

## **Modi Government's faith – India's welfare only through Farmers' Welfare; when Farmers are Empowered, Country would become Self-reliant: Shri Amit Shah**

Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, today announced a financial package agriculture and related fields, under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission. Congratulating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Finance Minister on this step, the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said, "Modi Government believes that India's welfare lies in the welfare of its farmers.

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## **\$1 Billion from World Bank to Protect India's Poorest from COVID-19**

The Government of India and the World Bank today signed a \$750 million of \$1 billion proposed for Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Programme to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households, severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## **Prime Minister's interaction with Mr. Bill Gates**

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair, Mr. Bill Gates via video conference. The dignitaries discussed the global response to COVID-19, and the importance of global coordination on scientific innovation and R&D to combat the pandemic.

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## **Rashtrapati Bhavan sets an Example by reducing Expenditure**

As a part of steps to make more resources available for Covid-19 relief measures, the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, after contributing one month's salary to the PM-CARES Fund in March, has decided to forego 30 percent of his salary for a year.

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## **India calls upon the G-20 nations to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices;**

India has called upon the G-20 nations to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices. In his Interventions during the 2nd G20 Virtual Trade & Investment Ministers Meeting, held through Video-conferencing, the Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal asked the G20 members to first focus on immediate and concrete actions that can ease the distress being faced by people all over the world due to Corona pandemic.

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