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Domestic Market Highlights:

- Market prices remained rangebound today in most of the mandis throughout the country. In most of the North Indian paddy growing belt, arrivals have almost ended, stockists are easing the prices to sell the rice stocks even at lower prices amid payment issues and lull demand.
- As per trade sources, prices for India's 5% broken parboiled rice decreased from \$397-\$404 per tonne, highest in roughly two years, to \$390-\$395 per tonne as a result of the rupee's depreciation.
- According to trade sources, the forthcoming rabi crop of the current KMS 2022-23 is expected to yield 106 LMT rice, which will be procured from 11 states that produce rabi crop rice. The states have been advised to increase their milling capacity to ensure that the milling of one season is completed before the start of the next season, thus preventing the recycling of rice.
- During the week under review, market witnessed a downward trend due to a tight supply and poor demand. In GULFOOD 2023, Dubai, exporters from Haryana, Punjab and Delhi, had a successful trade in rice. They secured export orders for the rice in their inventory, leading to a quiet domestic demand currently. However, there is an anticipation of some price movement from mid-March onwards.
- As per trade sources, a Saudi Arabian importer company has given HAFED export orders for 85,000 metric tonnes (MT) of basmati rice, valued at Rs 850 crore. A 33,000 MT order has been completed, and the other orders are being carried out. HAFED is now taking part in a GULFOOD 2023, the largest food and beverage expo in the world, by setting up its display stall there for the first time.
- According to trade sources, as the largest exporter of white rice in the world attempts to control local prices, India has no plans to lift restriction on broken rice exports or reduce a 20% levy on such shipments. The export restrictions imposed by India will make consumers pay more for rice, which has recently become more expensive, particularly in Asia and Africa. Another reason behind this decision is that the El Nino weather phenomena may affect this year's monsoon rains so it would be risky not to keep rice stock in hand amid limited wheat stocks.
- As per the 2nd advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 14th February,2023, the production of rice in India has revised to 130.83 MMT up from the target of 130.5 MMT. Rabi production estimate is revised upward to 22.76 MMT from the target of 18.5 MMT due to increased

acreage in key rabi paddy growing states whereas Kharif rice production went down from the target of 112 MMT to 108.07 MMT due to unfavourable weather condition in Kharif season 2022-23.

- APEDA's most recent statistics shows that basmati rice exports climbed from 2.74 million tonnes in the same period last year to 3.2 million tonnes in April–December 2022. However, the increase in value was 40%, from \$2.38 billion to \$3.34 billion. As Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE collectively purchased half of India's total shipments of the aromatic rice, basmati rice exports from India increased by 17% in volume during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year (ended Dec. 21, 2022), and exporters are earning at least 20% more on average in foreign markets.
- This year, the cultivation of samba paddy took place on more than 45,000 hectares of land in Madurai. Farmers in Melur claim that the recent rains had an impact on harvesting since they increased the moisture level of the paddy grain. As per sources, only 88 DPCs are currently operational in the area out of the 164 certified direct procurement centres.
- As per sources, 17.86 million tons of non-basmati rice were shipped in 2022, whereas 4.4 million tonnes of premium basmati rice were exported. While basmati rice is primarily exported from India to the Middle East, the United States, and Britain, non-basmati rice is primarily sent to Africa and Asia. Prices were driven up by an export duty on shipments of Indian non-basmati rice, but consumers soon reverted back because Thailand and Vietnam were selling rice for much more prices.
- According to the Ministry of Agriculture's most recent sowing data, which was published on February 2, 2023, paddy has been sown in 46.25 lakh hectares, compared to 35.05 lakh ha the year before, an increase of 32% this rabi season. This will offset the decrease in rice production during the kharif season. Rabi paddy is now being sown in most of the rice-growing states, with the exception of Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tripura, where it has not yet begun.
- As per sources, in order to make ethanol, over 1 million metric tonnes of consumable rice from the Food Corporation of India's reserves were sold at discounted prices in 2022. In the open markets for rice, maize, and sugarcane in the nation, where food and feed processors (and food customers) compete with oil production corporations for grains, similar crop diversions to create ethanol have been taking place. This can raise concerns regarding India's food security.

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- As per sources, with only a week left until the completion of Chhattisgarh's paddy procurement, farmer purchases of the crop surpassed 100 lakh tonnes on Tuesday. This kharif, the government intends to purchase 110 lakh tonnes of paddy by January 31.
- According to sources, farmers in Telangana cultivated in abundance during the Yasangi (rabi) season, placing the state to establish new records this year. As of now, the state's total sown area was 28.56 lakh acres, compared to the normal cultivated area for the season of 47.85 lakh acres. However, this is nearly twice as much as the 14.81 lakh acres that were sown during the Yasangi season last year. Due to unseasonal rainfall and a delay in harvesting operations, early sowing during the Yasangi season was delayed. 17.98 lakh acres, i.e., 60% of the total area sown, are used for paddy cultivation.

Domestic Market Outlook (Non-Basmati):

• As per prevailing market fundamentals, arrivals of non-basmati have almost come to an end so, it is expected that domestic prices would improve in near term.

International Market Highlights

- As per sources, prices for Thailand's 5% broken rice were reported at \$450 to \$460 per tonne, compared to \$460 range the previous week due to quiet supply & demand.
- According to sources, 5% broken rice was being sold in Vietnam for \$440 to \$445 per tonne, down from \$457 per tonne a week earlier. Prices decreased little as supply increased due to the winter-spring harvest. While prices may continue to decline when the harvest reaches its height this month, strong global demand might keep the decline from being more apparent.
- As per sources, amid middlemen's stockpiling, domestic rice prices in Bangladesh remain high despite good crops and reserves. To stabilise local prices, Bangladesh has permitted private traders to import rice.

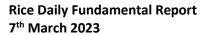
State/Centre	Variety	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
		06-Mar-23	04-Mar-23	Change
Delhi (Naya Bazar)	1121 Paddy	4500	4450	50
	1509 Paddy	4150	4100	50
	DB Paddy	4200	4100	100
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	5200	5200	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9900	9900	Unch

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	1121 Raw Wand	9300	9300	Unch
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8000	8000	Unch
	1121 Steam Wand	9200	9200	Unch
	1121 Golden Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8500	8500	Unch
	1509 Steam Wand	8900	8900	Unch
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7800	7800	Unch
	Sugandha Steam	7700	7700	Unch
	Sarbati Raw Wand	6700	6700	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	5800	5800	Unch
	Parmal Raw	4300	4300	Unch
	Parmal Steam Wand	4100	4100	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4100	4100	Unch
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) (Pusa) Raw Wand	8200	8200	Unch
	1121 Paddy	4900	4950	-50
	1509 Paddy	4200	4150	50
	Traditional Basmati Paddy	5400	5400	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9900	9900	Unch
	1121 Steam Wand	9500	9300	200
	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8300	8300	Unch
Punjab (Amritsar)	1509 Steam Wand	9200	9000	200
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7750	7750	Unch
	Sarbati Raw Wand	6800	6800	Unch
	Sarbati Steam Wand	6600	6600	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	5900	5900	Unch
	Parmal Steam Wand	4100	4050	50
	PR-47 Govt. Quality	3200	3200	Unch
	1121 Paddy	4400	4600	-200
	1509 Paddy	4200	4400	-200
	Basmati Paddy 31no.	5800	5800	Unch
	Basmati Rice Common (Raw Wand)	9900	9900	Unch
	1121 Steam	9500	9300	200
Haryana (Karnal)	1121 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	8300	8300	Unch
	1509 White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	7750	7750	Unch
	Sarbati Steam	6600	6600	Unch
	Sarbati White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	5900	5900	Unch
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) Steam	8300	8300	Unch
	DB(Duplicate Basmati) White Parboiled	7700	7700	Unch
	Parmal Raw	4300	4250	50
	Parmal Steam Wand	4100	4050	50
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella) Wand	4150	4100	50



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	IR-08	3050	3050	Unch
	Swarna White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex	2750	2800	-50
	Swarna White Parboiled 100% Silky Sortex	2780	2820	-40
	IR-36 White Parboiled 5% Silky Sortex	3050	3050	Unch
West Bengal (Kolkata)	IR-64 White Parboiled 25% Silky Sortex	3500	3500	Uncl
	Miniket 5% Broken	4500	4400	100
	Gobind Bhog	6300	6400	-100
Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool)	Sona Fine	4600	4600	Uncl
Andhra Pradesh (Machilipatnam)	BPT Steam	4700	4700	Unc
	HMT	4500	4500	Unc
	JSR (Jai Shri Ram)	4800	4800	Unc
Chhattisgarh (Bhatapara)	Vishnu Bhog	8000	8000	Unc
	Dugraj	NA	NA	-
	Swarna	2600	2600	Unc
	Swarna 5% Broken	2500	2500	Unc
Chhattisgarh (Rajim)	BPT Steam	3800	3800	Unc
	BPT White Parboiled	3000	3000	Unc
	HMT Raw	4500	4400	100
	JSR (Jai Shri Ram) Best	5200	4900	300
Maharashtra (Nagpur)	Chinnor Best	5000	4800	200
	ВРТ	3500	3400	100
	Rupali	3700	3600	100
	IR-36 White Parboiled (Sella)	2700	2700	Unc
Maharashtra (Gondia)	HMT RAW	4700	4600	100
	BPT White Parboiled (Sella)	3300	3200	100
	Sona Steam	4200 4200	4200	Unc
Karnatka (Raichur)	Sona Raw	5200	5200	Unc
Karlatka (Katchur)	Ganga Kaveri	5200	5200	Unc
	HMT	5100	5100	Unc
	BPT Steam	4600	4600	Unc
	BPT raw	4900	4900	Unc
Tolongue (Nizemehod)	kolam Steam Sortex	5000	5000	Unc
Telangna (Nizamabad)	JSR (Jai Shree Ram) kolam	5200	5200	Unc
	IR-64	2500	2500	Unc
	Kinki	2300	2300	Unc
	IR-64-Bold Sortex	2800	2800	Unc
Telangana (Hyderabad)	Sona Masuti Steam	4800	4850	-50
	IR-Silki Sortex	2600	2600	Unc
Uttrakhand (Uddhamsingh	Organic Basmati	11500	11500	Unc
Nagar)	Dehraduni Basmati	10500	10500	Uncl



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	1121 Steam	9300	9300	Unch
	1509 Steam	9000	9000	Unch
	Sugandha White Parboiled (Sella)	6400	6400	Unch
	Parmal White Parboiled (Sella)	4200	4200	Unch
	Sharbati Steam	6600	6600	Unch
	IR-08 Jaya Sortex	2950	3000	-50
Gujarat (Ahmedabad)	Parmal Sortex	2800	2800	Unch
	Kolam Sortex	3600	3600	Unch

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