

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, a blue car, and a dark car. 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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China launched world's 1st Earth Science Satellite named "Guangmu"



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- **China has launched the world's first Earth-science satellite, Guangmu or SDGSAT-1 into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province.**
- **The satellite was launched by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and developed by the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS).**
- **Guangmu was launched by a Long March-6 carrier rocket which is the 395th flight mission. SDGSAT-1 is the first satellite customized according to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which was adopted in 2015 with 17 SDGs for peace and prosperity.**

Meghalaya approves creation of new district named Eastern West Khasi Hills District



- The new district has been formed by upgrading the Mairang civil sub-division. Mairang will now be a sub-division under the West Khasi Hills district. The new district will be inaugurated on November 10, 2021 by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma. This will increase the total number of districts in the state to 12.
- This move will help in ensuring that the administration will remain closer to the people. It will also ensure that the implementation of several schemes is more effective.

TELE-LAW ON WHEELS



- The Department of Justice kicked-off the week-long “Tele-Law on Wheels” campaign from 8th to 14th November, 2021.
- As part of this campaign, a series of activities are being undertaken to empower people through pre-litigation advice for rightfully claiming their entitlements and for timely redressal of their difficulties.
- A special Login week is being organized throughout the country for encouraging those in need to seek legal advice and consultation through tele-and video conferencing facilities by urging them to visit their nearest Common Service Centers(CSCs) offering Tele-Law services.
- These CSCs have been branded as Kanooni Salah Sahahyak Kendra for this purpose.

- **The Tele-Law on Wheels Campaign is being conducted with aid of CSC e-Governance which has a network of 4 Lakh + digitally enabled CSCs across the country.**

Citizens' Tele-Law Mobile App

- **The key highlight of the week-long Campaign would be the launch of the Citizens' Tele-Law Mobile App by Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of State for Law and Justice on 13th November, 2021.**
- **This App would connect the beneficiaries directly with Panel Lawyers offering legal advice and consultation.**

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GLOBAL DRUG POLICY INDEX

RANKINGS OF SELECTED COUNTRIES

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
TOP 5		
1	Norway	74/100
2	New Zealand	71/100
3	Portugal	70/100
4	UK	69/100
5	Australia	65/100
18	India	46/100

BOTTOM 5

26	Mexico	35/100
27	Kenya	34/100
28	Indonesia	29/100
29	Uganda	28/100
30	Brazil	

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- The inaugural Global Drug Policy Index, released on Sunday by the Harm Reduction Consortium, ranks Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia as the five leading countries on humane and health-driven drug policies.
- The five lowest-ranking countries are Brazil, Uganda, Indonesia, Kenya, and Mexico.
- India's rank is 18 out of 30 countries.
- It is a data-driven global analysis of drug policies and their implementation.
- It is composed of 75 indicators running across five broad dimensions of drug policy: criminal justice, extreme responses, health and harm reduction, access to internationally controlled medicines, and development.

Srinagar added to UNESCO creative cities list



- The 49 cities were added to the network of 246 cities in recognition of “their commitment to placing culture and creativity at the heart of their development and to sharing knowledge and good practices.
- Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) had recommended Srinagar and Gwalior for inclusion in the coveted list.
- UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.

- **This network works together towards a common objective: placing creativity and cultural industries at the heart of their development plans at the local level and cooperating actively at the international level.**
- **The network now numbers 295 cities reaching 90 countries.**
- **By joining the Network, cities commit to sharing their best practices and developing partnerships involving the public and private sectors as well as civil society**
- **The Network covers seven creative fields: Crafts and Folk Arts, Media Arts, Film, Design, Gastronomy, Literature and Music.**
- **The Creative Cities Network is a privileged partner of UNESCO.**

Other Indian cities on UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)-

- **In 2019 UNESCO designated Mumbai as a member in the field of FILM and Hyderabad in the field of GASTRONOMY.**
- **Jaipur-Crafts and Folk Arts(2015).**
- **Varanasi-Creative city of Music (2015).**
- **Chennai-Creative city of Music(2017).**

What is the viral hand signal that missing US teen used to convey she was in danger?



- The Signal for Help (or the Violence at Home Signal for Help) is a single-handed gesture that can be used over a video call or in person by an individual to alert others that they feel threatened and need help.
- The signal is performed by holding one hand up with the thumb tucked into the palm, then folding the four other fingers down, symbolically trapping the thumb by the rest of the fingers. It was designed intentionally as a single continuous hand movement, rather than a sign held in one position, so it could be made easily visible.

- **The Signal for Help was introduced by the Canadian Women's Foundation on April 14, 2020.**
- **Canadian Women's Organisation shared a video demonstrating how a domestic abuse victim can use the signal over a video call. Recently, a missing US girl was found after she used the signal.**

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Tuvalu minister stands knee-deep in seawater during speech to show climate change



- Tuvalu's Foreign Minister Simon Kofe gave a speech to the United Nations climate conference in Glasgow standing knee-deep in seawater to show how the nation is vulnerable to global warming. Images of Simon Kofe went viral on social media. Tuvalu's tourism website, Timeless Tuvalu, warns that by the end of the century it could be under water.
- Tuvalu's Foreign Minister Simon Kofe has said that the Pacific island nation is looking at legal ways to keep its ownership of its maritime zones and recognition as a state under international law even if it is completely submerged due to climate change. The highest point of Tuvalu is just 4.5m (15 ft) above sea level.