

Glossary

1. green revolution: a large increase in crop production in developing countries achieved by the use of artificial fertilizers, pesticides, and high-yield crop varieties.
2. gross domestic product: the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country during one year.
3. minimum support prices: is price fixed by Government of India to protect the producer - farmers - against excessive fall in price during bumper production years.
4. horticulture: the art or practice of garden cultivation and management.
5. devaluation: the reduction in the official value of a currency in relation to other currencies.
6. superstitious: having or showing a belief in superstitions.
7. Land degradation: is a process in which the value of the biophysical environment is affected by a combination of human-induced processes acting upon the land.
8. Zamindars: a landowner, especially one who leases his land to tenant farmers.
9. double cropping: is the practice of growing two or more crops in the same piece of land during a single growing season.
10. Self-Help Groups (SHGs): are groups of people who provide mutual support for each other.