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### **Best 3 Question of Daily Agriculture Current Affairs 23 Sep 2020**

- Rajya Sabha passes bill to remove cereals, pulses, onion, potatoes from 'essential commodities list today.
- The agriculture minister has inaugurated the international hostel and skill development center of the Bihar Agriculture University.
- DIHAR to educate farmers in Leh to produce medicinal herbs for the Indian Army.

### **The Essential Commodities (Amendment ) Bill 2020**

1. Parliament on Tuesday passed a bill to remove cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion, and potatoes from the list of essential commodities.
2. The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, which was approved by the lower house on September 15, was approved by a voice vote in Rajya Sabha today.
3. The bill replaces an ordinance promulgated on June 5th
4. Earlier, the bill was introduced by the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Danve Raosahen Dadarao in the Lok Sabha on 14th Sep 2020.
5. He said the essential commodities act was brought when the country was not self-sufficient in food grains production. But now the situation has changed, therefore the amendment was required, he said.
6. The ECA was enacted in 1955. It has since been used by the Government to regulate the production, supply, and distribution of a whole host of commodities it declares 'essential' to make them available to consumers at fair prices.
7. Additionally, the government can also fix the maximum retail price(MRP) of any packaged product that declares an " essential commodity".

### **The agriculture minister has inaugurated the International Hostel of the BAU**

1. Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the International Hostel and Skill Development center of the Bihar Agriculture University.
2. Narendra Tomar Praised how Bihar Agricultural University in the short term of 10 years of its establishment has made a mark under the list of excellence published by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
3. The Farmer Welfare Minister expressed happiness at achieving 18th position by the University in the country.
4. The University provides contemporary information on agriculture and allied sectors to the choice of various programs on YouTube.
5. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar said that Farmers will benefit from the arrangement of the country one-market.



## **DIHAR to educate farmers in Leh to produce medicinal herbs for the Indian Army**

1. Defense Institute of High Altitude Research in Leh has been training local farmers in producing veggies, fruits & medicinal herbs for the Indian Army.
2. Neary 2000 farmers are being trained every year.
3. Institute was established after the Indo-China war of 1962
4. Vision
  1. to transform the Defence Institute of Hihi Attitude Research into a world-class leader in cold arid agro-animal technologies
5. Mission
  1. DIHAR will evolve novel inputs, with focused R&D in cold arid agro-animal technologies, which will enhance the agro-animal productivity to enhance the availability of fresh food for troops in Ladakh, the most difficult terrain of the world.