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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

7th annual summit of NATHEALTH

- Union Minister for Health, **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH in virtual mode.
- The summit focused on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'. He noted that, "Health for All" is a top priority for Government.

'Tribal TB Initiative'

- Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukta Bharat.
- He said that government accords top priority to ensuring Universal Access to free treatment and care for TB across the country.

"Therapy dogs"

- Border guarding force **ITBP** has decided to utilise the services of its retired combat canines as 'therapy dogs' to help in early recuperation of personnel undergoing medical treatment and also for their specially-abled children.

Aviation security fee hiked

- Central government has increased aviation security fee payable by passengers to ₹200 from ₹160 for domestic passengers.
- The same for international passengers has been increased to US \$12 from US \$5.2. The fee is used to pay for the deployment of CISF personnel at airports.

SC upholds decision of Tata Sons to remove Chairman Cyrus Mistry

- The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Tata Sons board in October 2016 to remove its then chairman, **Cyrus Mistry**, from office and later the company's board.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum"

- Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh jointly inaugurated the "Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum" at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.
- The museum has a digital exhibition on India's Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and Bangladesh's Father of the Nation 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

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Swarna Jayanti scholarship for youths

- Prime Minister Modi announced Swarna Jayanti scholarship for youths of Bangladesh.
- It is a research fellowship awarded annually by Department of Science and Technology of India and is given for notable and outstanding research by young scientists.

India to list of countries affected by African swine fever

- The United States has notified that India has been added to the list of countries that have been affected by African swine fever, imposing restrictions on the import of pork and pork products from the country.

World Development Report 2021

- The World Bank has published the World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives.
- The World Development Report 2021 provides a blueprint on how to harness the power of data for development, to ensure no one is left behind.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Foreign exchange reserves rose to \$582.271 billion

- According to Reserve Bank of India, country's foreign exchange reserves rose \$233 million to \$582.271 billion in week to March 19.
- Foreign currency assets rose \$157 million to \$541.18 billion. Value of gold reserves increased for second consecutive week, and was up \$80 million to \$34.63 billion.

Investments in cryptocurrencies

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs has made amendments to rules in the Companies Act, mandating firms to disclose their investments in cryptocurrencies, spend on corporate social responsibility, and benami property transactions, among others, in their financial statements from the next financial year.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

GISAT-1

- Indian Space Research Organisation has revised the schedule launch of geo imaging satellite GISAT-1 on board GSLV-F10 rocket.
- Due to minor issue, it will now be launched on April 18 from Sriharikota spaceport. GSAT is an Indian imaging satellite class for the geostationary orbit.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Soma Mondal

- Soma Mondal, chairperson of state-owned SAIL, was elected the new chairperson of Standing Conference of Public Enterprises.
- Mondal will have a two-year term starting April. She took charge of SAIL on January 1, 2021. It promotes excellence in organisations where public investment is involved.

OBITUARY

Anil Dharker

- Founder of Mumbai International Literature Festival and Literature Live, noted journalist and author Anil Dharker died in Mumbai.
- He was the editor of several publications including 'Mid-Day' and 'The Independent'.

Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty

- Former RBI, Deputy Governor Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty passed away in Mumbai at the age of 69. Chakrabarty was the deputy governor of the central bank between June 15, 2009 and April 25, 2014.
- He also served as the Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab National Bank (2007-2009), and CMD of Indian Bank (2005-2007).