other documents required to be attached thereto will be sent to all members of the company whose email addresses are registered with the company/ Depository Participants (DP). Hence the company request all the shareholders, who have not yet registered their email addresses or has not updated their email addresses with the company/ RTA to register the same. The aforesaid documents will also be available on the company's website at www.avtnatural.com and on the websites of the stock exchanges, i.e. BSE Ltd and NSE Ltd at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and also on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com.

Manner of registering/updating email address

- In case of shares held in Physical mode
The shareholder may send a request quoting the Folio No. to RTA by email at investors@cameindia.com.
- In case of shares held in DEMAT mode:
The shareholder may please contact the Depository Participant (DP) and register the email address and bank account details in the demat account as per the process followed and advised by the DP.

By order of the Board
For AVT Natural Products Limited
Sd/- (Sharon Joshi)
Company Secretary

Place: Chennai
Date: 28.07.2022

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT & E-VOTING INFORMATION

Members of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 170 & other applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 & Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force), read with the General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated July 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021 and 3/2022 dated May 05, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"), Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR), the Company has sent Notice of Postal Ballot ("Notice") on July 28, 2022, only through electronic mode, to those members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/Registrar & Share and Transfer Agent ("RTA") (in respect of shares held in physical form) or with the Depository Participants (DPs) (in respect of shares held in dematerialised form) and made available to the Company/RTA by respective DPs on Monday, July 25, 2022. i.e. Cut-off date, for seeking approval of Members by way of Special Resolution for the business set out in the Postal Ballot Notice dated July 28, 2022 by voting through electronic mode ("e-voting").

As permitted under the MCA Circulars, the Company has sent the Notice in electronic form only. Hence, hard copy of the Notice along with Postal Ballot Form and pre-paid business reply envelope has not been sent to the Members for this Postal Ballot.

The Notice is available on the website of the Company at www.gmrinfra.com, websites of the Stock Exchanges on which the equity shares of the Company are listed, i.e. BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively and on the website of KFin Technologies Limited ("KFinTech") at <https://evoting.kfintech.com>.

The voting rights of the members shall be reckoned in proportion to the shares held by them in paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Cut-off date.

The Company has engaged the services of KFinTech for providing e-voting facility to all the members of the Company. Voting through electronic mode shall commence from Friday, July 29, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. IST and shall end on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 5.00 p.m. IST. The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter and e-voting shall not be allowed thereafter. Person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purpose only.

Eligible Members who have registered their email address and not received Postal Ballot notice, User-ID and password for remote e-voting may, write an email to GILCoSecy@gmrinfra.com with subject as "Postal Ballot Notice" and obtain the same. Members who have not registered their email address and in consequence the Postal Ballot Notice could not be serviced, may temporarily get their email address registered with the Company's RTA by clicking the link: <https://ris.kfintech.com/clientservices/postalballot/registration.aspx>.

For any grievances / queries relating to e-voting, Shareholders are requested to contact Mr. S.V. Raju, Deputy Vice President, KFin Technologies Limited, Phone: 1800-309-4001, Email ID: evoting@kfintech.com.

The result of the Postal Ballot will be declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report, on or before Tuesday, August 30, 2022 by 5.00 p.m. IST. The result will be uploaded on the Company's website at www.gmrinfra.com and on the KFinTech's e-voting website at <https://evoting.kfintech.com> after the results are communicated to BSE at www.bseindia.com and NSE at www.nseindia.com. The result will also be displayed on the notice board of the Registered Office and Corporate Office of the Company.

For GMR Infrastructure Limited
Sd/-
T. Venkat Ramana
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
GMR GROUP - GIL / 175 / PREM ASSOCIATES

Place: New Delhi
Date: July 28, 2022