



- The broad goal of such a treaty would be to enhance mutual accountability and shared responsibility, transparency and cooperation within the international system.
- Had fully signed-up multilateral protocols been in place and duly observed, we need not have had an ugly controversy over the virus's origin in China.
- China did volunteer the genome of SARS-CoV-2 which allowed scientists elsewhere to get cracking on preventives and therapies.
- While we celebrate the quick creation of various adenovirus and m-RNA vaccines as testimony to the value of science that transcends borders, our collective effort to halt corona transmission has stumbled on varying degrees of vaccine nationalism.
- Too many doses have been cornered by well-off nations, leaving vast populations vulnerable.
- India should not only join treaty talks, but also lead them in its capacity as the world's big vaccine maker.

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11. AGRICULTURE

The strategy of operation flood can be applied to operation greens for a better value chain in the agricultural sector. Explain

KEY POINTS

- Operation Flood (OF) that transformed the dairy sector, making India the world's largest milk producer, almost crossing 200 million tonnes production.

For better performance of Operation greens

- There has to be a separate board to strategise and implement the Operation Green scheme, on the lines of the National Dairy Development Board, keeping itself at arm's length from the government's control.
- Need a champion like Dr Verghese Kurien to head this new board of Operation Green, a leader who is respected for his/her independence as well as commitment and competence to give a different shape to horticulture sector value chains.
- Fixed tenure, a five-year term and ample resources while he/she is made accountable for delivering results.
- The criteria for choosing clusters for Tomato Onion Potato crops under Operation Green should be made very transparent and clear.
- The subsidy scheme will have to be made innovative with new generation entrepreneurs, startups and FPOs.
- The announcement to create additional 10,000 FPOs along with Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and the new farm laws are all promising but need to be implemented fast.