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### SPECIAL REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

Against the backdrop of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, International Energy Agency (IEA), in collaboration with NITI Aayog, presented a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery' on 18 September 2020.



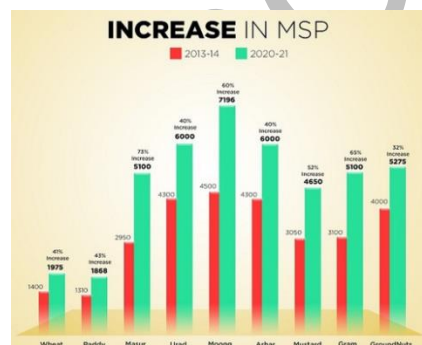
#### About:

- Part of IEA's flagship World Energy Outlook series, the report proposes a number of actions that could be taken over the next three years to revitalize economies and boost employment while making energy systems cleaner and more resilient.

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- According to report, Post the 2008–09 financial crisis, green measures accounted for around 16% of the total stimulus measures. To recover from the pandemic, we must be even more ambitious and decisive towards clean investments.
- The report mentions key sectors for creating jobs: electricity, transportation, buildings, industry and sustainable biofuels and innovations.

### MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES



Union Government has announced increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops. The decision was taken in the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### About:

- The MSP of six Rabi crops including Wheat, Chana, Masoor, Mustard, Jowar and Safflower has been hiked in the range of 50 to 300 rupees.

- The MSP of wheat has been increased by 50 rupees and now stands at one thousand 975 rupees per quintal whereas the MSP for Masoor has been hiked by 300 rupees. MSP for Mustard and Chana has been increased by 225 rupees. Increase in Jowar's MSP is by 75 rupees while for Safflower the hike is by 112 rupees per quintal.
- The hike is in consonance with the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission's report reflects the current government's commitment towards Minimum Support Price and procurement of agri products in the country.

### SUSPENSION OF MPs

**Eight Rajya Sabha MPs were suspended for unruly behaviour in the House. The suspension of the eight members comes a day after the Upper House witnessed massive unruly scenes by protesting Opposition members during the passage of two farm Bills.**



About:

- **Rule Number 373 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business** says: “The Speaker, if is of the opinion that the conduct of any Member is grossly disorderly, may direct such

Member to withdraw immediately from the House for the remainder of the day's sitting.”

- **Rule 374** says:
  - The Speaker may name a Member who disregards the authority of the Chair or abuses the rules of the House by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business thereof.
 If a Member is so named by the Speaker, the Speaker shall, on a motion being made forthwith put the question that the Member be suspended from the service of the House for a period not exceeding the remainder of the session.

- Provided that the House may, at any time, on a motion being made, resolve that such suspension be terminated.

**Rule 374A:** It is invoked by Speaker for automatic suspension of member of the House – for five consecutive sittings or the remainder of the session, whichever is less in the event of grave disorder occasioned by a Member (coming into the well of the House or abusing the Rules of the House persistently and wilfully obstructing its business by shouting slogans or otherwise).

## WOMEN IN ARMED FORCES

In a first, two women officers have been selected to join as ‘Observers’ (Airborne Tacticians) in the Indian Navy’s helicopter stream that would ultimately pave the way for women being posted in frontline warships.



### About:

- Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Kumudini Tyagi and SLt Riti Singh would, in effect, be the first set of women airborne tacticians in India who would operate from the deck of warships. Earlier, entry of women was restricted to the fixed wing aircraft that took off and landed ashore.

## DIRECT CARGO FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN INDIA & MALDIVES

Shipping Minister of India Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Maldives jointly e- launched a direct cargo ferry service between India and Maldives.

**Commencement of Direct Shipping Service between India and Maldives.**

The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. India's premier Shipping Company, announces the Commencement of Direct container and break bulk cargo Shipping Service between the two countries, which would flag-off from Tuticorin on 20.09.2020 and from Kochi on 22.09.2020. The Direct Shipping service shall be connecting TUTICORIN, KOCHI AND MALDIVES with a container-cum-break bulk vessel MCP Linz, which can carry about 200 TEUs and about 3,000 MT of break bulk cargo, and will have a round voyage of about 10 days.

Vessel Name:	MCP Linz		
Voy	Tuticorin	Kochi	Maldives
47	20.09.2020	22.09.2020	26.09.2020
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### About:

- During its maiden voyage, a vessel with a capacity of 200 TEU and 3000 MT of break bulk cargo sailed from Tuticorin to Kochi on September 21, 2020, from where it will proceed to

Kulhudhuffushi port in North Maldives and then to Male port.

- This ferry service being operated by the Shipping Corporation of India will run twice a month and will provide a cost effective direct and alternate means of transportation of goods between India and Maldives.
- This direct cargo service will further cement the close ties between India and Maldives by enhancing people-to-people contact and boosting bilateral trade.

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