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### Anji Khad bridge: Indian Railways' 1st cable-stayed rail bridge, to connect Katra and Reasi in J&K



i. The Minister of Railways, Piyush Vedprakash Goyal, has announced that the India's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge namely "Anji Khad Bridge" being

developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), a Government of India undertaking, is all set to connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

ii. The cable-stayed railway bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, which passes through the Young Himalayas.

iii. Notably, the USBRL project also involves the Chenab river bridge. The Chenab Bridge once completed, will become the world's highest rail bridge.

#### Features of Anji Khad Bridge:

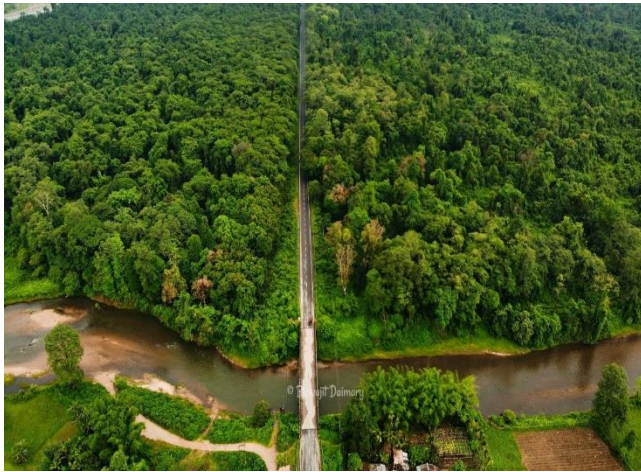
-It has a single pylon, standing at a height of 331 metres above the river bed. The pylon had to be constructed in a vertical slope using micropiles of 40 metre depth all around the circumference of 20 metre well foundation.

-The total length of the Anji Khad Bridge is 473.25 metres.

-The length of the viaduct is 120 metres and the central embankment has a length of 94.25 metres.

-It has support of 96 cables and has been designed to handle heavy storms of strong winds.

## Poba Reserve Forest in Assam”s Dhemaji to be upgraded to wildlife sanctuary



The chief minister (CM) of Assam has announced the upgradation of Poba Reserve Forest, a vital biodiversity hotspot in Dhemaji district of Assam, as a wildlife sanctuary. The announcement was made during a meeting with senior officials of Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Majuli districts at Jonai.

- Declared in 1924 as Poba Reserve Forest, it has an area of 10,522 hectares and is home to a large number of flora and fauna.
- CM also visited the Outer Jonai and Bera Sapori areas in the district and took stock of the devastation caused by the flood.

## India joins Chile and FAO Co-Hosted the 2020 High-Level Political Forum Side Event – official launch of 2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables



**ON THE ROAD TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES 2021:**

Highlighting health and nutritional benefits through sustainable production and consumption of fruits and vegetables



India and Chile joins the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) and co-hosted the **official launch of 2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables**, the side event of 2020 High-level Political forum – “On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021: Highlighting health and nutritional

benefits through sustainable production and consumption of fruits and vegetables”.

### **Aim of the Event:**

Event is for the relevant stakeholders to discuss the key roles of fruits and vegetables in health, sustainable production systems, income and employment generation and other dimensions.

### **2021: International Year of Fruits and Vegetables:**

Following the request of FAO, The United Nations adopted the resolution A/RES/74/244 on 19th December 2019, designating 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables to acknowledge the nutritional and health benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables and to create awareness about the increasing loss and waste in fruits and vegetables and their negative impacts on the global economy.

### **Tata's N Chandrasekaran and Lockheed Martin's Jim Taiclet Receives USIBC Global Leadership Award 2020**



i. Tata group chairman, Natarajan(N) Chandrasekaran and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) and president of Lockheed Martin Jim Taiclet to receive the US-India Business Council(USIBC) Global Leadership Award 2020.

US-India CEO Forum.

ii. They also serve as a co-chair of the

### **Mukesh Ambani now is the fifth richest man in the world: Hurun**



According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) chairman & CEO Mukesh Ambani (63) is now the fifth richest man in the world worth 78 billion USD. He sustains as the wealthiest Indian and he is the only Asian Tycoon in the world's top 10 richest people as of June 2020.

i. Ambani's wealth was down by 1%

compared to pre-COVID levels.

ii. Warren Buffett's 76 billion was surpassed by Ambani.

iii. The position is shared by Tesla (Founder of Elon Musk) and Steve Ballmer (Former Microsoft CEO).

iv. Vaccine King Cyrus Poonawalla is another Indian in the global rich list at 57th position.

### **ADB Appoints Ashok Lavasa as its New Vice-President**



i. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Ashok Lavasa as its Vice-President for Private Sector Operations and Public-Private Partnerships, who is currently serving as one of the Election Commissioners of India (since January 2018).

ii. He will succeed Diwakar Gupta, whose term will end on 31 August, 2020.

iii. He is a retired 1980 batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre. He was born on 21st October 1957.