## MSMEs Engaged In Production of Medical Items Related to COVID-19 Should be Facilitated on Priority- Shri Nitin Gadkari

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) held a video conference with the senior officers of the Ministry to review the state of preparedness of the Government machinery in the light of the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

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#### Food grains to be provided to non-NFSA beneficiaries with ration cards issued by State governments

Government of India has directed Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide food grains @5 Kg per person per month for 3 months at the rates of Rs. 21/Kg for wheat and Rs. 22/Kg for rice uniformly across the country to all beneficiaries not covered under NFSA to whom ration cards have been issued by state governments under their schemes.

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## TRIFED in collaboration with UNICEF & WHO launched digital campaign through webinar for SHGs to ensure Tribal Gatherers carry on their work safely

TRIFED today launched through a Webinar, Virtual training to its Trainers and Self Help Groups (SHGs) on basic orientation on Covid-19 response and key preventive measures to ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely.

# Government informs States/UTs of a slew of decisions as a follow-up to the Union Agriculture Minister's video conference with State Agriculture Ministers

The Union Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar took a Video Conference with the Agriculture Ministers of all States and UTs, to discuss the issues related to farmers and farming activities, arising due to the lockdown in wake of COVID 19 pandemic.

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#### NGOs permitted to buy food grains directly from FCI for Relief operations

NGOs and Charitable Organizations are playing important role in providing cooked food to thousands of poor and needy people during this time of nationwide lockdown. To ensure uninterrupted supply of foodgrain to these organization Government has directed FCI to provide Wheat and Rice to such organizations at the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) rates without going through the e-auction process.

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