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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

### 19 October 2023

### **International & National News**

### **RapidX Train or NaMo Bharat**



#### In news:

• PM Modi to inaugurate RapidX on 20th October.

### **Key points:**

- RapidX or NaMo Bharat is India's first semi-high-speed regional rail service.
- 1st stretch → Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)
- Average speed → 100 km/hr
- National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC)

### Did you know?

• Women are expected to comprise 50% of the staff at all stations.

### President launches 4th Krishi Road Map of Bihar



### **About:**

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the 4th Krishi Road Map of Bihar.
- 2023-28 (5yrs road map)
- Outlay of ₹1.62 lakh crore
- Aim → increasing agricultural production; farmers' incomes
- Where → launched at Babu Sabhagar, Bihar

### US's 31 MQ-9B drone

#### In News:

 India to conclude 31 MQ-9B Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) deal with the U.S.

### **Key points:**

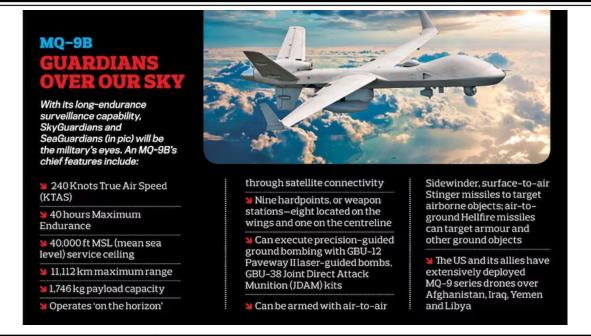
- Deal to be done through the U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route.
- India issued a Letter of Request to the US during the recent G20 Summit



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### MSP for Rabi crops

### In News:

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all Rabi crops for the financial year 2024-25.

### **Key points:**

- Rabi crops are sown in winter from October to December and harvested in summer from April to June.
- Major Rabi crops are wheat, gram, peas, barley, etc.
- MSP is the rate at which the government purchases crops from farmers.

### Did you know?

- The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) is an expert body that recommends the MSPs of the notified Kharif and Rabi crops to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).
- CACP recommends MSPs for 22 mandated crops and fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane.
- CACP is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

### Yom Kippur War 2023

**CACP vs CCEA** 

### **Key points:**

Current Hamas-Israeli conflict is sometimes referred to as the Yom Kippur War 2023.

### Did you know?

- October 6, 2023, marked the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, also known as the Ramadan War.
- On October 6th, 1973, Egypt and Syria launched a coordinated attack on Israel on Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.





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| Development of large language models (LLMs) in India    | <ul> <li>In news:         <ul> <li>India to set up a "high-powered committee" to explore the development of large language models, or LLMs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Key points:         <ul> <li>LLMs are tools that harness artificial intelligence to create applications that can understand and process human language.</li> <li>LLMs are a cornerstone technology underlying several pieces of 'intelligent' software and help make possible applications such as ChatGPT.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| Term: Deep Tech   | Deep tech is those areas where you do cutting-edge research in all kinds of technologies, not just software or AI, but it also involves doing cutting-edge research in material sciences or in biotechnology.  Why in news?      The Indian govt has put out a draft National Deep Tech Start-up Policy for public comment  |
| Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation | <ul> <li>In news:         <ul> <li>Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation was convened in Beijing, China (October 17-18).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Did you know?         <ul> <li>The G-20 Delhi summit posited an alternative in the form of the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) that seeks to link India, West Asia, and Europe through railways and shipping lines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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