Maha farmers seek inclusion of juggler processors, khandari makers in FRK-payments

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

During the 22nd meeting, a proposal was made to include juggler processors, khandari makers and FRK processors in the list of beneficiaries in the Kharif 2021 season. The idea was to include all farmers who have contributed to the production process, not just those who produce the main crops. The proposal was debated and accepted, with many farmers expressing support for the idea. The meeting also discussed the inclusion of small-scale processors and traders, who have been left out of previous schemes. The committee agreed to work on a proposal to include these groups in the future.

**BSE Metal**

The BSE Metal index was down 2.9% on Friday, with all major metal segments slipping. Copper, lead, and aluminium were the worst performers, each losing more than 3%. Silver and zinc also declined, while nickel was the only metal to post a gain, rising 1.5%.

**RANIKA HODAVI & HAYE BHANSALI, Jodhpur — The number of small and medium-sized oil mills that have been affected by the recent drought is 75% less than in the past.

The oil mills in the southern and western parts of the country, where the drought has been most severe, have been hit the hardest. In the state of Karnataka, the number of oil mills that have been affected is 75% lower than in the past. In the state of Maharashtra, the number of oil mills that have been affected is also 75% lower than in the past.

The Government of India has been providing financial assistance to the oil mills that have been affected by the drought. However, many of the oil mills are still struggling to meet their operational costs, and some have had to shut down.

**South India’s tea production will touch new 3-yr high**

South India’s tea production is expected to touch a new three-year high this season, reaching 319.57 million kg, compared to 307.72 million kg last season, according to the Tea Board.

The tea board attributed the increase in production to better rainfall in the southern regions, particularly in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and improved cultivation practices.

**OIL SEEDS, SHRUGGING OFF IRAN’S SEIZURE OF TANKER IN GULF**

While the world was reeling from the attack on the oil tanker, the oil seeds market in India remained relatively unaffected. The price of oil seeds did not see any significant change, remaining stable throughout the day.

**HIGH-YIELD VARIETY**

For the man behind UP’s sugarcane revolution, South is a sweet spot

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