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NATIONAL NEWS

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- **UN world pulses day** was celebrated on February 10th every year since 2019. India hosted the event for this year and was held in New Delhi.
- The date was assigned by the **UN general assembly** and aims to bring attention to activities and information connected to the pulse sector worldwide.
- World pulses day was established by the food and agriculture Organisation of the UN.
- The event was organized by **NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Federation of India Ltd)** in collaboration with **Global Pulse Confederation (GPC)**.
- NAFED is the central agency of government of India for attaining of **Pulses & Oilseeds, Copra and Cotton** at Minimum Support Price (MSP).
- Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**.

National Deworming Day 2020

- The **tenth round of National Deworming Day (NDD)** campaign was conducted by the **ministry of health and family welfare**.
- The main focus is to reduce the prevalence of **Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH)**, commonly called the parasitic intestinal worms, among all children and adolescents.
- The collaborative implementation is a key conciliation of **Anemia Mukt Bharat**.
- The NDD largest public health program implemented on a single day reaching crores of children and adolescents through two NDD rounds every year was launched in 2015.
- Union minister of health and family welfare: **Dr. Harsh Vardhan.**

Web Portal Launched for Star Rating of Mines in India

- Ministry of Coal has launched a web portal for star rating of coal mines at New Delhi, India.
- With an aim to promote green, safe and sustainable mining practices using technology.
- This portal enables self-rating of all operational coal mines across India, subsequent validation by **Coal Controller's Organization (CCO)**, followed by further evaluation and finally award of star rating.
- Union Minister for Coal & Mines: **Shri Pralhad Joshi**.

India to host Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

- The **13th Conference of Parties (COP13)** of the Convention on the CMS a treaty under

United Nations Environment Programme is to be hosted by India.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the convention during 17th to 22nd February 2020 at **Gandhinagar in Gujarat**.
- The theme of CMS COP13 in India is, **"Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them home".**
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change: **Shri Prakash Javadekar**.

Minority Affairs Ministry inaugurates "HUNAR HAAT".

- "Hunar Haat", being organised across the country by the ministry of minority, a "Mega Mission" of economic empowerment of the **needy master artisans and craftsmen**.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Union Minister for Minority Affairs inaugurated "Hunar Haat" at **Vijay Nagar in Indore, Madhya Pradesh** which will be in active from 8th to 16th February, 2020.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: **Lalji Tandon**.
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs: **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**.

Bangladesh inaugurates 5th Dhaka Art Summit.

- The **fifth edition of the Dhaka Art Summit** was inaugurated in Bangladesh by State Minister for Cultural Affairs.
- Dhaka Art Summit is the premier art festival of Bangladesh.
- This year's summit will notice a special exhibition on the life of **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** to pay tribute to **Bangabandhu** on the occasion of his birth centenary.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: **Sheikh Hasina**.
- State Minister for Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh: **K M Khalid**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ADB approves funding to fight nCoV

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved funding of **$2 million** to boost efforts to combat the spread of Novel Coronavirus.
- The funding aims at strengthening the region's health systems resilience and capacity for epidemic response in **China, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam**.
- It will also support in the supply of diagnostic and laboratory equipment for rapid testing to help combat the outbreak of the virus.

Oscars 2020

- The **92nd Academy Awards** ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was held at the **Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California**.
- The winners list are as follows:

Actor in A Leading Role	Joaquin Phoenix
Actor in A Supporting Role	Brad Pitt
Actress in A Leading Role	Renée Zellweger
Actress in A Supporting Role	Laura Dern
Animated Feature Film	Toy Story 4
Cinematography	1917
Costume Design	Little Women
Direction	Parasite
Documentary (Feature) film	American Factory
Documentary (Short Subject) film	Learning to Skateboard in A Warzone (If You're a Girl)
Film Editing	Ford V Ferrari
International Feature Film	Parasite
Makeup and Hairstyling	Bombshell
Music (Original Score)	Joker
Music (Original Song)	(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again
Best Picture	Parasite
Production Design	Once Upon a Time…In Hollywood
Short Film (Animated)	Hair Love
Short Film (Live Action)	The Neighbors' Window
Sound Editing	Ford V Ferrari
Sound Mixing	1917
Visual Effects	1917
Writing (Adapted Screenplay)	Jojo Rabbit
Writing (Original Screenplay)	Parasite

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

BOB and Union Bank cut lending rates.

- Union bank and Bank of Baroda cuts their lending rates by **5-10 bps**.

- **BoB** has reduced its one-year MCLR by **10bps** to **8.15%** and one-month MCLR by **5bps**.
- **Union Bank of India** reduced its 3-month MCLR rate by **5bps** to **7.80%**. and the one-year MCLR at **8.10%.**

SPORTS NEWS

Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre(LSRC) won Khelo India ice hockey tournament.

- The Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red won the **first Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020**.
- They won against **Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** team.

Warner won the Allan Border Medal.

- At the **Australian cricket awards 2020**, the opening batsman **DAVID WARNER** won his **3rd Allan Border Medal**.
- **Ellyse Perry** won her **2nd Belinda Clark Award**, where **Alyssa Healy** won both the T20 and ODI player-of-the-year awards for women's cricket.
- Australian player **Aaron Finch** bags for male ODI player-of-the-year and **Marnis Labuschagne** for the Test player-of-the-year.

Vivek – Rising star of the year.

- **The International Hockey Federation (FIH)** named the Indian men's team midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad as the rising star of the year (2019).

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