

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 white van. The road has white dashed lines for lane markings. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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DAILY NEWS DECODE

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Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021



- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021 at the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi.
- 2021 is the 6th edition of Swachh Survekshan awards in which as many as 4,320 cities were surveyed. The cities are ranked based on three parameters, which are service level progress (SLP), certifications and citizen's voice.
- Once again, Indore has been adjudged as the cleanest city of India for the fifth consecutive year. Indore is followed by Surat in Gujarat at second place and Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh in the third position.

Andhra Tops IPF Smart Policing Index 2021



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- Andhra Pradesh Police has topped the 'IPF Smart Policing' Index 2021, among 29 states and Union Territories, released by the Indian Police Foundation (IPF).
- Andhra Pradesh has secured the first rank with an overall score of 8.11 out of 10.
- Telangana Police is in the second position with 8.10 points while Assam Police has secured the third position with an overall rating of 7.89. With a score of 5.81, Uttar Pradesh is ranked at 28th position and Bihar has occupied the last position with 5.74 points.

What is IPF SMART POLICING SURVEY 2021?

- The SMART Policing idea was envisioned, articulated and introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Conference of DGPs of State and Central Police Organizations, held at Guwahati, in 2014 and it envisaged systemic changes to transform the Indian police to be strict and sensitive, modern and mobile, alert and accountable, reliable and responsive, techno-savvy and trained.**
- The purpose of the IPF survey was to gather information on citizens' perceptions of the impact of the SMART policing initiative and to gauge public perceptions of the quality of policing in India and the level of public trust in the police.**
- The experts from various Institutions of repute, including IIT-Kanpur and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai were involved in this survey.**

RANI GAIDINLIU TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS MUSEUM



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will lay the Foundation Stone for setting up the Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum at Luangkao village in Manipur's Tamenglong district on November 22, 2021.
- The project has been sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs at an estimated cost of 15 crore rupees.
- The State Cabinet had decided to set up the Museum at Luangkao Village in Tamenglong District which is the birthplace of renowned freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu and decided to name the Museum as Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is celebrating its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav week beginning on 15th November which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

LITHUANIA



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- **China has officially downgraded its diplomatic ties with Lithuania after it allowed Taiwan to open a de facto embassy in Vilnius.**
- **China considers the self-ruled and democratically governed Taiwan island as its own territory.**
- **Taiwan says, it is an independent country called the Republic of China, its official name, and that the People's Republic of China has never ruled it and has no right to speak for it.**
- **Taiwan has been upbeat by growing international support for it, especially from the US and some of its allies, in the face of China's military and diplomatic pressure.**

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Lithuania

- Lithuania is a country in the Baltic region of Europe.
- It is one of three Baltic states and lies on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea.
- Lithuania shares land borders with Latvia to the north, Belarus to the east and south, Poland to the south, and Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast) to the southwest.
- Its capital and largest city is Vilnius.

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Portugal becomes 4th EU country to stop using coal plants



- Portugal has become the fourth European Union (EU) member to stop burning coal to produce electricity after its last coal-fired plant stopped generating power over the weekend.
- Earlier, Belgium, Austria and Sweden had quit using coal. However, environmental activists have raised concerns over the possible conversion of the plant into one that burns wood pellets.

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NASA to crash spacecraft into asteroid in 1st planetary defense test mission



- **NASA is launching its first planetary defense test mission named the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) on November 24.**
- **The aim of the mission is to see if crashing a spacecraft into an asteroid can change its course, should an Earth-threatening asteroid be discovered in the future.**
- **NASA said that DART's target asteroid is not a threat to Earth.**