

Economy

1. AGRIOTA

Why in News?

- E-market platform launched to bridge gap between Indian farmers and UAE food industry.

About AGRIOTA

- What is it? → It is an **E-market agricultural commodity trading platform** launched by the UAE Government to bridge the gap between **Indian rural farmers and the UAE Food Industry**.
- The platform will allow farmers to **connect with the UAE food industry directly** bypassing intermediaries.
- It also **optimizes the supply chain** and **ensures traceability** creating value for all stakeholders.



👉 Also Remember

Global Food Security Index:

- It **measures food security** across most of the countries of the world.
- It was first **published in 2012** and is managed and updated annually **by The Economist's intelligence unit**.
- In **2019, Singapore topped** the index and **India was ranked 72nd** out of 113 countries.

Global food policy report:

- It has been released by the **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**.
- The theme of the 2019 report is **rural revitalisation**. The report highlights the **urgency of rural revitalization** to address a growing crisis in rural areas.

2. RORO service of South Western Railway

Why in News?

- First ever RORO service of South Western Railway from Nelamangla (near Bengaluru) to Bale (near Solapur) has been started.

About

- What is it? → Roll On-Roll Off (RORO) is a concept of **carrying road vehicles loaded with various commodities**, on open flat railway wagons.
- RORO services are **combination of best features of road and rail transports** and they offer door to door service with minimal handling transported by road and direct rail link.
- Advantages of RO-RO →**
 - Faster movement of goods and essentials, reducing Time taken by trucks to reach destinations due to traffic congestion in between cities.
 - Reduces congestion on the roads.