

## **Editorial Note**

Greetings to all the readers and well-wishers of the **Journal of Development Economics and Management Research Studies (JDMS)**. The total global Covid-19 cases as of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 has recorded 90,045,249 people, while 64,445,630 people have recovered and 1,933,467 people have lost their lives. India reported 18,645 fresh cases and the total reached 10,450,284 cases with a death toll of 1,50,999 as on 10.01.2021. The worldwide Covid-19 vaccination drive has begun and in India, it is planned by the Government on January 16, 2021, with priority to three crore healthcare and frontline workers. Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced this historic decision after reviewing the vaccine preparedness in the country.

Indian economy is recovering from the clutches of Covid-19 and the country is showing a positive trend in many sectors. The growth found in pharmaceuticals and engineering sectors indicates a revival of our economy. The export grew by 16.22 per cent in the first week of January 2021 to reach USD 6.21 billion, while it was USD 5.34 billion during the same month in 2020. The exports of pharmaceuticals, petroleum and engineering goods have increased to reach a level of USD 61.62 million, USD 114.72 million and USD 636.77 million respectively. On the other hand, the import during January 2021 has increased (1.07 per cent) to USD 8.7 billion as against USD 8.6 billion during the same period of 2020.

The RBI has introduced many policy measures to compliment the Covid-19 development package schemes of the Government. The currency in circulation has increased (by 22.1 per cent) from Rs 5,01,405 crore as on 01.01.2020 to Rs 27,70,315 crore as on January 1, 2021. This is an indication of the increase in currency in circulation which will lubricate the growth engine of our country for its all-round development.

The Government of India has procured 531.22 lakh tonnes of paddy during the Kharif season (started in October 2020) from about 70 lakh farmers with a cost Rs 1 trillion. This is going on despite the farmers protest at Delhi area seeking repeal of the three farm laws of the Union Government.

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