

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense, lush green forest. Several cars are visible on the road, including a white car at the top, a blue car, and another white car. The road has white dashed lines for lane markings. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

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World's Highest EV Charging Station inaugurated in Himachal Pradesh



- The world's highest electric vehicle charging station has been inaugurated in Kaza village of Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh.

- The electric vehicle charging station is set up at a height of 500 ft. The aim of this initiative is to check vehicular pollution and promote electric vehicles for a clean and green environment in the region.
- India is gaining good momentum in the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem.
- There is a good response for battery-operated small electric vehicles like e-scooter, electric three-wheelers, e-rickshaws, e-carts, and e-bikes in the country.
- Both battery electric vehicle and fuel cell vehicle technologies are complementary to each other and are all set to overtake fossil-run automotive by 2050 in the country.

Armoured spikes fossil belongs to oldest ankylosaur ever found



- A fossil having a series of spikes fused to a rib has been found to be the remains of the oldest ankylosaur ever found and the first from the African continent, the University of Birmingham said.
- Ankylosaurs had armoured spikes that were usually not fused to bone. The researchers at first thought the specimen could be part of a stegosaur.

Interactive airspace map demarcating zones for drone operations in India released



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- **The Civil Aviation Ministry has released an interactive drone airspace map demarcating yellow and red zones across India.**
- **Drone operations in yellow zone require permission from the concerned air traffic control authority.**
- **Red zone is 'no-drone zone' within which Centre's permission is needed for operating drones.**
- **There's no permission required for operating drones in green zone up to 400 feet.**

Nagaland's "sweet cucumber" gets geographical indication tag



- Nagaland's "sweet cucumber" was awarded a geographical identification (GI) tag as an agricultural product under provisions of The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- Naga cucumber is recognised for its sweetness and unique green colour.
- It is rich in potassium and has low calories. The cucumber is not the first product from the small state to receive a vaunted GI tag.
- Both the regional variants of tree tomato (tamarillo) and the famed Naga king chilli are also GI tagged.
- The cucumber is one of the most important crops in the Northeast region.
- Nagaland has the fifth-highest cultivation of this fruit area-wise, and ranks third in production.

Assam's Judima rice wine is northeast's 1st traditional brew to get GI tag



- Judima, a home-made rice wine of Assam's Dimasa tribe has become the first traditional brew in all of northeast to bag a geographical indication (GI) tag.
- Made from sticky rice, which is steamed and mixed with traditional herbs, the wine has a distinct sweet taste and takes around one week to prepare
- It is a speciality of the Dimasa tribe of the state's Dima Hasao district.

World Tourism Day - September 27



- **World Tourism Day is celebrated on September 27 because it was on this date in 1970 when the UNWTO Statutes were adopted.**
- **The theme for World Tourism Day 2021 is Tourism for Inclusive Growth. Simply put, the aim is to help people associated with tourism in every way possible.**
- **In keeping with the World Tourism Day theme, the UNWTO has urged tourists, businesses, sister-UN agencies, as well as both, member states and non-members, to raise awareness about tourism's immense potential to uplift those who have been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **The beautiful coastal country of West Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, is the host of World Tourism Day 2021.**