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NATIONAL NEWS

North East SDG Conclave 2020 organised by NITI Aayog.

- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** Conclave 2020 is being organised by NITI Aayog from 24th February to 26th February in **Assam Administrative Staff College Guwahati, Assam**.
- The main focus of this conclave is to maintain partnership and cooperation, and development among the North Eastern countries.

Tilhan Mission to boost oilseed production.

- The Government of India is to launch a mission called "**Tilhan Mission**" to elevate the production of oil seeds making our country **self-sufficient**.
- The announcement was made by **the Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** during the occasion of **Soil Health Card Day.**

Cabinet approves the Constitution of Technology Group.

- The Constitution of delegate **"Technology Group"** was approved by the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Technology Group is a **12-member committee** with the **Principal Scientific Adviser** to Government of India as its Chairperson.

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- The union cabinet has approved the upgrading of **Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and GeoInformatics (BISAG)** as **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics-BISAG(N).**
- The cabinet approved this advancement under the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY)**, Government of India.

India 2020 yearbook was released by Prakash Javadekar.

- The **Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Mr. Prakash Javadekar** unveiled Annual Reference India/Bharat 2020.
- The Reference Annual – India / Bharat -2020, includes thorough, complete and in-depth

information about India and the activities, development and achievements made by various Government Ministries during the year.
- The Union Minister also released the e-version of the book during the event.

'Run for India Tea' event in Tripura.

- Tea Board of India in connection with **Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC)** has organised **"Run for India Tea"** event in Tripura.
- To enhance and market Tripura tea all over the country.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nepal observes 70th National Democracy Day.

- Nepal celebrates its 70th National Democracy Day, on the outskirts of this special day a ceremony was organised at the Nepal Army Pavilion Tudikhel in Kathmandu.
- The day was observed to recognize the day when Nepalese were released from the hold of **104-year-long Rana autocracy.**

Points-based Visa System launched by UK.

- United Kingdom has announced the launch of the new Points-based Visa system with the aim of attracting "brightest and the Best" from all over the world.
- The announcement was made by **UK Home Secretary, Priti Patel** the senior-most Indian-origin Cabinet minister.

Locust outburst in East Africa.

- The very worst outburst of locust from East Africa now enters South Sudan.
- **Agriculture Minister Onyoti Adigo of South Sudan** reported that more than 2000 locusts were seen inside the country.
- **US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** announced that the US would donate **$8 million** to control the situation.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

BBB recommends Chintala as next Nabard chief.

- The **Banks Board Bureau(BBB)** recommends **G.R. Chintala** as the next chairman for National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(Nabard).
- G.R. Chintala is currently **the MD of Nabfins** (subsidiary of Nabard).

EY Entrepreneur of the year award 2020.

- The Ernst & Young(EY) Entrepreneur of the Year (2019) Award was given to **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw the CMD of Biocon.**
- She was recognized for being the lead for the **innovation in the field of bio-technology** and contributing towards research and development.
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards is an award sponsored by **Ernst & Young** in recognition of entrepreneurship and also recognises the business persons who touched the lives of many.

Novartis launches Biome India in Hyderabad.

- A digital innovation hub Biome India was launched by **Global Pharma major Novartis in Hyderabad**.
- This will be the **first centre of Novartis in Asia** and fourth one across the world.
- The other digital hubs of Novartis are in **London, San Francisco and Paris.**
- Biome India will act as a connecting bridge to the external ecosystem.
- The announcement was made by **Novartis CEO Vasant Narasimhan** who received the Genome Valley Excellence Award at the BioAsia summit 2020.