AGRICULTURE

- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi said his government's 'historic' farm reforms will
 create opportunities to take farmers to entrepreneurship and added his regime is focused
 on increasing their income.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the government has extended the interest waiver scheme for agriculture traders till December 31. It is relaxation to agriculture traders in the COVID-19 Pandemic situation.
- Due to late season of rainfall, heavily damaged the harvest Kharif crop in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. It causes the high prices of onions, pulses, soya beans, and staple greens.

ECONOMY

• US economists Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson won the 2020 Nobel Economics Prize for "improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats".

SCHEME/POLICY/ACT

• The Union Government of India announced a scheme offering tax-exempt payment of leave travel concession/allowance (LTC/LTA) to employees without the need for them to travel if the amount is spent as per specified conditions below. This benefit is available until March 31, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

 Register General of India has clarified an RTI request "The provision of Aadhaar is not mandatory for the registration of births and deaths". If Aadhaar is provided voluntarily, it must not be printed on any document or stored in any database of births and deaths in full form, according to an RGI circular cited in the RTI response.