

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 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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# Good Governance Week 2021: 20-25 December



- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the Good Governance Week campaign themed “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur” aimed at showcasing and replicating the best governance practices to the grassroots level. Good Governance Week is being celebrated on 20-25 December as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.
- During the week-long event, over 700 Districts Collectors will visit Tehsil and Panchayat Samiti Headquarters in order to provide timely grievance redressal and improve service delivery. It is being celebrated by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions in collaboration with various other ministries and departments.

# **Nagaland creates 3 new districts Niuland, Tseminyu, Chumukedima**



- **Nagaland government has announced the creation of three new districts, namely Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumoukedima. This comes less than a year after the 12th district of the state—Noklak—was inaugurated. With the addition of the three new districts, Nagaland will now have 15 districts. While the Tseminyu sub-division in Kohima district has been upgraded to a district, Niuland and Chumukedima have been carved out of Dimapur district.**
- **Though there were demands from at least 11 tribes for the creation of new districts, the Cabinet could consider only three of them as some districts are inhabited by only one tribe and those cannot be divided**

# India successfully test-fired the 'Agni P' missile off the coast of Odisha



- The nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully tested off the coast of Odisha by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Recently, DRDO has successful test-firing of the air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on December 7 was a "significant milestone" in BrahMos' development.
- Agni-P is a new generation upgraded version of Agni class missiles. It's a two-stage canisterized missile with a range of 1,000 to 2,000 kilometres.
- The ballistic missile is half the weight of the Agni 3 and can be launched from the train or road. It can also be stored for longer periods of time and transported throughout the country as per operational requirements.

# Dubai 1st in World to go 100% Paperless



- Dubai became the world's first government to turn 100% paperless, the announcement was made by the United Arab Emirate (UAE) Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
- It will save around 3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million) and 14-million-man hours.
- The digitization will provide all the govt. services to customers & reduce paper consumption by more than 336 million papers. All the exceptional digital services can be accessed by the Citizens through the "Dubai Now application".



# GABRIEL BORIC



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- **Leftist former student leader, 35-year-old Gabriel Boric, will become Chile's youngest president and one of the youngest political leaders in the world. Boric won with 56% of the votes, while his opponent 55-year-old José Antonio Kast trailed with 44% of the votes.**
- **These elections have been one of the most polarised in Chile's history and there have been several socio-political and economic factors that have contributed to it.**
- **The elections were preceded by the nationwide protests that started in 2019 as massive riots in the capital Santiago, in response to the rise in the city's subway fare. It later spread across the country and grew to include anger towards rising inequality, privatisation and increasing cost of living.**

# SACRILEGE IN SIKHISM



- The debate about sacrilege in Sikhism — and what the appropriate punishment for such conduct is — has heated up again after some incidents in the past few years.
- The lynching of a man Saturday for allegedly trying to desecrate the Guru Granth Sahib at the Golden Temple adds to what has been a long-simmering controversy.
- The concept of beadbi or sacrilege in Sikhism emanates largely from the fact that Sikhs consider the Guru Granth Sahib to be a living Guru.
- For all incidents of sacrilege in Punjab, police invoke Sections 295 and 295A of the IPC. The punishment is two years' imprisonment in the case of Section 295, which involves destruction, damage to or defiling of a “place of worship”, or “any object held sacred”.

- **Section 295A provides for three years of imprisonment for the “deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings of any class of citizens”.**

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# LAVOOL VILLAGE



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- In Maharashtra, Lavool village of Majalgaon tehsil in Beed district is troubled by strange monkey menace for the past few days.
- Three monkeys enter the village from adjoining forest. These monkeys pick any dog puppy and throw it from tall trees or high rise buildings. Monkeys started this revengeful act after a group of dogs killed a baby monkey.
- People started to assume that monkeys are on the revenge spree after their infants' deaths by stray dogs. Meanwhile, monkeys began attacking everyone who ever tries to save puppies.

- **One and a half month-long series of events came to an end when forest officials caught troubling monkeys and released them in the forest away from the village.**
- **He explained that monkeys were not killing dog puppies to have revenge, but monkeys were assuming those puppies as their own infants and taking them away from dogs. Eventually, puppies were not able to survive without food and water.**

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# Indian Desert Cat



- Indian Desert Cat also known as the Asian steppe wildcat and Indian desert cat.
- This cat is found in deserts and can survive without water.
- It is an African wildcat subspecies that occurs from the eastern Caspian Sea north to Kazakhstan, into western India, western China and southern Mongolia.
- The toes of the species have cushion-like hair which help it balance the fluctuating desert temperatures.
- It mostly eats fish as its food.
- Its fur is light sandy, and small rounded spots cover its upper body.
- IUCN status: Least Concern.
- It is included on CITES Appendix II.

- It is also protected under schedule I of the Wildlife protection Act 1972.
- In India, it mainly inhabits the Thar Desert and is associated with scrub desert.
- The name of the Indian Desert Cat was mentioned in old documents of the PTR, but the photographic presence of this species was not recorded earlier.
- Earlier, the presence of a desert cat was recorded in the state's Nauradehi sanctuary.

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# **World's longest flexible fibre battery made by MIT engineers**



- **Engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have developed a rechargeable lithium-ion battery in the form of an ultra-long fibre that could be woven into fabrics.**
- **The 140-metre-long battery is the longest such battery in the world, an MIT release said. The battery created has an energy storage capacity of 123 milliamp-hours, which can charge smartwatches or phones.**

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