

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 further down. The road has white dashed lines in the center and solid lines on the edges. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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# DAILY NEWS DECODE

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# “Apple Festival”



- **Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar and Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha has virtually inaugurated Apple Festival, organized for the first time in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.**
- **It will provide a better platform to apple growers and other stakeholders.**
- **With an annual production of more than 2 million metric tonnes, apple from J&K contributes to 87% of the national production and is linked to the livelihood of about 30% of the population of Jammu and Kashmir.**

# 2021 G20 ROME SUMMIT



- India pushed for “safeguarding the interests of the developing world” as Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the G-20 summit at sessions on climate change and sustainable development, said G-20 Sherpa and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.
- No time-bound agreements were reached as leaders of the world’s top economies ended the summit in Rome, recommitting to providing \$100 billion a year to counter climate change, and pushing for greater vaccine equality to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
- G-20 countries also committed to ending international financing for all new coal plants by the end of 2021, but made no mention of domestic commitments on ending coal power generation.

- **The final communique, agreed upon after negotiations overnight, spoke only of the “key relevance of achieving global net zero” on carbon emissions “by or around mid-century”.**
- **Amongst the other highlights of the statement was a decision to pursue the recognition of more vaccines by the World Health Organization under a “One Health approach” for the world, and providing finances and technology for vaccine production at “mRNA Hubs” in South Africa, Brazil and Argentina, and to mobilise more international public private financing for “green” projects.**
- **UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said the failure of the G-20 summit to set a specific date for countries to achieve “Net Zero” carbon emissions had left his hopes “unfulfilled” but “not buried”, as the joint communique set the stage for tough negotiations at the COP26 Climate Change summit in Glasgow that begins on Monday.**
- **The 2021 G20 Rome summit was the sixteenth meeting of Group of Twenty (G20), that took place in Rome, the capital city of Italy, on 30–31 October 2021.**

# FIT INDIA PLOG RUN



- The Fit India Plog Run, an annual nationwide event organised as part of the Fit India Movement was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the national capital this Sunday morning.
- Plogging is a unique activity that combines fitness and cleanliness - Swaachta and Swasth - in which participants collect litter while jogging.
- The day also marked the end of the 'Clean India' campaign for this year, which started on October 1.
- Ripudaman, who is known as the Plogman of India, guided the 500-member group with warm-up exercises at the start of the day's proceedings and administered the Plastic Free Pledge to participants at the end.

# Y 12704 (VISAKHAPATNAM)



- Y 12704 (Visakhapatnam), the lead ship of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyers being built at Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL), was delivered to the Indian Navy on 28 October 2021.
- The contract for four ships of Project 15B, as the Visakhapatnam class ships are known, was signed on 28 January 2011. This project is a follow-on of the Kolkata class (Project 15A) destroyers commissioned in the last decade.
- Designed by Directorate of Naval Design, Indian Navy's in-house design organisation; and built by M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai; the four ships are christened after major cities from all four corners of the country viz. Visakhapatnam, Mormugao, Imphal and Surat.

- The keel of Visakhapatnam was laid in October 2013 and the ship was launched in April 2015.
- The 163 metres long warship has a full load displacement of 7400 tonnes and maximum speed of 30 knots. The overall indigenous content of the project is approx. 75%.
- The destroyer is installed with major indigenous weapons which include:
  - Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (BEL, Bangalore).
  - BrahMos Surface-to-Surface Missiles (BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi).
  - Indigenous Torpedo Tube Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai).
  - Anti-Submarine Indigenous Rocket Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai).
  - 76mm Super Rapid Gun Mount (BHEL, Haridwar).

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