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NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Karnataka ranks first in health and wellness centres under **Ayushman Bharat Program**

Karnataka was ranked first in establishing health and wellness centres (HWCs) under the Ayushman Bharat program for 2020–2021 to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas.

India ranks 3rd in the 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index': Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY)

- · According to Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY), India's renewable energy sector was ranked third in the Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index
- The index was topped by The USA and China at the second position.

Bernard Arnault becomes the world's 2nd richest person in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021

As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Chairman and CEO of luxury goods company LVMH, Bernard **Arnault,** displaced Tesla and SpaceX's CEO Elon Musk to rise to the second position in the list of world's richest person.

• Elon Musk moved down one spot to third position in the list of the world's richest persons. Jeff Bezos is the richest person in the world.

INS Rajput was decommissioned in Visakhapatnam

- INS Rajput is the first destroyer of the Indian Navy, which was decommissioned after over 41 years of
- The lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers built by the erstwhile USSR, the destroyer was commissioned on 4 May 1980.

51st virtual Indian Handicrafts & Gift Fair of Delhi was inaugurated

- The 51st edition of the virtual Indian Handicrafts and **Gift Fair** (IHGF) **of Delhi** was inaugurated.
- The fair is India's largest Virtual Fair in the home, fashion, lifestyle, textiles and furniture sector.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China successfully launches a new ocean observation satellite named "Haiyang-2D"

China successfully launched "Haiyang-2D", a new ocean-monitoring satellite, into orbit.

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• The satellite was launched by a Long March-4B rocket carrying the Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

AgNext Technologies introduces Al-based devices to test the quality of agricultural products

• A Punjab-based firm, **AgNext Technologies**, has come up with a system based on digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI) that combines hardware, **software and algorithms** to test agricultural products for quality.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman win 2020 Millennium Technology Prize

 Cambridge University chemists Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman were declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques, which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times.

Tashi Yangjom becomes first Indian woman climber to scale the Mount Everest in 2021

- Arunachal Pradesh mountaineer Tashi Yangjom became the first Indian woman climber to scale the Mount Everest (8,849 metres) in 2021.
- She began the climb on 9 May and completed her journey on 11 May. She was trained at the National Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS) in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice

- President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, has appointed Court of Appeal Judge Martha Koome as the East African country's first woman Chief Justice and head of the judiciary.
- She replaced David Maraga.

Chennai Petroleum Corporation appoints Arvind Kumar as its Managing Director

- The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has picked Arvind Kumar as the Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.
- He is currently an executive director at Indian Oil Corporation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Bee Day - 20 May

- World Bee Day is observed on 20 May every year to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development.
- The day was designated the UN Member states in 2017. The first World Bee Day was observed in 2018. 2021 Theme: "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees"

Indian rowing team of Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics

- Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in the men's lightweight **double sculls event** after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in Tokyo.
- Another Indian, Jakar Khan, finished fourth in the men's singles sculls final.

Germany's World Cup winning midfielder Sami Khedira announces retirement

• Germany's World Cup-winning midfielder Sami Khedira announced his retirement after the final match of the Bundesliga season against Hoffenheim.

OBITUARY

Former NSG chief Jayanta Kumar Dutt passed away at 72

• Former Director-General of the National Security Guards (NSG) Jayanta Kumar Dutt, who headed the force during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, passed away due to COVID-19 related complications.

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passed away at 89

- Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passed away at the age of 89.
- He was the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in 1980–81 and also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar.