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- Narendra Modi said that the app will give farmers the freedoms from middlemen and provide all the information related to productivity, health, and diet for the cattle.
- He said that "Along with the good breed of animals, the correct scientific information about their care is equally important. For, this technology has been continuously used in the past years. In this direction, the 'e-Gopala' app has been started today.
- The E-Gopala app will be a digital medium that helps livestock owners. It will be easy to choose an advanced live stock. They will get the freedom from middlemen
- This app will give all information related to productivity, health, and diet for the cattle.
- The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has also directly transferred money to the bank accounts of about 12 crore farmers. Crores have been deposited in the bank account of farmers of Bihar.
- The Prime Minister said that there is a need to be 'vocal about local' for Bihar's renowned products as it will make the state self-sufficient.

#### India's palm oil imports fall 14% in August: SEA(Solvent Extractors Associations)

- Indian's import of palm oils has declined by approx. 14 percent to 7,34,351 tonnes in August 2020, on account of tightened norms on the shipment of RBD Palmolen, Industry body solvent Extractors Associations(SEA) said.
- According to the sea, the overall imports of the palm oils dropped to 7,34,351 tonne during August 2020 from 8,52,534 tonnes in the same month last year
- The share of palm oil is more than 60% of the country's total vegetable oil imports
- Among Palm oil products, the import of crude palm oil(CPO) increased to 7,24,351 tonne in August from 5,87,329 tonnes in the year-ago period, as per the SEA data.
- Besides Palm oil, the country also imported 5,74,054 tonne of soft oils -- soybeans oil, sunflower oil, and canola.
- The import of soyabean oil declined to 3,94,735 tonnes in August 2020 from 4,40,704 tonne a year ago, while the shipment oil fell to 1,58,518 tonne as against 2,30,023 tonne in the said period.
- As on September 1, there was a higher edible oil stock of 17,31,000 tonnes in the various ports.



## **Zero-budget farming raises incomes but demands more labor and time: Study**

- The good news is that crop yields are more than 90 percent of farmers increased after the adopted Zero- Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), popularized by agriculture Subhash Palekar.
- The flip side is that (around 87 percent) have not been able to get a better price for their produce than those who didn't opt for it, while their requirements for manual labor and the time consumed have arisen, a new study has found.
- The study was conducted by the center for science and the environment (CSE)
- Zero budget natural farming (ZBNF) is a holistic alternative to the present paradigm of high-cost chemical input-based agriculture
- Subhash Palekar, farmer and founder of Zero Budget National Farming
- Subash Palekar was born in 1949 in a small village Bellora in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra in India, and he has an agricultural background.