• Union Government of India to make purchase of bio fertiliser for every bag of urea a farmer buys to promote organic nutrients and slash the use of chemical fertilisers.

COVID-19

- India's Covid-19 tally surges to 2.32 million, recovery rate over 70%. Data shows there have been 633,650 cases in the 12 days and at least 58,000 cases on an average over the past week every day in the country, which have been the highest in the world.
- The World Health Organization has said it needed at least US \$100 billion for its programme that seeks to accelerate the development and manufacture of a novel Coronavirus vaccine, and ensure that it is equitably accessible to everyone. And, it has indicated, that possibly not even ten per cent of that amount has so far been realised.
- Russian Health Minister says, the first batch of Corona Virus vaccine will be released in two
 weeks. The Vaccine name Sputhnik and the vaccination against corona virus will give to
 health workers and emergency workers. Russia is developing a special tracing app that will
 allow Russian citizens to confirm the state of their health.

ECONOMY

 Union Government of India release equal instalment of grants to 14 states of India as per the 15 th Finance Commission recommendation the grant worth Rs.6195.

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 Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said, the government has received over five lakh applications under the 'PM SVANidhi' scheme which aims to provide street vendors loans of up to Rs 10,000 to restart their business post the COVID-19 lockdown.

