#### **DAILY NEWS MONITOR: 6 MAY 2022**

# 1. PM Modi reviews wheat supply situation amidst report of output decline, urges officials to ensure quality norms for exports

**Source: Financial Express (Link)** 

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5 May chaired a meeting of concerned officials for reviewing various aspects of wheat supply, stock and exports. Prime Minister Modi asked concern officials to ensure quality norms for exports of foodgrains and other agricultural products from the country. "In the light of increasing demand for agricultural products of India, the Prime Minister directed that all steps be taken to ensure quality norms and standards so that India evolves into an assured source of food grain and other agricultural products," an official statement said.

### 2. Supply chain plan: Japanese government selects six Indian projects Source: Business Standard (Link)

The Japanese government has selected eight Indian and Australian projects that will be implemented in the sphere of data, IT, medical and cold chain marketplace, among others, as part of an arrangement to counter China's dominance in supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region. Six of the eight projects are from India and were selected by Japan on April 25 for the 'Program for the Supply Chain Resilience in the Indo-Pacific Region'. The remaining two projects will be conducted in Australia. These projects will be implemented by March 2023. "These projects will initially conduct a demonstration program to help Japanese companies visualise their supply chains, upgrade logistics, facilitate trade procedures and diversify their production bases," the Japanese Embassy said in a statement on 5 May.

# 3. India calls for international cooperation on energy crisis from Ukraine war Source: Business Standard (Link)

While welcoming a high-level UN panel's recommendation to exempt the food purchases by the World Food Programme (WFP) from export restrictions, India has called for international cooperation to face the looming energy crisis sparked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Warning at the Security Council's meeting on Ukraine on 5 May that "the conflict is having destabilising effect with broader regional and global implications", India's Permanent Representative T. S. Tirumurti pointed out that "oil prices are skyrocketing and there is shortage of food grains and fertilisers" disproportionately impacting the developing countries. "Energy security is equally a serious concern and needs to be addressed through cooperative efforts", he said.

## 4. Haryana becomes first state to adopt tablet-based personalised learning Source: Hindustan Times (Link)

Samagra, a mission-driven governance consulting firm has been working with the Haryana government since 2017 to improve the quality of education in the state's 14,000+ government schools. They have supported the government in this initiative. The tablet-based learning programme will be rolled out for all 5 lakh government school students in the state from classes 10 to 12 through a library-based model. With this initiative, Haryana aims to mitigate the learning losses incurred due to Covid-19 and achieve higher learning level outcomes.