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NATIONAL

Minimum Support Price of Rabi Crops

- ❖ The Government of India increased the Minimum Support Price of rabi crops.
- ❖ The MSP of wheat has been increased by Rs 50 per quintal.
- ❖ The other crops are Chana, Mustard, Safflower and Masoor.
- ❖ The MSP is fixed based on the recommendations made by the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission.

Destination North East, 2020 festival

- ❖ The four-day event is to be formally inaugurated by Home Minister on September 27, 2020.
- ❖ The Union Minister, Jitendra Singh has unveiled the Logo and song for festival “Destination North East-2020” (The Emerging Delightful Destinations).
- ❖ The festival helps to familiarize people of other parts of the country with rich unexplored potential of North East.
- ❖ The festival was launched in the couple of years in 2018 (in Chandigarh) and in 2019 (in India Gate, New Delhi).

Ghar Tak Fibre scheme

- ❖ Prime Minister launched nine highway projects and Optical Fibre Internet Services in Bihar.
- ❖ The optical fibre services are being provided under the scheme “Ghar Tak Fibre”.
- ❖ The project is to be implemented Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ❖ The project will connect 45,945 villages in the state.
- ❖ It will thus enable Digital revolution to reach farthest corner of Bihar.

Women Officers in Helicopter Stream

- ❖ For the first time in the history of Indian Defence System two women officers were selected to join as observers in the Helicopter Stream of Indian Navy.
- ❖ They will be the first women combatants operating warships.



- ❖ The two women officers joining the Helicopter team are Sub Lieutenant Riti Singh and Sub Lieutenant Kumudini Tyagi.

INTERNATIONAL

First-ever direct Cargo Ferry Service to Maldives

- ❖ India and the Maldives have launched the first-ever direct Cargo Ferry Service to boost trade between the two countries.
- ❖ The cargo ferry service will connect the Indian ports of Tuticorin and Cochin ports with Kulhudhufushi and Male ports in the Maldives.
- ❖ This initiative will help to cut costs and reduce the time taken to transport goods between the two countries.
- ❖ The Cargo Ferry Vessel MCP Linz operated by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) will be used to connect the Indian and Maldivian ports.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

72nd Primetime Emmy Awards

- ❖ This award recognise excellence within areas of television and emerging media.
- ❖ Popular sitcom Schitt's Creek won most awards in a single season by a comedy series.
- ❖ He took seven Primetime awards and nine Emmys in the comedy categories.
- ❖ Euphoria's Zendaya became the youngest winner for best lead actress in the drama series category.

Other winners

- ❖ Best Actor – Drama - Jeremy Strong, (Succession)
- ❖ Best Actress – Drama - Zendaya, (Euphoria)
- ❖ Best Actor – Comedy - Eugene Levy (Schitt's Creek)
- ❖ Best Actress – Comedy - Catherine O'Hara (Schitt's Creek)
- ❖ Best Actor – Limited Series or Movie - Mark Ruffalo (I Know This Much Is True)
- ❖ Best Actress – Limited Series or Movie - Regina King (Watchmen)

Ig Nobel Prize 2020

- ❖ Narendra Modi has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education.



- ❖ He has been awarded the prestigious award for “using the COVID-19 pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can”.
- ❖ PM Modi shares the award with Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, Andrés Manuel López Obrador of Mexico, Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, Donald Trump of the USA, Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow of Turkmenistan.
- ❖ Apart from this, the governments of India and Pakistan jointly won the Ig Nobel Peace Prize 2020.
- ❖ PM Modi is the second Indian Prime Minister to be honoured with the Ig Nobel Prize.
- ❖ Prior to this, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was awarded in 1998.
- ❖ It was shared with then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Alzheimer's day – September 21

- ❖ The day is meant to raise awareness about the neurological condition, its causes, symptoms and management.
- ❖ Alzheimer's disease is a neurological disorder which causes problems with memory, thinking skills, and behaviour.
- ❖ The theme for 2020 is ‘Let’s talk about dementia’.
- ❖ This is the 9th World Alzheimer’s day.
- ❖ It was launched in 2012.

Alzheimer's Symptoms



Zero Emissions Day – September 21

- ❖ Zero Emissions Day has been designed to give the world a break from fossil fuels and to raise awareness about the harm caused by carbon emissions.
- ❖ Zero Emissions Day was launched in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2008.



World Rose Day – September 22

- ❖ World Rose Day is celebrated in the memory of a memory of 12-year-old girl Melinda Rose.
- ❖ The Canadian girl had a rare blood cancer Askin's Tumour.

- ❖ The day is dedicated to her and many cancer patients like her who fight the disease.
- ❖ The day is also aiming to raising awareness about the various types of cancers and how early detection can help to find a cure.
- ❖ World Cancer Day 2020 Theme: History and Key Facts.



World Car Free Day – September 22

- ❖ The Environmental Transport Association set the initial annual Car-Free Day on the first Tuesday in their Green Transport Week (around 17 June).
- ❖ Later it was established as a Europe-wide initiative by the European Commission in 2000.
- ❖ The day encourages citizens across the world to go car-free.

